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Settlers Mulgoa 2/4/2025

What colour is poular for classic sporting cars?

I missed the Mulgoa run, but fortunately Owen was available to cover the event in photographs. He provided the following succinct commentary which said all that one needed to know about the occasion.

'The run to Mulgoa was excellent, a really good route - but the destination was the bonus. Great food, fast service, and of course wonderful BEAC company.'

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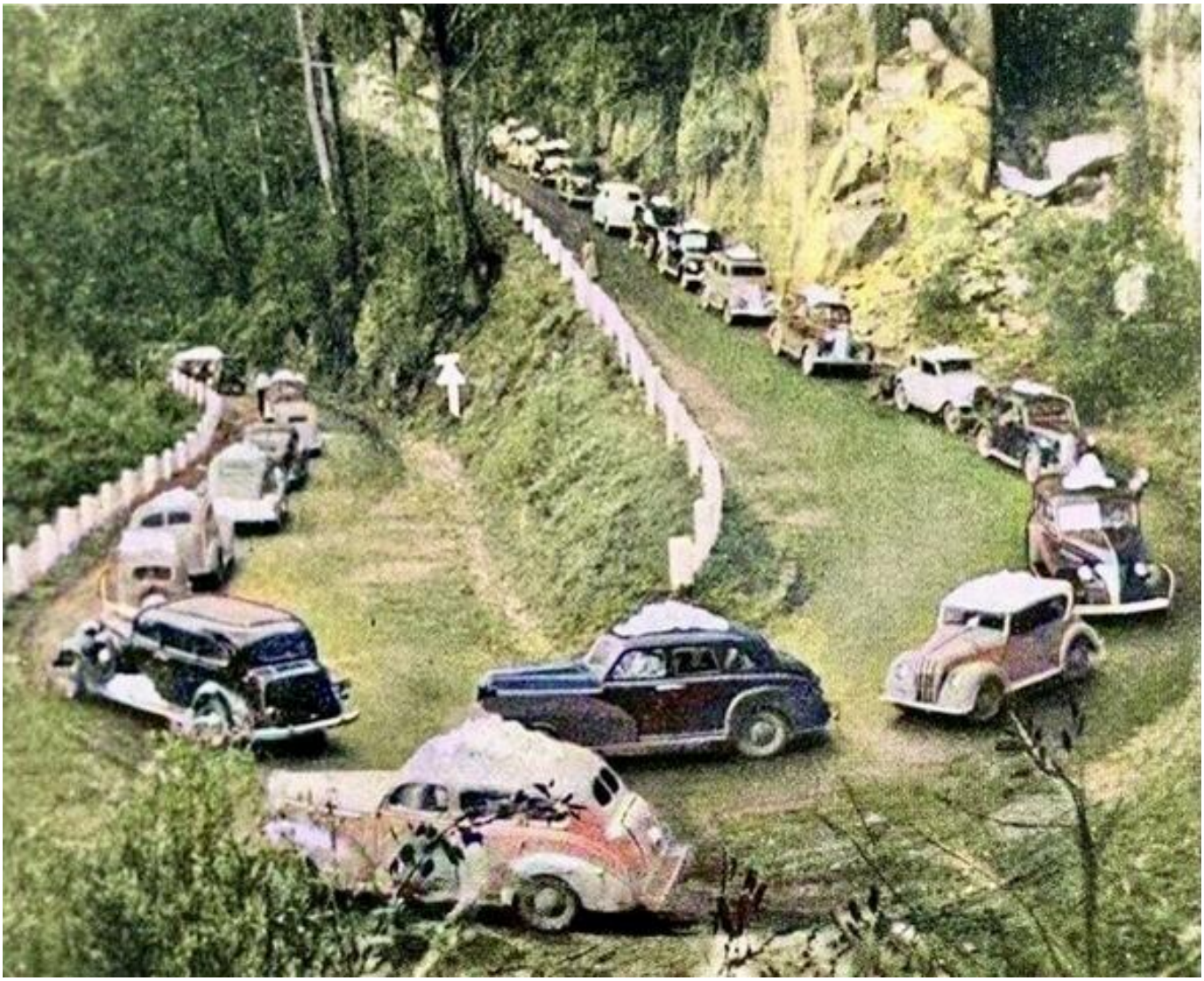
Sincere thanks to Ken Davis for putting this run together. I'm sure it will become a regular on our list of run destinations.

Phil O'

Macquarie Pass

Tom Currie sent in this amazing (colourised) photo of Macquarie Pass in 'the good old days'. The date of the photo is not specified, but my guess is that it is late 1930s. Don't know if it is a special day (holiday?), but you wouldn't think that there would be traffic like that every day. The fact that people can be seen out of their cars indicates that the traffic could be stopped. Now history tells us that the road was sealed in 1932, but the colourisation of the photo doesn't help (in fact hinders) confirming that road surface.

If anyone out there knows more about the photo, please let the editor know.



Eling Forest Winery -BEAC AGM **16/4/2025**

Blimey, is it time for another AGM already? Where has the year gone? That was my feeling as I rolled into the Bot Gardens carpark. At first there didn't seem to be a lot of classic cars present, but as time passed, they all rolled in one by one. I was pleased to see that the Edneys had brought along the MGA Coupe for the run. I'm told it is not the easiest car to drive, but it just looks so right as a classic sports car.

Photo: Owen S

In the end a substantial number of members and partners were at the run briefing, to hear that a last-minute change to the run sheet had been necessary due to road works closing off Exeter's Middle Road. The run itself was a good drive, through Moss Vale, Werai, Exeter, the zig-zag via Westgrove Road, Sallys Corner Road and Old Argyle Road to the Illawarra Highway, thence Sutton Forest and Golden Vale Road to the Hume Highway, whereupon it was just a short stint on the motorway (just as well for those of us with no 5th gear) and we were safely in the Winery's large car park.

Photo: Owen S

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Once seated in the large function room, the AGM got under way. The meeting followed the usual published format, but I will only mention the significant outcomes here. The members adopted resolutions to 1) accept vehicles as classic once they are 30 years old, 2) limiting club membership to a maximum of 60 (with provision for override if approved), and 3) change the nomination for membership section of the constitution to reflect the current process.

All table photos: Owen S

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Outgoing president Geoff Wood then presented the Committee's proposal of bestowing life membership on Roy Potter, who was a founding member of BEAC. This was met with loud acclaim by all who know Roy, who has been one of the most popular members of the club since then. Geoff and Anne presented him with his Certificate of Life Membership and large mounted club badge. Secretary Peter than presented his wife Noala with a beautiful Peace Lily plant, in recognition of the key role partners play in the ongoing success of the club.

The plaque with the club badge was skilfully made for us by Southern Highlands Trophy Centre, and we thank them sincerely for the work they did. Check them out if you in a position to avail yourself of their many services.

It was then time to elect the Committee to lead the club through the coming year. The only Committee member who was stepping down was Geoff, and there was time for him to briefly address us all with reflections on his time at the helm before the Committee stepped down. As there was only one nomination for each of the positions, the new Committee was declared elected.

Above photos: Carol C

Our new leader – Owen Sinden

Our new President is Owen Sinden, who brings with him a wealth of experience with the Morris Minor Club, and since joining us, significant involvement with organisation of runs and trips away. I for one am looking forward to the year to come with every confidence that the club will continue to succeed in meeting our stated objectives.

Phil O'

A Message To BEAC Members

A quick note of thanks to the many members who have welcomed me to my new position in the club. Your good wishes have been most reassuring.

May I take this opportunity to thank the outgoing President, Geoff Wood, for his kind words of encouragement. Thank you too, Geoff, for your part in getting BEAC to where it is today: a thoroughly enjoyable car and social club. I would especially like to thank Geoff for leaving behind such a competent and hard working committee, a group I am very much looking forward to working with.

Can I ask a favour of BEAC members please? As I am only a male, I don't have the mind-reading gene that females seem to possess - so if you have any suggestions, comments or ideas for our club moving forward, please don't hesitate to have a chat.

Kind regards,
Owen Sinden
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CLUB CALENDAR – May 2025

- **Runs start at 10 am from the Botanical Gardens Car Park on the corner of Old South Road and Kangaloon Road, unless otherwise noted.**
- **Please Note: all PDF files and links are available on the club's Events Web Page**

May

Wednesday 14th May

Tahmoor Inn Remembrance Drive Tahmoor
The club members Meet at | 10am
at the Southern Highlands Botanic Gardens car park
1 Old South Road Bowral at the roundabout Cnr Kangaloon and Eridge Park Roads
Run organiser Peter Carpenter | mobile| 0499499838

Events run by other clubs

Last Sunday of each month - Cars and Coffee at Berrima.
Berrima District Historical Vehicle Club website http://www.bdhvc.com.au

Tasmania trains and Automobile trip October 4 – 12 Organised by Travelrite travel

It will be an escorted tour on buses around Tasmania.Visiting Museums that specialise in wooden boats, trains, aeroplanes, huge steam machines, motorbikes, and of course racing, vintage and collectable cars. One of the highlights of the

tour is a special contact, a private collection of vehicles that will leave you gobsmacked. (not open to the public)
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Vaby's Restaurant Picton **30/4/2025**

Three older classics flanked by two newer classics.

I think Vaby's deserved better than it got. The weather turned nasty. A fair bit of rain around, and a bitingly cold breeze driving it always means that people will prefer the warmth and comfort of home (though some members did elect to drive straight to the venue, which lessened the run numbers somewhat). In the end, only four of the older classic cars faced the starter. The showers as we drove through Wollondilly were

pretty constant, which was a pain for someone with a car where the wipers are a flick switch on the other side of the dash. But we still made it to Vaby's in good time.

It was as cold as it looks! .

Parked in front of Vaby's.

At the restaurant we found ourselves seated in their ground floor area reserved for groups, rather than downstairs in the basement, which is where the restaurant is. No problem, but I did miss the stone walls and the open fireplace there. We didn't feel the need for a fireplace anyway, as we noticed just how much Picton was warmer than Bowral.

Food and drink orders were duly taken, and we settled down to socialise. When the food arrived, it proved to be enjoyable to eat (well, my pulled pork fettuccini was, and the burgers etc around me looked like they'd go down well). In my opinion the best of all was saved until last. The desserts all looked yummy, and my Crème Brulee was one of the best I've ever had (and I've had plenty of them).

Vaby's was a long-time favourite restaurant of Jenny and I, but we had not been there for some years now, and so I'm glad to say that it doesn't seem to have lost any of its attraction as time passed.

I think that run organiser Glenn Atkinson deserves a pat on the back for putting this one together for our enjoyment.

Phil O'

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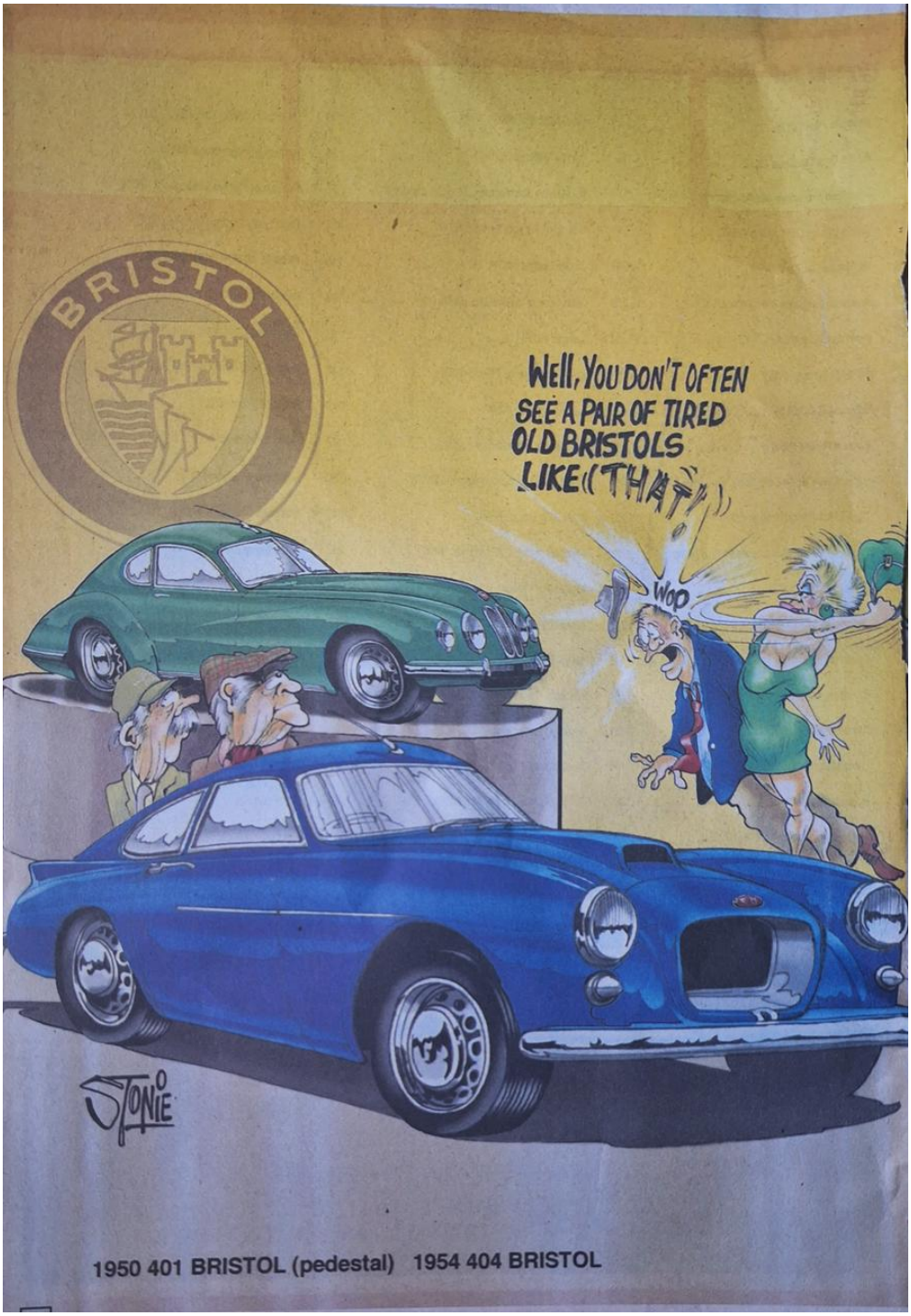

Thank you to all contributors to this edition.

Phil O'