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## BEACon Newsletter July 2017

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### Moonacres Harvest Kitchen

07/06/2017

Jenny and I were looking forward to this run, as we knew a little about Moonacres from our association with the Bowral Community Garden. Unfortunately when the day rolled around, the weather was typical Southern Highlands – rainy and misty (foggy). As we had both been crook for a while, it became the first BEAC run I have started without the Cooper S – we took Jenny's BMW instead.



The somewhat soggy scene at Burradoo.

The star car to appear at Burradoo was a TD2000, a retro classic roadster styled after an MG TD, made in Malaysia with a 2 litre Toyota engine. It certainly looked the part!



TD2000.



Tony Proctor-Broughall extracts himself from the MGA Coupe next to Ken Davis' Type 3 VW.

And so we set off for what turned out to be a rather slow run through some very misty backroads around Wildes Meadow, Robertson and Mount Murray. And to rub it in, it was raining a bit harder when we parked in the side street alongside the shops at Robbo. The café shopfront gave no clue as to what we would find inside.



Ordinary exterior did not hint at the welcoming interior inside.

What we did find was a very welcoming atmosphere, combined with some beautifully made and tasty soups, pies and burgers (my tomato and bacon soup was just the ticket for the weather outside). The young crew worked enthusiastically to satisfy our every whim. (I complimented them later on their service and they replied that they were pleased themselves with how they had gone).

Now after the run, the Kitchen contacted our run organiser Richard Holmes, thanking us for coming and looking forward to us coming there again. Richard replied that we did indeed enjoy the experience and we too look forward to repeating the run in future with hopefully kinder weather and more participants. I'll certainly second that!

Phil O'

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## Courtyard Café, Berrima

21/06/2017

What is a definition of success? I'd say that a run on a pleasant winter's morning to BEAC's home away from home, the Courtyard Café in Berrima, that brings out some 40 odd (some very odd, but we won't go into that) members and a wide selection of vehicles, is very much a self-evident example of success.



Nice to see the Alfa in the line next to the Orrs' Moggie.



A fine pair of Morris: Geoff Wood's Minor Traveller and Merv Dunlop's Major Elite.

There was something like six new or rarely seen cars in the line up to catch the interest of members, including a visiting V8 Capri from Berrima Club, a Morris Minor Traveller, a Morris Major Elite, a TD2000 (MG TD replica), an Alfa GTV of intending member Graeme White and Glenn and Millie Atkinson's Mercedes SLK. The latter adds to an already significant number of SLKs belonging to BEAC members. I think they are aiming to challenge the MGBs as the dominant make/model in the club! (I believe that there is the possibility of a new member with a Citroen 2CV in the near future too – business is booming!)

Also nice to see the Orr's Morgan back with us after a bit of an absence.



The V8 Capri from Berrima club sits between the TD2000 and Ken Davis' Type 3 VW.



British saloons enjoying the sun: Peter Carpenter's Rover 3500 and Eddie George's Jaguar 3.8 MkII.



The Rover again and the Alfa.

The Café did their usual trick of seemingly effortlessly to serve up a delicious selection of food and drink in quick time. Everyone I spoke to enjoyed their meal. I know I had quite a struggle to handle the generous sized chicken burger and yummy chips, but it was well worth the effort. The atmosphere at the Cafe is always very relaxed and friendly too, which suits perfectly the culture of our club.



Now that is a snazzy interior on the Atkinsons' newly acquired Mercedes SLK.



There are few more relaxing environments around than that of the Courtyard Cafe.

All in all we can say that Tom and Joan Currie knew a good thing when they set this one up and we thank them sincerely for their efforts.

Phil O'

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### Idle Musing

I had a free moment recently and decided to satisfy my curiosity by looking at the origins of the 116 cars on the BEAC register. My count came out as follows:

English cars: 92  
French cars: 6  
German cars: 15  
Italian cars: 3

Total 116

(The wild card in this count is whether you consider a new MINI to be a German or an English car).

Now in one sense I am a bit surprised at the balance shown here. There are no Scandinavian cars (though we have had them on the register before), very few Italian cars, and not many French. There is nothing outside of these four countries (where are the Trabants, you've got

to have some Trabants), though I guess the simple answer is that these are the major car making nations covered by our club profile. Another factor relates to the sales history of the marques in Australia (Fiat for example has had on and off availability here) and the subsequent availability of parts and servicing. I think it also reflects the fact that when many of us were younger, Australia looked to England as the mother country and English cars were the ones most prevalent here (at least until Holden and Ford got some momentum going, the Japanese arrived and the English car industry mismanaged itself largely out of the picture).

Even within what we do have, there are still some minor surprises. Let's take Italian cars for example. We have 3 on our books (an Alfa and 2 Masers – all very nice machines), but no Fiats (old or new), and no Lancias. Years ago I had two Lancias – a Beta Coupe and a HPE (though Lancia cognoscenti would say they were Fiats with Lancia badges on them). I loved those two cars, but ended up selling them because Lancia was a dead marque here and I was worried I wouldn't be able to get parts for them. And I guess that, and the common perception that earlier Italian cars were very prone to rust, really answers my own question about why we don't see them around these days.

In the end I guess that the cars we have reflects us, our largely Anglo Saxon outlook and our values. And all of the speculation above is just what the title says – idle musing.

Phil O'

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### **CLUB CALENDAR – June and July 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**

#### **JULY 2017**

##### ***Sunday 2 July 2017 | Invitation Event | Bentley Drivers Club Christmas In July | Classic Car Display and Charity BBQ***

- **Venue** | 280 Penrose Road, Bundanoon
- **Download Flyer** | [Christmas in July 2017 PDF](#)
- **Organiser** | Miles Felstead | Mobile | 0418 287 388

##### **Wednesday 5 July 2017 | Lunch Run to Burrawang General Store Café**

- **Venue address** | 11 Hoddle Street, Burrawang
- **Organisers** | Tom & Joan Currie | Mobile | 0412 140 339 email | [secretary@beac.org.au](mailto:secretary@beac.org.au)
- **Meet** at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo
- **Download Run Sheet** | [Burrawang General Store Run PDF](#)



**Wednesday 19 July 2017 | Lunch Run to Taralga Hotel**

- **Meet** at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo
- **Organisers** | Rob & Fay McCarthy
- **Download Run Sheet** | [Taralga Run PDF](#)



**AUGUST 2017**

**Wednesday 2 August 2017 | Lunch Run to Heatherbrae Pies, Sallys Corner**

- **Meet** at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo
- **Organisers** | Rob & Fay McCarthy
- **Download Run Sheet** | [Sallys Corner Run PDF](#)



**Wednesday 16 August 2017 | Lunch Run to Merino Café, Gunning**

- Meet at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo
- Organisers | Rob & Fay McCarthy
- Download Run Sheet | [Gunning Run PDF](#)



**Wednesday 30 August 2017 | Lunch Run to Burrawang Village Hotel**

- Meet at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo
- Organisers | Rob & Fay McCarthy
- Download Run Sheet | [Burrawang Village Hotel Run PDF](#)



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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) .

**Going Well**

A particular vote of thanks is due to Rob and Fay McCarthy, who have taken on the organisation of not just one, but no less than four runs! This takes us up to the start of spring. But now our thoughts can turn again to organising runs which will really benefit from those spring conditions.

The run sheets (and all relevant instructions) are located on the BEAC website at <http://beac.org.au/events/run-sheets/> . Just pick a vacant date on our calendar, agree it with the venue and provide them with numbers on the morning of the event. **Give Peter Carpenter (a happy man again) a call to schedule it.**

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**CLASSIFIEDS**

**FOR SALE | 1954 WOLSELEY 4/44**

Nil rust.

Gunmetal Grey with Red Leather interior.

Needs front seat squabs & carpets.

Excellent mechanical condition.

Unregistered.

Engine No. 11978

• **Price | \$5,850**

• **Contact | Michael Caspers | Mobile | 0408 449 809**

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**FOR SALE | 1985 MERCEDES BENZ 230E**

Signal Red with Bone MB/Tex seats.

Recent reconditioned head.

Nil rust.

Excellent condition.

Registration: CQQ 36G (till February 2018)

- **Price | \$4,750**
- **Contact | Michael Caspers | Mobile | 0408 449 809**

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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 0417 043 940 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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Mad Max's Campervan

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