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Robertson Bowling Club 1/12/2021

I think it was the weather! Not the weather on the day, which was fairly good, but the days and weeks of rain and gloom which led up to it. Probably the fact the most people are suddenly busy again now that COVID restrictions are easing had something to do with it too. Whatever the cause, a less than expected 30 people made the trip to Robertson Bowling Club – somewhat of a surprise, as this was the first indoor venue since the club

recommenced operations, and the Bowling Club proved to be the surprise hit of the limited number of runs we have been able to do over the last two years.

The Germans were prominent..

Not the familiar yellow beetle back we are used to seeing.

The Pollocks' Merc is certainly an attention getter in that red.

British classics flock together.

Gather round, gather round and get the latest word.

A nice run through some of the Highlands' best scenery saw us arrive at the bowlo in good time for their 12 o'clock kitchen opening. And again, the food produced was of very good quality for not too expensive prices. The atmosphere was soon abuzz with conversations between a group of good friends. I made sure to say thank you to the kitchen staff (who were all female, a trend that seems to be growing over the last few years).

And we all say thank you to Ros (and Kevin) Bell for the care and attention to detail that has been evident in the organisation of each of the runs that they have put together this year!

BEAC's varied fleet occupies the bowlo's carpark.

A really relaxed and friendly venue.

And the food's bloody good too.

Phil O'

CLUB CALENDAR – January 2022

- **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 2022

No runs have yet been set for when we restart operations in January 2022. When the restart has been organised, members will be informed via email and the run details will appear on the 'Events' page of our website.

Robertson Public House & Kitchen 15/12/2021

Unmistakeably a BEAC gathering in the Robertson Public House car park.

Blimey, is it Christmas already! Seems to have come upon us all too soon after the easing of COVID restrictions. Anyway, today it was off to Robbo for the Christmas party in the same room at Robertson Public House that provided good celebrations in 2017 and 2018. Optionally, there was a run to get there – a repeat of the last run's route used to go to the bowling club, but the majority of members elected to go directly to the pub.

Back in that familiar environment, it took no time at all for the conversations to start flowing. I don't know the exact number of people attending, but an informal count from the photos I took of the tables indicated nearly 60 were present, which is agood roll up.

The familiar Christmas party setting at Robbo.

Apologies to Brian Cox for summarily beheading him in the photo!

Soon a very tasty pork, chicken and veg main course was delivered, and after a suitable interval, it was followed by a yummy pudding style dessert

At least Peter Pyatt got away with half of his face in the shot!

Now that's better – but the right most person is still in danger of being cut off.

Had to get this one right – my own table, with the President, Secretary and Treasurer to answer to!

All good friends and jolly good company.

Then came the climax of the afternoon, with the drawing of the winning numbers of the lucky door prizes. The first was a beautiful cake, made (as she has in previous years) by Wendy Paul (big thank you to Wendy). That was won by Tony Proctor-Broughall. The other door prize was a Christmas wreath made out of Ferrero Rocher chocolates with a bottle of Chandon within it – verrry nice. This went to Annemieke Edwards, who generously gave some of the Ferreros to her table companions.

So ended another very successful Chrissie do, for which we must thank Ros Bell as the organiser.

My apologies to the two tables in the background for not getting individual photos of them.

Geoff runs the door prizes presentation (with Ros) and Annemieke wins a lovely hamper.

The hamper was packed full of goodies.

Now that is definitely a statement of presence.

On the way into the pub, I briefly noted an imposing red Bentley parked across the road. Turned out it belonged to member Phillip Davies, known in the club for his Daimler 250 saloon. But apparently the Daimler 'blew up' on a recent trip, and Phillip discovered the Bentley, a local Bowral car, was available. I am hoping to take more photos of the car at some future BEAC runs.

Making it up to Peter Pyatt by photographing his lovely MGB GT.

Phil O'

HISTORIC VEHICLE SCHEME

• For members with BEAC Primary Historic Vehicle Registration, on a club run you must keep either a Club BEACon Newsletter or BEAC Events Web Page print-out in the car to justify the use.

HISTORIC CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION - 60 DAY LOG BOOK SCHEME
A reminder that it is a condition of the 60 Day Log Book Scheme to sign off on your RMS Log Sheet **BEFORE** making a non-club run journey. Severe penalties apply.
Members with cars registered under the Historic Vehicle Scheme are expected to attend a minimum of **four** Runs / Events per year.

Additional information covering the Historic Vehicle Registration 60 Day Log Book Scheme can be found on the BEAC website https://www.beac.org.au/historic-vehicle-scheme/historic-vehicle-scheme-60-day-log-book-scheme/

Please note: if you sell a car that is noted on the BEAC Member's Register, please inform our Membership (and Historic Plates) Registrar of the sale. If in doubt whether the car is on the Register, tell him anyway at registrar@beac.org.au (he won't be offended)!

FOR SALE

1988 SAAB 9000 SUPER SWEDE

- **1988 Saab 9000 Super Swede**
- Plate Number | PRA 913 registered to 31 January 2022
- Excellent condition with full-service history
- **Background:**

The Saab Super Swede is the brainchild of Swedish engineer Bengt Johanneson who worked on the original Saab 96 rally cars in their heyday. The precursor to the Saab 9000 Carlsson (Talladega in the US), the Super Swede was built at Scandinavian Motors of Narrabeen NSW. Under the direction of Bengt, the team tuned the car by adding the "red box" APC control unit from Saab to deliver 17 psi boost to the 2L B202 engine, famous for its forged bottom end. The package is mated to a high flow stainless steel sports exhaust delivering that distinctive B202 burble. The chassis was also lowered by 30 mm with Bilstein springs added to deliver the best from the rigid 9000 chassis. Finally, the Carlsson body kit was fitted, including the sought-after rear valance plate and genuine Saab 16-inch cross-spoke alloy wheels. Five cars were delivered in this specification and only two are known to remain.

- The interior is fully specced including climate control, dark grey leather seats, sunroof etc, all in exceptionally good condition.

The top of the dash is free from cracks and the dash facia is timber veneer as delivered from the factory.
The air conditioning is fully functional and blows cold air.
The car is on full rego and has never been on club plates.

- I am the third owner and caretaker of this car since 2005,

it has been garaged throughout my ownership.
The car has done a genuine 114,096 kms with full books to match.
Clutch was done at 93,000 kms.
It has been an absolute pleasure to own and has that wonderful torque curve that pushes you back in your seat just like the 99 Turbo and 85 Aero did back in the day.

- The pre-CS version of the 9000 has become extremely rare and to find a car in this condition is close to impossible.

- Car is located at Hill Top

- **Price | Asking $25,000 which includes 1988 SAAB Factory Workshop manuals, Volumes 1 – 9, valued at $2,000.**
- **Contact | Merv Dunlop | Mobile | 0400 311 216**

Email | mervyn.dunlop@bigpond.com

2002 Mercedes Benz 320CLK

Mercedes Benz 2002 320CLK V6 Coupe with only 79K on the clock. Excellent car inside and out. Log book service history, May 2022 registration, two keys. $12,500 FIRM. Call John 0415448872.

1974 Triumph 2.5 Auto Sedan

Former (and Founder) member Les Lenny has the following vehicle for sale:

1974 Triumph 2.5 Auto Sedan
17,000 km.

Includes spares and manuals.

Les bought this car new in 1974. It is in excellent condition inside and out although it would need new tyres and a good tune up etc. It also has a broken speedo cable or perhaps a broken right angle speedo drive where it comes out of the gearbox. This happened on the way home from a BEAC run and Les hasn't driven the car since, mainly because of his wife's I'll health at that time.

Ex club secretary Tom Currie knows this car well and feels that anyone interested in an excellent club car would do well to contact Les on 4861 6963 to arrange an inspection at his home in East Bowral. Price could be negotiated at the same time. There mustn't be too many cars around with such a low mileage and in such good condition.

A very appropriate get well gift

Club member Chris Tutin has recently had to battle against a couple of quite severe medical problems, which kept him right out of action for some time.

Whilst cooped up on the recovery trail, his son gave him a surprise present to occupy his time with (well, actually a couple of years ago, but let's not spoil a good story). No, not a 1,000 piece jig-saw puzzle, or a paint by numbers kit, but a Lego Mini Cooper, complete with a picnic set in the boot. Now this gift is particularly appropriate, as many of you will know that Chris's club drive is a 1963 Morris Cooper. The only way the gift could have been improved was if the model was red with a white roof, like Chris's real car, rather than green/white, but hey, we won't nit-pick what is a brilliant present.

A smart looking unit.

Love the picnic set!

All neatly stowed away.

Phil O'

MOTORING MIRTH

Thank you to all contributors to this edition.

Merry Christmas

The BEAC Committee wishes you a merry Christmas with those who love you, and a happy new year. We hope that 2022 will see us back to uninterrupted operations, and we look forward to enjoying your company as we sally forth in our magnificent machines to experience enjoyable times together!