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# BEACon Newsletter June 2017

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## Eling Forest Winery

10/05/2017

The combination of a great autumn day and a well-loved venue (our previous home away from home) saw a very good line-up of members turn out for the run to Eling Forest Winery.



The gang enjoying the warm sunshine at Burradoo.

The mix at the assembly point reflected a very wide selection of makes from different eras (one of the nice things about BEAC, in my opinion).



A nice pair of Rovers – Peter Carpenter’s and Rob Turner’s.



Bob Thomas’ MGB GT in company with Colin Coxhead’s Citroen Traction Avant.



Richard Holmes’ E-Type at the front of the gathering.

After reaching the winery, a number of members commented on how pleasant the run had been. The winery served up its usual mix of pleasant food and drink, and everyone went home well satisfied. Thanks to Tom and Joan Currie for hosting this one. (I'd also like to thank Rob Turner, who supplied all but the first photo for this report, after I lost all but one of the photos I had taken, trying to transfer them to my home computer).

Postscript: On the way home, Jenny bade me stop at the side road next to Osborne Road so she could take a photo that seemed to catch the spirit of the day perfectly. I hope you will agree.



Phil O'

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### **Common Ground Café, Picton**

24/05/2017

Some interesting machinery came out in the sunlight for the start of the run to Common Ground Café at the Razorback Inn just north of Picton. Rob McCarthy brought along the Jaguar MkII 3.4 litre that he has spent many years restoring (first outing in 30 years!), and it attracted considerable interest from club members. The occasionally seen Sprinzel Sebring Sprite also appeared – good to see it again! And a couple of potential club members, Gary and Mary-Ann Clark, joined us in their Mercedes SLK 250.



Rob McCarthy's Jaguar MkII 3.4 litre in the line-up.



The Sprinzel Sebring Sprite is always a treat to view.



Noel Andrews' Alfa GTV6 alongside Ken Davis' Volkswagen Type 3.



The Clarks' Mercedes SLK.



In the grounds at Common Ground.

The run itself, through Tahmoor, Thirlmere, and The Oaks before looping back towards Picton, saw a number of cars that did not complete the full journey, including one with the need to refuel en-route and two, if not three, that had battery problems to contend with. Nevertheless, some twenty eight members and partners made it to the venue.

The Café had prepared a function room out the back for us to use. Although Jenny and I have been to the place several times, I was unaware of the existence of this large facility. Like the rest of the Inn, it featured original period décor of dark wood throughout.

The food was tasty and well presented, including some pies made on the premises, burgers, make your own sandwiches and even eggs benedict. The café is non-alcoholic, and had

some interesting drinks available, including Mate, which is a South American caffeine-rich infused drink. Jenny had one and proclaimed it nice.



Now that's a nice background for three terrific cars.



Jenny O'Regan captured an unexpected aura beaming down on the TR and the Mini.

All in all this was a slightly unusual, but very rewarding venue, and our thanks go to Alan and Lyn Jarrett for the effort they put in to organising and running the outing.

Phil O'

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## An Interesting Video

Tom Currie referred to us a fascinating video depicting one of the 'thinking outside the square' moments in automotive history. I for one had no idea that a rotary engine was tried in a car many years ago. Not a modern type of rotary engine, but the type that was used in a few WW1 fighter aircraft, where the engine rotates around the crankshaft. It is certainly something to see in action!

Rob Turner has embedded the YouTube video in a new BEAC web page 'Automotive History'.

Here is the link:

<https://www.beac.org.au/automotive-history/>

Members can click the small open square in the bottom right-hand corner of the embedded video to view it 'full screen'.

The new web page can be easily added to, and we will look to add more videos as and when worthy ones appear.

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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**

#### **JUNE 2017**

##### ***Sunday 4 June 2017 | Invitation Event | Mittagong Show & Shine***

- **Venue** | Highlands Hub, 205 Old Hume Highway, Mittagong
- **Time** | 10 am to 12 Midday

##### **Wednesday 7 June 2017 | Lunch Run to Moonacres Harvest Kitchen, Robertson**

- **Venue address** | 6/79-81 Hoddle Lane, Robertson
- **Meet** at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo
- **Download** | [BEAC Robertson Run Sheet & Menu PDF](#)
- **Organiser** | Richard Holmes

##### **Sunday 18 June 2017 | Battle of Waterloo Display Day**

- **Venue** | Queanbeyan Town Park, Campbell Street, Queanbeyan
- **Time** | 9.30 am to 2 pm
- **Download Information Flyer** | [Battle of Waterloo 2017 PDF](#)
- **Organisers** | Peugeot Association of Canberra in association with the Renault Owners Club of Canberra

**Wednesday 21 June 2017 | Lunch Run to Courtyard Café, Berrima**

- **Venue address** | 117 Old Hume Hwy, Berrima
- **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



**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



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

- **Meet** at 10 am, Osborne Road, Burradoo
- **Organisers** | Rob & Fay McCarthy

## Visit to Central Coast Postponed

Please note that the proposed visit by bus to the Gosford Classic Car Museum has been postponed. It seems that organising and processing the paperwork to enable us to obtain a bus will take us past the date we proposed to go on the trip. (We all know what paperwork is involved just to go on breathing these days!) But this is just a postponement – the trip will be rescheduled for later in the year. Now just in the last couple of days I have been shown a lot of photos taken at the museum - and it is truly amazing. I would not have thought that anything like this could exist in Australia. So bring the trip on boys – I can't wait!

Phil O'

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### ● 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).

### Don't stop now

Thank you for the response to the call for run hosts needed! The runs are filling up nicely now. But don't let that stop you hosting one! 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 call to schedule it.**

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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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## Change of Committee Duties

Please note that at BEAC's last Committee Meeting in May, the various Committee duties were confirmed for the Club year ahead, following the Annual General Meeting.

There has been one change of duties:

The new **BEAC Historic Plates Registrar, Conditional Registration** is Bob Payne. Bob can be contacted by email at [historicplatesregistrar@beac.com.au](mailto:historicplatesregistrar@beac.com.au), or by mobile 0417 043 940.

## Welcome to New Members - May 2017

Mike Arahill            1971 MGB Roadster

Welcome Mike! We look forward to your company on all our future runs.

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### A Few Club Stats

Just to give you a quick profile of our club – at present we have 64 financial members and 2 life members. There are 115 vehicles on our books, of which 43 are on the historic plates scheme (owned by 31 of our members).

Also in passing, we have 60 car badges available and 443 stickers (Fred Edney went to the trouble of counting them - seems to be the right guy to take over as Treasurer, wouldn't you say!)

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Photos of BEAC runs now appear on the new BEAC Flickr Photostream:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/beacshnw/>.

### MOTORING MIRTH



'Yeah, the ole GMC is a bit rusty, but since we put new stacks on 'er, she's raring to go agin!'

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