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The Wheels Of Time



Doc Milligans P76 at Jerseyville boat ramp Park on Australia day 2025

PRESENTATION FROM RUSSELL MURRAY – AUSTRALIA LATE 1800'S THE DAWN OF MOTORING.

In the late 1800s, Australia had one of the largest ownerships per capita of bicycles in the world, so when the small internal combustion engine just became available, many of the cycling shops and smart thinkers caught on to the idea of building engines into the cycles, as well as adapting motors into four wheel arrangements and also engines for motorbikes, which came popular because of the scarcity of fuel. One of the first motorbike recorded runs in 1903 was from Melbourne to Tooradin in Victoria. Fuel was needed and had to come by ship because we had no refineries in the early years. Petroleum was an actual brand name which was shortened to petrol and became a generic term and was shipped in kerosene tins and then in larger 44-gallon drums with hand pumps. The first company to set up points of sale to trade directly with a motorist was HC Sleigh in 1885, later to be known as Golden Fleece. Then came Standard Oil in 1900, Shell Oil in 1903, and British imperial (BP) in 1905. On the farm, the revolution was also taking place as well with a new workhorse tractor, steam powered or oil, mostly coming from Europe or America, but there were also some locally built tractors in the early days. The first one in Australia was a Petrol-Powered EA in 1908 from a workshop in Melbourne, marking the transition here from steam to fuel. In 1903, some motoring enthusiasts decided to form a club, the Royal Automobile Club of Australia. (RACA). It was based in Sydney and was formed to encourage the idea of motoring for pleasure. Very much as we and other clubs enjoy the company of like-minded people.

This was also the beginning of rules and regulations. Women were very active in the club from the beginning, in 1906 Mrs. Spencer Nolan was recorded as the first woman to hold a driver's license in New South Wales. And was also one of the founding club members.

The RACA also assumed the control of motor sports until the Confederation of Australian Motor Sports, (CAMS) took over in 1953. Soon after came Clubs from other states with their own organised club runs and with some forward thinkers were able to persuade some country hoteliers to stock cans of fuel so drivers could go beyond the city boundaries. The first long run was from Adelaide to Darwin, in 1908. Charles Brown Kellow, who was a bicycle racer, was Australia's first multi franchise dealer as we know them today, He began in 1903 with the French D Dion Bouton and by 1904 added agencies for Talbot Siddley, Renault, Minerva, Rolls Royce and Albion trucks, and in the 1920's he built Australia's first lavish car showroom. The pneumatic Tyre for bicycles was invention patented by John Boyd Dunlop produced in Dublin and shipped to Australia. Frank Beaurepaire a three-time Olympian who rescued a man from the jaws of Shark at Coogee, was awarded 5000 pounds for his bravery, and used his reward to start his own business retreading tyres forming his company in 1922. To produce brand name Olympic tyres.

Sourdough





“Try to relax.”

Our first get together As always was our Bacon and Egg Breakfast at The Heights.

As always The Club made us all very welcome with the duty manager opening up early for us to go in and make ourselves comfortable.

We had 37 members there and it was great to see our new members joining in. The Cook Dee did a wonderful job of with some members going back for seconds. Everyone had such a great time that no one took any Photographs which is strange for our club. From Anne , Nev and the new red Rollator .

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Australia Day Outing

Once again it was one of our biggest outings for the year, Our starting point was South Kempsey Park and headed to Jerseyville Boat ramp Park, with most of our members travelling via Pola creek ,with Doc and Leanne's Flag (as can be seen on the front cover)No one was going to get lost on the way down ,it could be seen for a kilometer away. On arriving members from the North were mostly there. Morning Tea was had with yarns and tall stories. Then we had Lunch with raffles from Kerrie and a best Australian dressed theme Lady was awarded to Maureen Murray who won a clock and once again Mike Morgan won the Men's narrowly from Doc.(the prizes for this competition was donated by the Schmidt's).A lovely day at a nice spot From Neville and Anne and the red Merc.

Have you noticed lately there has been a change in the P plate display on cars. My take is it must mean P for passing or P for Peddle down.

Lindsay tells me I need one of these P Pates also. Neville

Our Trip to Mount Seaview Via The Fudge factory at Kings Creek Road .



Mt Seaview Excursion February 16

Due to leave South Kempsey at 9 am Neville greeted us with his customary greeting, "mud map" and general outline of the days proceedings. Included was safety advice about two hazardous intersections. Attendance was good with about 30 people in various vehicles dating from 1960 to modern.

We set off to join the very busy traffic on the M1 which left us scattered rather than a convoy. My car was the only interruption to a clear run when the boot lid opened by itself. This annoyance occurred 3 times before our lunch stop but was prevented on the way home by tearing a cleaning cloth into strips (my Mum used to do this to bandage our wounds as kids, usually with methylated spirits or friars balsam) these strips were used to tie the handle to the bumper, not a pretty sight but effective.

Our first stop was at the Fudge Factory where the owner/operator gave a very informative and interesting tour and demonstration of some of the production. Many of us could not hide our "sweet tooth" or weakness to indulge in purchasing some of the goodies on offer.(Look for some of these goodies at the Valley rally Because They are one of our sponsors).



A seldom seen figure Neville Schmidt with Mark the owner of Vickers Fudge with some of the delicious goodies .This small business is dedicated to producing and selling a range of old fashioned confectionary products.

Mark and his Father started their business in Coffs Harbor in 1998 ,then shifted their business to Timber Town Wauchope .When the IGA Grocery building at Kings Creek Road just out of Wauchope came up for sale Mark and his father bought it ,the business has been there since 2008.

Unfortunately Marks father passed away. Mark and his wife now carry on the business 'with Mark always thinking up ways of manufacturing in a small way to make more product. He has a small hand held super spreader run by a car windscreen wiper motor on the assembly line.

An interesting morning was had by all of our club members 27 all told.P.S when you call again tell him you visited with Kempsey MacLeay auto Restorers. **Now to continue Mike Morgan's report**

We then journeyed to Mt. Seaview resort in very good weather conditions. The scenery in the area is magnificent and we are very lucky to have it so close to home. The owner "Ralf" greeted us warmly and when we were all seated gave a very detailed talk about the history of the area and his involvement in the property. We were served a very good lunch including a choice of dessert. My grandson has special dietary requirements, and these were met exceeding all expectations.

Following lunch, the staff who are on a working holiday from various countries told us where their home was and a little about home.

We had a good trip home, a very good day out and thank Neville, The Fudge Factory and Mt. Seaview Resort for their efforts.

By the way, my 65 year old car went well, except the boot catch, new tyres not being properly balanced and the fuel gauge and temperature gauge both telling lies.

Mike



Macleay Valley Rally 2025

This years Rally event is in a new format and will be held on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th May 2025. Participants will meet and display vehicles at Kempsey Riverside Park from 9:00AM to 1:00PM on Saturday 4th of May. There will be a run to Bellbrook with a history talk on the way about the mighty Macleay and the Surrounds This will be part of the Days Riverside Markets. Participants can visit Market stalls and purchase beverages & lunch as required. Participants will be given a voting slip and will be asked to vote for their most desired vehicle/motorbike. Participants are free from 1:00PM to explore the region or network with friends and colleagues - maybe dine together at Hat Head or other local venues - its over to you to plan and enjoy. There will be some suggested private runs included in the program. Participants who stay at Hat Head will travel in convoy from Hat Head to the Riverside Markets leaving Hat Head at 8:15AM - 4th May. If you are staying at Hat Head please contact KMARC's Doc Milligan on arrival on 0427246295. to arrange any social activity at Hat Head and receive information on the convoy to Kempsey on Sat 4th May. When you arrive at the Riverside Park please follow the directions of KMARC Parking Attendants. When you have parked your vehicle please attend the registration tent to register your attendance and collect your Rally Bag. Please attach the Number provided in your Rally Bag to your vehicle so that it can be identified by participants voting for The Most Desired Vehicle.

We will be conducting a Participants Raffle over the weekend with great prizes, please purchase your tickets from KMARC ticket sellers at the Market, at Hat head and at Kempsey Heights Bowling Club. The Raffle will be drawn following lunch on Sunday

On Sunday 4th of May there will be an optional run (starting at 9:00AM from South Kempsey Service Centre) to a KMARC members property at Kundabung we will then gather at the Kempsey Heights Bowling Club 10 Polwood St West Kempsey from 11:30 am (lunch served from 12:15pm) to display vehicles and enjoy a lunch together.

Following lunch we will draw the weekend Raffle and conduct our Auction. The Auction was great fun last year and provided the opportunity to grab a bargain.

The Entry Form is available on the website or Hardcopies should you require them are available from Anne Schmidt

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New The Shake Down Run.

These runs are provided to allow members who cant get along to our regular Sunday runs to participate in Club activities and to socialize and network with other members.

- Shakedown runs will occur on the first Saturday of each month. Run details and destinations will be decided by members attending the preceding Ordinary Meeting, (eg run decided at May meeting) and noted in the minutes.
- These will be informal with no specific destination or activities. Bring along a picnic lunch. As these are not formal Club runs if you are on historic plate registration you will need to register these outings in you logbook. A message will be sent out by Anne the Thursday before the run.



Events Calendar



- April 13th Bunker Cartoon Gallery Meet 9am South Kempsey Park Morning tea at Macksville Memorial Park
- May 2nd, 3rd, 4th Valley Rally See previous Page for details
- June TBA Airport open day.
- July 12th/13th Christmas in July
- Aug 16th TBA possible Show & Shine for Coffs Rotary at The Bunker Cartoon Gallery.
- September TBA
- October 18th TBA
- November 15th ? Rego day
- November 16th Combined outing Jerseyville Park with Hastings Veterans and Classics car Club
- December 14th Christmas party

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