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Wheels Of Time



A wet Valley Rally 2025 at Kempsey Riverside markets. We had a great number of people looking at the vehicles which is what we all wanted

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Lyndsay Rapley Hello members. Daylight savings ending now so cooler days ahead and we may be able to keep up with the lawns ect.

I have had a number of enquiries about not getting burst messages, if this is happening to you, you need to contact Anne to ensure your details are with her.

A new run will soon happen on the first Saturday of each month if we have the numbers. More about the "Shakedown Run" in this meeting.

REGISTRATION OFFICERS REPORT

Lyndsay Rapley We currently have 89 vehicles on our register. It would be some sight to see them all together for a photo shoot. There would be more as some of our members have not taken the opportunity to use the historic vehicle register. A reminder to frequent Bursons Kempsey for your parts quote using the discount card they supply really helps. If you don't have a card, see Lindsay.

We have something new on the first Saturday of the month

Shakedown run being introduced on trial first Saturday each month, destination decided by members at the preceding Ordinary meeting.

The next one is on Saturday 5th July, Start 10am South Kempsey Park to Wauchope Pie shop.

The New logo on the front page is from the sticker Lindsay Rapley designed for the Valley Rally. Many thanks for this Lindsay.

March was a complete wash out with both the meeting and the Scheduled trip cancelled due to the Floods and Rain.



Trip calendar

- **Meeting** 2nd Tuesday of every month Ordinary meeting 7pm Kempsey Heights Bowling club . Come and have tea before hand with your fellow club members.
- **15th June** to Henry Kendall Park via North Brother mountain. Start 9am South Kempsey Park ,have morning tea on big brother mountain then go to Henry Kendall Park for lunch. This will be a bring your own table chairs & eats .
- **5th July** Shake down run to Wauchope Pie Shop. 10am start South Kempsey Park.
- **13th July** Christmas in July Dinner. kempsey Heights. 10am short run prior to lunch. **Menu** Roast Beef, Roast Chicken, Roast Veg, Salad. Fish Chips & salad. Orders will need to be in by
Wednesday 8th to 65626035/0409229536
- **27th July** Airport Open day.

18th May Trip to Smokey Cape Lighthouse reserve for a Picnic.

Well things can go wrong on a trip, no not anyone lost on the run, but vandalism by people who don't know how to respect other peoples' property. The toilets at the reserve were vandalized the night before. I have the fix for those who do such things. Put them in a cage in the Mall with a sign saying what they have done., public would go past & let them know they are idiots, kids would come along and pull faces at them & il'm sure dogs would piddle on the cage.

Anyway we had a nice morning at the reserve & after a late morning tea we all went our directions for the day.

A pleasant morning with a small group of fellow members .

From Neville Anne and the Red Merc.



Sunday 13th April saw us going to the Bunker Cartoon Gallery and Australian holden Museum at Coffs Harbor.

Our start as normal was at South Kempsey Park, at our next stop we had 23 members and some guests .After morning Tea at Macksville with maps in hand we headed to Coffs.



The photograph shows member John Wilson listening to Chris give his talk with one of the first Holden's ever produced in Australia.

When we were settled at the Museum The Front counter curator gave us a talk on the history of the Bunkhouse. We then wandered around the Cartoon gallery. The Theme of the current display is robots computer and AI.

One Cartoon that took our fancy was. A man coming home from work and ringing his mate saying that he was retrenched to be replaced by a robot and telling his mate the day couldn't get any worse, only to walk into his bedroom and find a robot in bed with his wife. After leaving the Cartoon Gallery we all went up stairs to

The National Holden Museum. Where Chris The Ford Man gave a lengthy talk on the very first Holden made in Australia.

Did you know that the 1948 model, known as the 48/215 had the key entry only on the passenger side of the vehicle and the first

motors had no oil filters?

Members had a good walk around the car museum then left with some going back to the gallery and there was about six or so that stayed for a late lunch, they spread themselves around Coffs Harbor for lunch, we went back to the Tormina Hotel for lunch and waited 2 hrs. for our meal., but no worry's we had good company with fellow members. We all had a wonderful day. From Neville, Anne, Grandson Michael and the Eli the Skoda. The Schmidt family outside the Bunker Gallery & Museum



Neville's Rat story.

I was working in my Shed when I heard a noise coming from my Skoda's front mud guard. I opened the bonnet to see something disappear into the mudguard.

I set a rat trap, four hours later I checked the trap, I had caught "The Rat" so I took him for a ride to the swamp for a harder life., set the trap again, checked the trap before tea another "Rat" once again I took it for a ride to the swamp.

Luck had it happens I had Anne's Micra booked in for a service at John Oxley Motors the next day. I asked Keron if I could swap the Micra Service To check over the Skoda. That was Ok, as luck happened they only had to replace the wiper sensor. So I have ordered a box of rat Deterrent From Ebay Thanks to Doc for putting me on too it. This may help you if you have a rat problem. From Neville and the now happy Skoda.

Editors note this is the shed that Maureen reckons is a zoo, not only does it have 'The Rat's', it has 3 possums and the other day during the flood it had Micro Bats. Lol. Below our Donation from Vickers Fudge



15. Bing Lewthwaite Auto electrician
16. Elders Kempsey
17. Scotts Hydraulics
18. Jabiru Printing
19. Vickers Fudge Kings ck Rd Wauchope.
20. Milly hill Meat
21. Kempsey Heights Bowling Club
22. Jamie Oram Electrician

There were also a number of people like Bob Lovell ,Valerie

Escott Robert and Frog Douch who had entered the rally paid their money but couldn't get their vehicles out of their driveways but instead still supported us by donating their entry fees. Robert Douch is the President of 4 Aces..

The photo below shows you what our club and rally are all about people with like interests mixing and yarning at the local markets.



Holdens lined up everywhere at the Holden Museum, Pity I couldn't get rid of that bloke in the middle

Car Club Humor or News joke Corner.

I changed my car horn sound to gunshot's ,Cars move over now much faster.

A man drove his expensive car into a tree ,and found how the Mercedes Bends.

Age is an issue of mind over matter .If you don't mind it doesn't matter.

There are four stages of old age, you forget names, then you forget faces, next you forget to zip up , and finally you forget to zip down.



Valley Rally 2025

Well, how wet can it get? however the valley Rally 2025 has come and gone.

Saturday saw a good lineup of local and visitor cars and owners even though it was on again off again weather.

The coffee van at the Riverside Markets would have done a good trade just to keep everyone nice and warm from the inside.

It just goes to show how handy the marquees can be with the protection from the weather so that the usual story telling could be indulged (true or otherwise) a good few laughs were had.



Val and Gary Grout Come from Tamworth and weren't sure how they could get down to the Rally. Doc guided them through the Oxley Highway road closures, for which we are very Grateful. The Grout's have been coming to our rally for many years, they had never been up the river to Bellbrook before and they thoroughly enjoyed it and said they will be back next year.

The Rally was all paid for by our local sponsors. So everything we make is profit most of which will go to local charities. Below are our Rally sponsors please support them in these difficult times for our Businesses.

Our wonderful sponsors who make our rally so successful.

1. Red Point
2. ??? Name changed by computer
3. Inspiration Paints
4. Macleay Sheetmetal
5. North Coast Steel
6. Mavin Petroleum
7. Southside Cellars
8. Valley Garden Centre
9. Preen Engineering.
10. Burson Auto Parts.
11. Port Real Estate (Peter Richards)
12. Dee Amber rural supplies
13. Bunnings Kempsey
14. Repco Kempsey

Brian Miller getting the trophy for 2nd place
Brian was driving Leanne Milligan's Escort.



Below. Val & Gary Grout. Won 1st Prize with their beautiful Chevrolet Belaire. They are from Tamworth



Around lunch time we headed off to Bellbrook for some very interesting stops on the way with Neville's knowledge of the people and places of the upper Macleay. Its very sad that most of this knowledge will be lost or forgotten as time goes on.

Well done Neville.

Bellbrook Pub has had an amazing makeover by the new owners and hats off to them for investing in the small rural communities. What an awesome place to have a wonderful meal and a day out.



Our amazing trophy's were donated to us by our fabulous sponsors

Scotts Hydraulics South Kempsey.

Sunday started off with beautiful sunshine and a trip to Peter Richards property at Kundabung to showcase his amazing collection of cars and other interesting and well presented items he had on display. Unique would be an understatement.

Scones and bikkies went down a treat

Lunch time saw us turn up at the Heights Bowling club for the Auction of goods donated from local businesses which was very much appreciated by the club .Once again a big thank you to Peter Richards for his involvement in calling the auction.

The meal was outstanding and I'm sure that there was a few people that would have to go home and have a nanny nap afterwards feeling quite content after the weekends outing.

A special thanks to the other clubs that attended this rally from local and afar good to see the mixing of people that have the same

Interests

thank you all

Ian and Margaret O'Leary.



Our Rally Co-Ordinator Doc Milligan Presenting trophies with our president Lindsay Rapley ,Both did a wonderful job. Vale to Doc



Lindsay Rapley presenting 4th place in the most desirable car to 3rd generation KMARC member Hanna Schmidt. Who was driving her Dad's MGB

Ron Hicks receiving Third prize trophy for his wonderful Holden Ute, from our President Lindsay Rapley

