

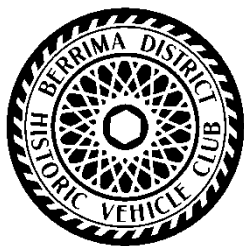


# DRIVE CHATTER

Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club Inc

**APRIL, 2012**

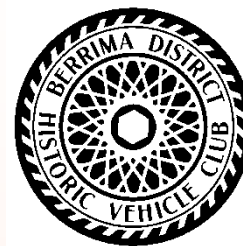




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 Jenny Harkness

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## Presidents Report

On the 24th March, about two dozen members enjoyed the President's Dinner at Jenny and Ken Harkness's gorgeous piece of Australia near Picton. We met at the George IV pub at the end of Barkers Lodge Road at 4:30pm and then followed Ken for a short distance out to their home.

Robyn Betts brought the meat and all the bits and pieces to make a really nice hamburger, or two, for everyone. And then we had the most beautiful pancakes with a choice of sauces or flavours. I had maple syrup on mine but I'm not telling you how many pancakes I had! Phillip Hughes and Bill Betts and others did a great job cooking both courses using the club barbeque trailer.

Thanks go to all who had a part in the evening, especially to Jenny and Ken Harkness for their invitation and their hospitality. Thanks again, Robyn and Bill. I have to say that any members who didn't attend missed a great social evening in a beautiful setting. We had some great old cars there, too.

The 2013 Berrima Rally committee met for the first time officially last Wednesday night. You will get a full report elsewhere but I would like to say I am really pleased by the enthusiasm of the group and by their keenness to take on specific responsibilities over the coming year. If all happens as planned you will see a great event at the Bong Bong Picnic Race Club with an even larger range of exhibits and more classic and vintage vehicles than what we usually have at our rally. I invite all members to enter the Rally and to pass on to friends, family and fellow car clubbers from all over that there is something special happening next year in the Highlands. Why not give them a flyer about it?

If you have a story or news item that our club members may find of interest, please send it to our Editor, Maurice so he can include it in the Drive Chatter.

See you at this month's runs and the next club meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.

We look forward to all members participating in discussion so that you can assist in our continuing efforts to improve the running of our club.

JOHN HOLTON

### MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



I hope this issue of the April Newsletter finds everyone well & happy. I am looking forward to the Easter break and hope to see you at our special run on Good Friday to Avon Dam in memory of David Wolfe.

Congratulations to all those celebrating birthdays, marriages or divorces, christenings, whatever makes you happy. We hope to be able to re-start our list of birthdays for future issues.

Welcome to any new members that have joined us this year. New members are always welcome .  
Visitors are also always welcome to join our social events and runs.

Please feel free to contact John Holton our President should you wish to join us.

Happy Easter to you all

Maurice Hickman mhickman29@bigpond.com 0413 594 788

## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF BDHVC INC**

Held at Bargo Sportsground Hall on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2012

Our President, John Holton, took the chair and declared the meeting open at 8.05pm.

There were 31 members and no visitors attending with 8 apologies received.

John welcomed Max Meuleman as a new member of the club.

John confirmed that members had not yet received Magazine for March due to continuing problems.

John spoke about the success of the Berrima Rally and thanked all those who had helped with special thanks to those who helped with entry and parking in adverse conditions.

**Minutes for the March meeting.** Copies of the minutes have been printed and are being circulated to members present. John allowed time for members to read them then a motion that the March minutes be accepted as a true and correct record was moved by Kevin George, seconded by Pauline McFetridge and carried.

### **Matters arising from the Minutes**

There were no matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

### **Correspondence In.**

- There were 49 magazines received from other clubs.
- Invoices from printers received
- Renewal for P.O. Box received and for annual subscription fees to C.H.M.C. All were passed to treasurer
- Several invitations to upcoming events were received and passed to Events officer
- A submission to be included in the next magazine was received from Ray and Michelle Barwick and passed to our editor.
- Notice of up-coming A.G.M. of C.H.M.C. was passed to Gary Fuller.

### **Correspondence out**

There was no correspondence out.

**Treasurer's Report** Jenny Harkness presented this report. Most transactions this month have been related to the rally. Despite reminders some advertisers [in the magazine] have not subscribed again, leaving advertising space now available. Jenny moved that it be accepted 2<sup>nd</sup> by Robyn Betts and carried.

### **Berrima Rally 2012 report**

Jenny apologised that Ken was unable to be present to give rally report as Rally Director. Jenny noted that there were only 76 entrants this year, fewer than usual. Total income from rally was \$11,447.00 Expenses totalled \$12,458.33 resulting in a deficit of \$1,011.33. It is noted that sponsorship from Shannon's has not yet been received which would reduce the deficit by \$500.

Jenny extended thanks to Pauline and Ken who did much of the printing for the rally, which represented a considerable saving.

Pauline McFetridge began her report by thanking the club for the opportunity to be rally secretary this was a great learning experience and she had recognised that it takes a group of dedicated volunteer teamwork to have an event succeed.

Club entrants increased to 25 from 14 this year. The Rally badges were fantastic and from comments received clearly much valued. Jenny and I worked closely on financing, the food and beverages could not have been better, the entertainment was great [on both days] the rally bags were the best, judging fair and trophies impressive. The Questionnaire on Sunday morning was enormous fun and the visit to the dairy enjoyed by all. Media coverage was good.



The weather on Saturday was appalling and it should be planned to site registration indoors in future in case this happens. It is important that flyers and invitations be issued from September. I have created a folder with all relevant information I gathered which should be of assistance with future rallies. On behalf of Ken and the rally Committee I would thank all participants and those involved in this success.

John Holton commented that there has never before been such media interest and acknowledged with thanks that this was achieved by Pauline.

### **Events Report**

John Glennon presented his Report.

- The Rally was great again this year.
- Gary attended the Sydney swap meet at Hawkesbury.
- Peter stated that the swap meet at Oakdale was well attended despite the weather. He sold lots of useless things for money, at \$25 the site was bit expensive but for Rotary so no complaints.
- The Potato festival at Crookwell was cancelled.
- Thirlmere Steam festival is coming up. There were 80 trucks and cars on display. Wet weather interfered on Saturday but it was dry for the parade on Sunday before rain set in again. The parking problems need sorting and Council should address price hiking by local traders, hot food prices were high. It was also noted that the cost of a family train ticket from Campbelltown at \$105 and the admission price to the Museum were exorbitant. We congratulate Colin Elliot on achieving the Steam Princess Award.
- Moss Vale Show. We have 7 cars entered, please be at the SECOND gate by 09.30 we are expected to stay until 4.30pm. Please ring Eric to confirm.
- Dianne confirmed that the David Wolfe Morning Tea Run had been enjoyed by those attending, a reminder about the extra run on 6<sup>th</sup> April at Avon dam.
- The mid-week run went to Bobs' creek but was then abandoned due to rain.
- The presidents annual Twilight run will meet at Barkers Lodge Road at 4.30pm, a reminder to bring your chair, plate, cutlery. A nominal charge of \$5 was agreed to cover costs of hamburgers and pancakes.
- A reminder about the Robertson Village Market day on April 15<sup>th</sup>.
- Alan Worner spoke about the Mittagong Show and Shine on 27<sup>th</sup> May. The community hospice is to benefit and we should like to support them.

**Membership Report** Nothing to report.

**Plates Registrar** One New registration. Eric and Sandra Worner 1972 Capri. No.44619H. Jeff Knapman requests to take his car to the Morris National Rally at Port Augusta. Bill and Robyn Betts are going to Cobram.

**Bargo Hall Report** Maurice Hickman gave this Report.

Some pipes and a tank cover have been replaced. We have a new playground as a result of re-location of the Telstra tower.

**Editor's Report** Maurice Hickman presented his report.

Continued problems have caused there to be no magazine as yet. Pauline suggested a mail out of minutes and events could be considered. Peter Mills presented the costings for magazine covers he had researched. Robyn Betts moved that 10,000 covers be purchased at \$3,110, seconded by Kevin George. After some discussion the motion was carried 22 votes to 4.

Maurice noted that an advertiser had dropped off and a new business in Tahmoor may fill the spot, needs confirmation.

**Berrima Rally 2013 Report** John Holton gave this report.

A working party met in February Roles were discussed; the RSL is booked for Sat night and provisionally for Sunday lunch. Kevin has attended a guiding committee with the council this

rally will be the 1<sup>st</sup> event of a number planned for the sesquientennial year. It was decided to elect the committee when 2011 rally was finalised. Thus far we have 10 members volunteered; Chris and Jeff Knapman are added at this meeting. It was agreed to hold the next meeting here at 7.30 pm on Wed. 21<sup>st</sup>

**CMC and CMHC Reports** Nothing to report.

Gary Fuller moved that all reports be accepted, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Maurice Hickman the motion was carried.

### **General Business**

- Our best wishes go to Dianne Robertson who has been in Bowral hospital...
- Jeff Knapman has received a letter from Sanderson Mercedes thanking the club for the gift and confirming that they will sponsor next years rally.
- Peter noted that a club banner has [in its tube] been misplaced and asked that members have a look for it. Peter was then congratulated on having a ½ show filmed with himself to-day for the "Fletchers Restorations"

There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9.37pm



## A LITTLE BREAK AT MCCALLUM ROAD

Heather Hickman



Taking a little break at the end of McCallum Road, I cast my eyes around; feel the freshness of air and gentleness of this place. Sprawling paddocks surrounded and scattered with stately trees, the odd one gnarled, grey and leafless. Taupe withered stumps rising from the ground like miniature plateau mountains. Charolais cattle stand still but for a flick of an ear or the swish of a tail. Some heads down pulling at grass; others lay motionless as stone from afar.

McCallum's quaint, brown weatherboard house, with veranda on the front is left, in favour of a new bigger house. The original farmhouse is framed with garden plants and kept in good order by the new owners. It welcomes visiting grandchildren; silent nights being filled with resting children.

There's a quietness but for nature's action waving grass heads in a summer breeze, a buzzing flying insect or a fly and the calls of various birds. The gentle swaying of tree leaves as a breeze drifts on and off through the air. Looking to the distance at tree covered hills, a vision interrupted by the flight of two Willy Wagtails, chasing each other. They disappear into branches of a tree close by. Only the twittering can be heard.

Cicadas have begun to chorus and feathery leaves of Casuarinas flutter in a swift puff of breeze. It's time to move on back down the tawny coloured road of crushed stone, edged by native trees and shrubs.

## DINNER WITH THE PRESIDENT

Hello all Silver Circle Club members!

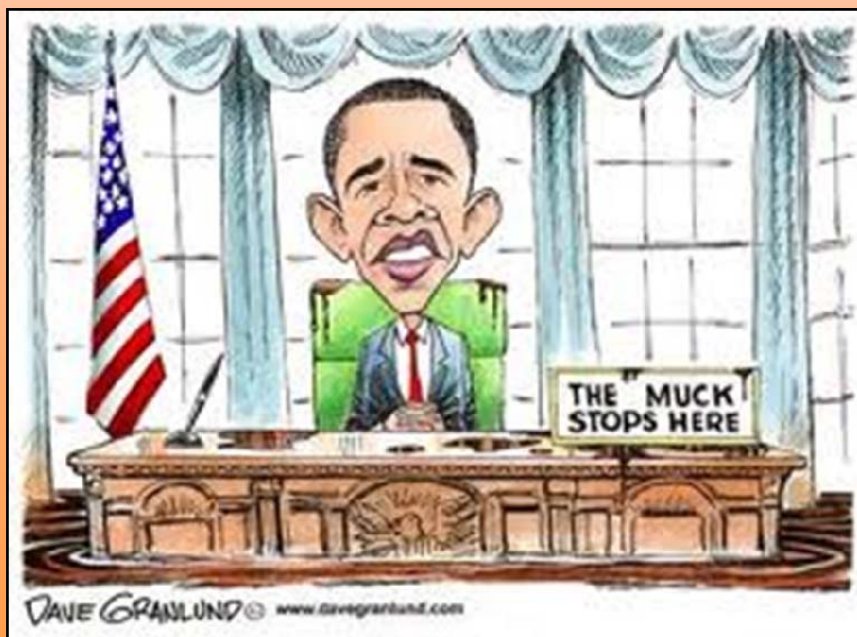
My cousin Ignatius invited me and my wife to dinner at his place in Picton one Sunday recently. When we got near there just before 5 o'clock or so all these old cars came past heading in the same direction as us. When we got to Gnat's place (that's Ignatius's NIT name, get it!) all the old cars had lined up just across the valley.

Gnat and I were looking at all of this from his front gate when this bloke drives up and asks "Is this where we eat with the President?" Well Gnat and I looked dumbfounded and I asked "President Obama!?" The bloke didn't answer but grinned and said "Well...yeah, I suppose". So Gnat just pointed at the queue of cars up the road and the guy drove his Gold Mercedes over there and they gave him a special place to park at the head of the bunch. Somebody important, I guess. Didn't look like it!

Over at the party some senior lady and a kid were skidding down the slope on a sledge. Some cronies were walking up and down the hill behind the house - security I guess. At one stage all the women got up and walked along the veranda and into the house and then disappeared! Some sort of secret meeting with the bloke in the Mercedes I think, cause I saw him go in with them.

People were barbequing and having a good time. Sometimes they popped into the big shed to look in there and they would come out nodding their heads in agreement about something. Anyway they were having a good time, apparently and Gnat and I went inside his place a bit disappointed that we weren't having dinner with the president ..... but I didn't see him anywhere.

RAY PAYER



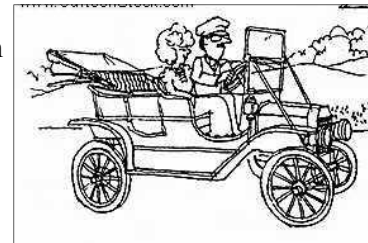


## COMING EVENTS



Please remember to **sign the run sheet at club events** with details of people and vehicles attending. Ensure that your details are recorded in the events book circulated at each meeting. This is to ensure that the movement of conditional registered cars (HCRS) is documented. When attending a secondary club run or invitational run (I), and your vehicle is registered with HCRS plates you **MUST contact** the Plates Registrars Eric and Sandra Worner (4871 1620) or the President, John Holton (4862 5209) **and advise them of your vehicle's movements.**

Club members and friends are welcome to attend any club outings in modern vehicles. For additional information about Events, please phone Eric Worner 4871 1620 or Alan Worner 4871 1483 or John Glennon 4861 2701, or Gary Fuller 0412 660530 . Note the symbols **C** for Club run, **I** for invitational run.



### APRIL, 2012

<b>4th Wed C:</b>	Mid week Run Meet Top of Razorback 10am Contact Bob Dunk on 4681 8316
<b>6th Fri C:</b>	Good Friday Meet for morning tea & BBQ lunch at Avon Dam 10am
<b>6th-8th Fri-Sun</b>	Bush Council Rally at Orange Contact Gary Fuller on 0412 660 530 Another Great Weekend.
<b>11th Wed C:</b>	B.D.H.V.C. General meeting at Bargo Sportsground Hall 8pm
<b>11th Wed I;</b>	Gear Day; Wakefield Park Goulburn. Contact Eric Worner 4871 1620.
<b>13th Fri C:</b>	David Wolfe Morning Tea run. Nepean Dam Emu Ground Picnic AREA 10am Contact Diane Jobson on 4684 2084
<b>15th Sun I:</b>	Robertson Vintage & Classic Car Day on the railway common Robertson Starts 10am.
<b>22nd Sun C:</b>	A Run to Warragamba Dam For a BBQ Lunch but first Morning Tea at Dave Auld's. Meet at Bargo Sportsground 9-30am.
<b>25th Wed I:</b>	Anzac Day Moss Vale Contact Kevin George 4869 5457. Mittagong Contact Eric Worner 4871 1620 Picton Contact Peter Mills 4677 1265
<b>28th&amp; 29th Sat-Sun</b>	Tumut Falling Leaves Festival Rally. Another great weekend. See Events committee (page 2) re entry for any events you are interested in.



# HAPPY EASTER

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 Greek-Kalo Pasha  
 Indonesian-Selamat Paskah  
 Italian-Buona Pasqua  
 Japanese-Fukkatsu-sai omedetō gozaimasu)



## MAY, 2013

<b>2nd Wed C:</b>	Mid Week Run Meet Bargo Sportsground Contact Bob Dunk 46818316
<b>6th Sun I :</b>	Tallong Apple Day Festival 9AM-3PM . Take the scenic route to Bundanoon. A great day for all. Come and support local community groups.
<b>6th Sun I:</b>	Wings Over Illawarra 12 Air Show. Cars will not be admitted on the day without a dashboard display ticket so please notify Events Committee if you wish to attend.
<b>6th Sun I:</b>	Highlands Classic Chrome Cruise Contact Bill Fleg 4683 2365
<b>9th Wed C:</b>	B.D.H.V.C. General Meeting Bargo Sportsground Hall 8PM
<b>11th Frid C:</b>	David Wolfe Morning Tea Run Nepean Dam Emu Ground Picnic Area 10AM Contact Diane Jobson 4684 2084
<b>20th Sun I:</b>	National Motoring Day Mittagong Public School
<b>27th Sun I:</b>	We have been invited with other clubs to a “Show & Shine” at the Highlands Homemaker Centre-Old Hume Hwy, Mittagong from 10AM-2PM. This is a charity support day. This is an opportunity for our club to support the Southern Highlands Community Hospice. A worthwhile charity assisting people with terminal illness

## June, 2012

<b>6th Wed C:</b>	Mid Week Run .Meet Top of Razorback 10am Contact Bob Dunk 4681 8316
<b>8th –11th Frid-Mon I:</b>	WAGGA WAGGA Annual June Long Weekend Rally Contact events committee for any inquiries.
<b>13th Wed C:</b>	B.D.H.V.C. General Meeting Bargo Sportsground 8pm
<b>13th Wed I:</b>	Gear Day Wakefield Park GOULBURN Contact Eric Worner 4871 1620.
<b>13th Wed C:</b>	David Wolfe Morning Tea Run Nepean Dam Emu Ground Picnic Area 10am Contact Diane Jobson on 4684 2084
<b>24th Sun C:</b>	Grandma`s Little Bakery . Collector for lunch. Meet Sutton Forrest Twin Shells 10am After lunch a visit to Collector Collectable Shop.
	<b>LOOK FOR LINKS TO THESE INVITATIONAL EVENTS ON OUR WEB SITE</b>
	<b><a href="http://www.BerrimaDistrictHistoricVehicleClub.org.au">www.BerrimaDistrictHistoricVehicleClub.org.au</a></b>

## Media coverage from Southern Highland News

### Southern Highlands News

#### Vintage vehicles rally in Berrima

BY NICK BIELBY

10 Feb, 2012

START your engines.

A collection of vintage vehicles will be on display in the Highlands this weekend at Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club's annual Berrima Rally. Historic vehicles will descend on Mittagong for the event, to be held at Mittagong Public School tomorrow and Mittagong RSL Club car park on Sunday.



Club president John Holton said the event was called the Berrima Rally because it was named after the club, even though it would be held at Mittagong. Mr Holton said the rally was the club's biggest event on their calendar and attracted cars and members of affiliate clubs from as far as southern Queensland and northern Victoria to the Highlands.

"For about 37 years the club has been holding the rally," he said. Between 9am and 1.30pm tomorrow, the cars will be lined up for viewing and judging at Mittagong Public School, with a prize awarded to the best vehicle from each decade from the beginning of the 20th Century to the 1980s. "We do it differently to other clubs, the members vote for the winners," Mr Holton said. He said community members would be welcome to look at the line-up of vintage vehicles and chat with the owners.

"The thing about Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club is that we don't just have cars, we have bikes and trucks and all sorts of historic vehicles." "We pride ourselves on inviting everyone along." Mr Holton said one of the big draw cards of the event would be a 1904 model Renault. "It's just picture perfect." "There'll be some cars there that people have never seen before." He said there would also be historic displays and a live band at the rally tomorrow, which would go ahead rain, hail or shine.

At 8.30am on Sunday the vehicles will gather at Mittagong RSL Club car park to receive route instructions for the club's scenic run, before awards and trophies are presented between 12.30pm and 2pm. Mr Holton said the club was always looking for new members and anyone that owns a vehicle 30-years-old or older should consider signing up. "The club has a terrific social side."



"I know I wanted you to stop going to those summer classic car shows so you could spend more time at home, well, I changed my mind."



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## Media coverage from Southern Highland News

### Driving down history road

BY NICK BIELBY

13 Feb, 2012

FOR some people, a set of wheels is not just a way to get from A to B. For others, a car is a piece of history.

Despite heavy rain in the Wingecarribee, about 70 owners of historic cars gathered in Mittagong with their vehicles on the weekend for Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club's annual Berrima Rally. Club Vice President and Rally Director Ken Harkness said cars made between 1918 and 1977 participated in the weekend's rally.

Mr. Harkness said despite inclement weather, there was an encouraging turnout of participants at Mittagong Public School on Saturday, with some members waiting until the deluge had passed before rolling into the school grounds. "There are some lovely cars here," he said.

"We have two regular runs each month then special gatherings through the month." Mr. Harkness said anyone wishing to join the club could become a member and any vehicle 30-years-old or older would qualify as an historic vehicle.



For Sunday's rally, drivers took their cars on a tour through Burrawang and answered trivia questions based on their visit to the town.

Rod Lovell took his red 1961 Mack B61 truck on the rally. Mr Lovell said he bought the truck about 10 years ago and restored the vehicle himself.

"I came from a farm with heavy machines and tractors and trucks," he said. Mr Lovell said the truck could sometimes be difficult to drive because of its

two gear sticks and 20 forward gears. "The Mack was a turning point in Australian transport." It was the king of the road."

The Berrima Rally celebrated its 37th year this year, with the rally having grown to become the major event of the year for Berrima District Historic Vehicle Club.

Club member John Glennon said he became involved with the club through his 1954 FJ Holden, which he bought about 12 years ago.

Mr. Glennon said his Holden was very reliable despite its age and he had driven the car from the Highlands as far as Forbes and also to southern Victoria. "The person that owned it before me did a lot of work on the engine," he said.

Mr. Glennon said the club was unlike many car clubs because it allowed vehicles other than cars such as bikes, tractors and trucks to participate in the rallies.

"It's nice to be involved in something with people who have the same interest."



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**There will be a great deal to see and do. You don't have to  
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# THE STORY OF OUR FORD FALCON 500

**By Ray and Michelle Barwick**

*The car was first purchased by Email Australia as a company car for Michelle's uncle in September 1977. Two years later Uncle Eric retired and as he liked the car so much, he purchased his company car. The car was used as a family car for the next thirty years. By this time Uncle was now 92 and having to renew his license every year became a problem. His license was not re-newed in 2006 and so the car was given to us. During the next two years, many hours and many dollars were spent bringing the old Falcon back to life.*

*Brakes, exhaust, cooling system, interior and paintwork were all replaced. The exterior was stripped back to bare metal and prepared for a full re-spray. Both front and back carpets replaced, door trims and head lining are still very original. After the re-spray, the car was re-assembled in about three months. We fitted new globe style mags with new tyres to give the car the look of the Seventies. Over the next five years, many hours were spent on EBay finding new parts that could replace old and worn parts to make the Falcon more reliable and to find original sales brochures and memorabilia of this era to complete the restoration project.*

*The Falcon is a beautiful car to drive and it has given us some very enjoyable times on the club runs as well as special days at Eastern Creek and of course our Berrima Rally.*

*Lastly, a BIG THANK YOU to our Uncle Eric and Aunty Sheila for giving the Falcon to us and giving us years of enjoyment.*

*Ray and Michelle Barwick*



Ray and Michelle  
receive the top accolade from  
President John Holton at the  
Berrima Rally  
Sunday Presentation Lunch  
which they received in honour of  
Uncle Eric & Aunty Sheila

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