

Club Run
Sunday 18th September 2016
Hawkesbury Antique, Veteran, Vintage Car and Machinery Show

At the Club meeting held on 13th September, a decision was taken to include a second run for September, as our weekend away was so early in the month.

Opportunely, Tony and Brenda mentioned an event being held the following Sunday at Hawkesbury Showground which piqued the interest of many members. So, the decision was made that we make this event a Club run.

Meeting at Panthers car park in drizzling rain, Tony and Brenda, Karen, Heather and Merv and Denise and Terry formed the group to travel to Richmond. Rain continued to drizzle however the hardy Nepean Morry crew pushed on, determined to enjoy the day.

On arrival at the showground we were joined by Sue and Kevin in their beautiful Ute and everyone was absolutely astounded by the amount of vintage and veteran vehicles amassed in display. We were directed to our designated display area, and met by Tony and Brenda's son Ashley and his wife Julie in their beautifully restored early model LandRover. After admiring the vehicles in the immediate vicinity we naturally progressed to the "coffee cart" for the morning caffeine hit, then we were ready to do the rounds.

Almost every type of vintage truck, bus and stationary engine was on display including indoor model train and car displays. Model craftsmen also displayed their special talents in the form of wood carving/turning etc. Vintage buses ferried interested passengers to Richmond station for a steam train ride to Mulgrave and return.

Something for everyone. Tractor pulling, trailer rides behind steam driven "monster" tractors. Another feature that captured everyone's attention when it was running was the multiple piston radial aircraft engine, thankfully well anchored, and the power it was generating was incredible

The rain continued to drizzle, thank goodness for umbrellas, and it was getting a bit soggy underfoot. An added attraction on the day was the National Fly Ball Championships (dogs compete in an entertaining team race retrieving a ball and jumping over a series of hurdles). Worth watching the dogs have a great time.

After lunch the rain really started in earnest so it was time to head home. A report from Denise and Terry (who made the long trip from Oak Flats) was they acquired "an interior water feature" in their convertible on the journey home – a simple fix, a

seam in the roof had dried out. A pretty wet trip home for everyone, however an outstanding day and one that we will look to include on next year's calendar.

Report by Heather