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2019: Eileen Barlow (Dec)

2020: Leah Holden, David Healy

MARQUE MENTORS

MK1 Sprite: Greg Holden and Colin Dodds

MK2 Sprite: Neil Scott

MK3 Sprite: Greg Strange

MK3 Midget: Colin Dodds

1500 Midget: Greg Prunster

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President's Report



As I write this, Sydney is entering a 2 week lockdown as a result of the latest COVID-19 outbreak. Just as we all hoped things were starting to get back to normal we find ourselves going backwards again. This is a few weeks after an outbreak in Melbourne plunged them into lockdown and most importantly stopped a whole bunch of people coming up to Sydney to come racing with us. The uncertainty about what may happen in the near future is something that is obviously going to be with us for at least a year, maybe longer and we are going to have to have mechanisms in place to react to COVID outbreaks for some time. It looks like there will continue to be plenty of shed/garage/workshop time ahead.

Earlier in the month, those of us who race, did manage to get an event under our belts at the HSRC event on the Gardner Circuit at Sydney Motorsport Park. As mentioned earlier, there was supposed to be a round of the Victorian based, MG Racing Australia series at this event and I had entered my Marque Sports Midget in this as opposed to Group S. My Group S car is undergoing some development work at the moment and is a non-runner. Luckily, when the MG Racing category was withdrawn, I was allowed to run as an invited car in Group S.

Practice on Friday had a delayed start due to fog and it was bloody freezing at 6:30am when I arrived and got set up in the Group S Marquee. When we did eventually get out on track, I realised that turn 1 and 2 had been resurfaced with smooth black bitumen since my last visit - very nice. Saturday was a much better day with sunshine and slightly warmer weather. I did not qualify very well as there was a lot of traffic in the 40+ car field and I didn't really get a clear run, so ended up starting race 1 from 35 on the grid. No matter as I made up 5 or 6 places in just a couple of laps, but then "what is going on" I thought as people started to come back past me. I realised I was losing power and pulled into the pits, with the car getting rougher and rougher. I parked up and swore!

After the car (and I) had cooled off a bit I pulled the plugs out and had a good look around - everything seemed ok. I then borrowed a compression tester and there was the answer - no compression on cylinders 2 and 3 - probable cause being a blown head gasket between cylinders. After a bit of naval gazing I decided to pull the head off the car in the pits and this confirmed a blown head gasket. No, I didn't have a spare with me but Bob Rowntree, who was racing his MGB, offered to bring one in the morning which was great as I would only miss one race. Then Greg Prunster arrived on the scene with a head gasket from his spares box. So, I quietly went to work replacing the head gasket, enlisting the help of Sam Girgis and Dennis Best along the way and we were up and running with 40 minutes to spare before the night race. Thanks to all the SCCA members who helped and gave advice - great camaraderie.



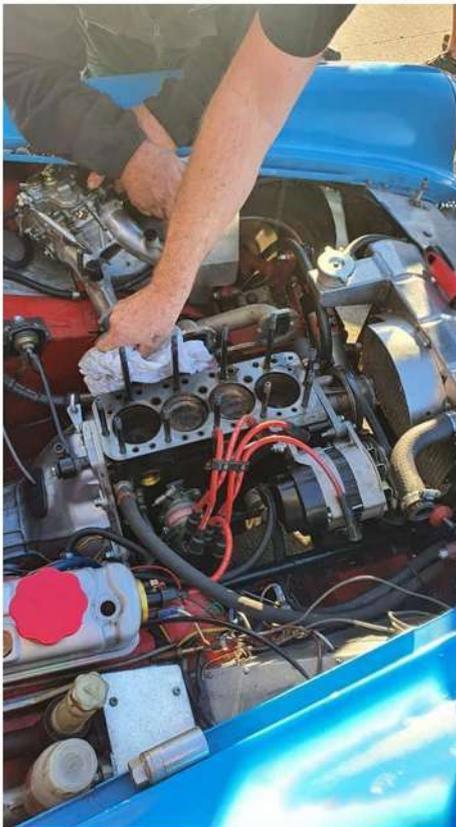


President's Report



The night race was great fun and I was just happy to be able to race again as others had car trouble which they could not fix at the track. I made up a few places, I think. Sunday was a lovely sunny winters day and race 3 was great fun with 6 cars battling with each other and finishing within 2 seconds - great close racing even if it was for the lower places. Up the front, Simon Meyer was delivering the goods against the Porsches and Shelby Mustangs as usual, brother Damian missing with a broken foot. I hoped race 4 would be as much fun as race 3 and it certainly started that way, but then there was an unfortunate touch between 2 cars travelling at max speed down the straight which resulted in one of them hitting the wall very hard, with the driver sustaining significant injuries which ended the event on a rather sad note. I haven't named anybody here, but I can let you know that I spoke to the driver yesterday and he is on the mend and his car will be rebuilt - it is just going to take time.

Well that is all from me this month and all this uncertainty makes it difficult to plan events for the future, but as a club we will continue to do what we can whilst always remaining cautious about the safety of our members. I look forward to catching up with more of you soon.





MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

Venue: The Hills Club
Meeting commenced: 7.32pm

Present: Committee members: David Baigent, Graham Wells, Les Payne, Rod Pringle.
Members: Harley Pringle.

Apologies: Steve Rivett, Greg Holden, Leah Holden, Ross Reichardt.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Graham Wells circulated the minutes from the previous meeting. Moved accepted Les Payne, seconded Rod Pringle. Carried.

Business Arising:

David Baigent reported that the Defensive Driving Course notice went into Sprite Torque & we receive one nomination.

Treasurer's Report: Les Payne reported.

General Account:

Opening balance	\$33,466.00
Deposits Memberships	\$5070.00
Closing balance 31/5	\$36,536.00

Savings Account:

Opening balance	\$46,102.16
Interest	\$0.38
Closing balance 31/5	\$46,102.16

Business Transaction Account:

Opening balance	\$14,476.31
Deposits:	\$2,492.56
Payments: Bank fee	\$10.00
SS Track hire	\$4,507.80
SS Eldee timing	\$2,222.00
SS Fire services	\$2,000.00
Closing balance 31/5	\$8,229.07

Debit Account

Opening balance	\$2,192.12
Deposits	\$2,158.90
Payments: S.T. printing Apr	\$381.50
SS refund	\$171.50
SS refund	\$192.00
ST postage April	\$73.06
Beyond Blue	\$500.00
Closing balance 31/5	\$2,969.96

Total Cash in Bank **\$93,837.19**

Moved accepted David Baigent, seconded Rod Pringle. Carried.





MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

Secretary's Report: Graham Wells reported correspondence:

Incoming:

- CMC Shannons Day tickets & information, meeting notice.
- MA SpeedRead,
- ABCC meeting notice & membership renewal.
- Keith Smith proposal for Friday runs. Moved accepted David Baigent, seconded Graham Wells. Carried.
- Les Payne. Nomination for defensive driving course.
- Magazines/Brochures: Mascot, OTHR newsletter, The Preserve, Motorlife Museum

Coming Event:

Provisional events for 2021/22 are:

- Friday, June 18th. Drive to Bowral
- Sunday, July 4th Donald Healey Birthday cancelled due to covid.
- Friday, July 23rd. Christmas in July at Robinson Hotel.
- Sunday, August 15th Shannons Day
- Friday, Aug 20th Fish & Chips at Gerroa.
- Friday, Sept 24th Drive to Camden Valley Inn.
- Friday-Sunday, October 1-4th Grafton Week-end.
- Sunday, Oct 17th ABCC Display Day
- Friday, Oct 22nd Drive to Exeter
- Friday, Nov 12th Drive to Audley Weir
- Friday, Dec 10th Drive to Burrawang.
- Friday, Jan 21st Fish & Chips at Kiama
- Friday, Feb 25th TBA
- Friday, Mar 25th TBA

Rod Pringle reported only he & one other member went on the NMHD run to Berry.

David Baigent reported on an Email from a member suggesting we have another "other vehicles" event similar to Viva la Difference. All present agreed we plan it for November. David will contact the members mentioned in the email.

David Baigent reported that Rob Howes suggested that we run another Driver Training Day. All present agreed & David will discuss with Rob.

The Friday runs requested by Keith Smith will be incorporated into the calendar.

Motorsport Aust. & CMC:

MA: No meeting since last report.

CMC: No meeting since last report..

Membership: Ross Reichardt reported by Email.

Two new applications this month.

- Cedric lePage from Dee Why who has a 1978 Mini.
- Jason Baker & family Bella, Dylan, Leo & Kai from West Hoxton. Jason has a 1964 Sprite.

Moved accepted David Baigent, seconded Graham Wells. Carried.

Membership renewals are due,. Renewal form in Sprite Torque and on-line.





MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

Competition & CSCA: David Baigent reported.

- David gave a brief report on the Phillip Island historic meeting.
- HSRCA is next week-end with a number of members competing.
- Next CSCA is July 17th.

Regalia: No report

Sprite Torque:

- David Baigent reported Ellie desperately needs articles.
- Graham Wells will write a notice for Shannons Day.
- Rod Pringle is writing an article.

Web-site & Facebook:

Harley Pringle reported we have 620 Facebook members but activity was slow this month.

Sprite & Midget Nationals:

- Awaiting response from the other clubs; due month end.
- Les Payne will follow-up with Fairburn Park by next meeting.

Shannons Day: Graham Wells reported.

- He has the tickets & will put a notice in Sprite Torque re ticket allocation.
- We need a Midget for the concourse. Suggestions were Steve Rivett followed by Rob Howes. Graham will contact both.
- We need an article & photos on Mk1 Midget/Mk2 Sprite. Graham will contact Neil Scott as Marque Mentor.

Club Patron: The Club has been advised of the death of one of our Club Patrons, John Sprinzel. We need a Dale written for Sprite Torque , preferably by a member who knew him personally. A couple of names were proposed & Graham Wells & David Baigent will follow-up on them.

All British Day.

- Graham Wells advised he has sent in the membership renewal & our tickets are paid for or from last year.
- David Baigent suggested we give all members attending a special memento. After discussion a Polo shirt with suitable emblems was nominated David Baigent, seconded Graham Wells. Carried. Members will need to nominate sizes for themselves when they apply for tickets.
- We will have a BBQ & have the new gazebo for club promotion.

8th June, 2021



MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING

General Business:

- Les Payne advised he has contacted the Commonwealth bank re the \$10 /month charge on the Business account & the low interest on the Savings account. The charge is supposedly because we submit cheques over the counter. The bank agreed to drop the \$10 if we deposit via the ATM & the interest rate on term deposits is so low that it is not worth making any changes.
- Greg Holden requested funding assistance in building a Sprite based trailer for carrying the Club BBQ & equipment. Those present agreed to support the request in principle but more information needed on how it will work & the costing. David Baigent to discuss with Greg.
- David Baigent raised the subject of a social general meeting. After discussion, it was agreed to look at a BBQ late breakfast on a Sunday in September. Venue should be a park with easy car access. Suggestions were Parramatta Park (possible problem with light rail construction), a park near Fairfield and Fagans Park at Galston/Arcadia. David Baigent will check on Fagans Park with local council.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Next meeting July 13th, 2021 at 7.30 pm. The Meeting Room, The Hills Club, 2-6 Jenner St. Baulkham Hills.





SCCA Covid Safe Plan

This Covid-19 Safety Plan sets out requirements for members and visitors attending a club event while Covid-19 continues to infect our communities.

Wellbeing of members and visitors

- Members and visitors who are unwell must not attend any face-to-face club events.
- Attendees at face-to-face events are strongly recommended to wear a face mask.
- Attendees should have at least a small supply of hand sanitiser with them when attending an event.
- Do not allow others to sit in or touch your car unless you have means to disinfect or sanitise touched surfaces.
- Avoid touching things as far as is practicable.

Physical distancing

- Attendees must book their place before attending a face-to-face event.
- Where reasonably practical, maintain 1.5 metres physical distancing even if wearing a face mask.
- When indoors observe the four sqm per person rule.

Hygiene and cleaning

- Attendees should adopt good hand hygiene practices.
- The club prefers that any purchases or other payments be made by contactless payment options (credit card).
- Attendees should use hand sanitiser before and after handling objects. Detergent or disinfectant wipes will be available to wipe objects regularly.

Record keeping

- Attendees must provide their name and a mobile number or email address. For family groups, one contact is sufficient to support contact tracing.

Call the National Coronavirus Health Information Line for information about COVID-19 on [1800 020 080](tel:1800020080).



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates:

Event Details:

- July 4th** Donald Healey Birthday CANCELLED DUE TO COVID
- July 23rd** Friday Drive - Christmas in July at The Robertson Hotel
This 3-course lunch must be pre-paid (\$50pp) by 30th June in order to attend.
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 10.15am or
Meet at Robertson (main street opposite the park - 11.30am)
Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend and to arrange payment.
- Aug 15th** Shannons Day
- Aug 20th** Drive down south - Fish and Chips at the Boat Fishos - Gerroa
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 10.15am.
Meet at 11.15am - Kevin Walsh Oval, Jamberoo - depart 11.30am.
The restaurant will be booked so please let us know if you are coming. Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200
- Sept 24th** Friday drive - visit Camden Valley Inn for lunch
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 10.15am.
Meet at 11.15am - McDonalds in Picton - depart 11.30am.
The restaurant will be booked so please let us know if you are coming. Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200
- Oct 1-4th** Grafton Week-end
- Oct 17th** All British Day
- Oct 22nd** Friday drive to Exeter - lunch at Exeter General Store
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 10.00am or
Meet at Robertson (main street opposite the park - 11.30am)
The restaurant will be booked so please let us know if you are coming. Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Dates:

Event Details:

Nov 12th

Friday drive to have a picnic at Audley Weir
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 11.00am
This drive takes us north along the coast line over the famous Sea Cliff Bridge and through the Royal National Park.
Bring a picnic lunch and chairs. Take away food is also available at the cafe.
Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.
You will need to pay for park entry (or have a pass in your car) - \$12 from the Visitors Centre at Audley or pensioners can get a free annual pass from there.

Dec 10th

Friday drive to Burrawang - lunch at Burrawang General Store
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 10.15am or
Meet at Robertson (main street opposite the park - 11.30am)
The restaurant will be booked so please let us know if you are coming.
Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.

Jan 22nd

Drive down south - Fish and Chips at Kiama (by popular demand)
Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli - depart 10.15am.
Meet at 11.15am - Kevin Walsh Oval, Jamberoo - depart 11.30am.
Please bring your chairs.
Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.





ESCA Supersprint Series 2021

Date:	Circuit:	Host Club:
Saturday 17th July	Pheasant Wood	MG Car Club Newcastle
Saturday 14th August	SMP Gardner	Morgan Owners Club of Australia
Saturday 18th September	Wakefield Park	Triumph Sports Owners Assoc
Sunday 31st October	SMP North	Jaguar Drivers Club of Australia



HSRCA Series 2021

Date:	Event:	Circuit:
12 - 13th June	Sydney Classic	SMP
28 - 29th August	Spring Festival	Wakefield Park
27 - 28th November	Summer Festival	SMP





SHANNONS DAY

Sydney Motorsports Park Sunday 15th August

This year because of Covid there may be few changes from previous years. How SMSP is going to handle Covid registrations has not yet been advised but I expect there could be delays in getting entry.

This year is the 60th anniversary of the launch of the MG Midget & the Mk.2 Sprite. CMC will do a feature in the catalogue & we hope to get some cars into the pit-lane display.

Concourse: We plan to have a Midget in the main concourse.

Pit-lane: We hope to have some cars in the pit-lane display. These will be selected Midgets and Mk2 Sprites. More information will be published closer to the day.

Other Cars: We have 20 spaces in Area B. Area B is also known as the skid-pan.

Track Tour Schedule: Track tours will be run but the schedule will be released closer to the date.

Medallions etc: Each entrant will get a goody bag on entry.

Tickets: An entry ticket will cover driver & passenger. Contact me by Email, secretary @spriteclub.com or by phone 96541344 to reserve your ticket. Preference will be given to members exhibiting a Sprite or Midget.

I will distribute tickets in advance to anyone I see at meetings otherwise meet at the Prospect Hotel at 7.45 am on the day for ticket collection and an 8.00 am drive to SMSP.

Graham Wells



Dale John Sprinzel



Our Club patron, John Sprinzel, passed away in May this year aged 90. We were honoured to have his name alongside our Club as he was the epitome of a Spriter. A racer, a rallyier and all-round nice guy. John was one of the best known racing and rally drivers of his time. He won the British Rally Championship and a class win at the Sebring 12 hour driving an Austin Healey Sprite. John's link to Australia came during the London Sydney Rally, where he and navigator Roy Fidler, were leading the privateers class (and in the top 12 outright) when a stub axle broke on their Sprite just outside of Sydney.



John started his own business building Sebring Sprites with great success. He also sold road cars. One of which lives in Sydney and is owned by Chris Dimmock - The Black and White Healey.

After competing John Sprinzel combined a successful career as a freelance journalist on motoring. He also wrote 4 books Spritely Years (Race and Rally Memories), Sleepless Knights and The MG Midget AH Sprite High Performance Manual and Lucky John.

John visited our Club in 2000 and presented our Annual Awards. Our son Scott was the winner of the Juniors trophy that year.



Dale John Sprinzel



My involvement with Sprites has taken me far and wide. I was lucky enough to catch up with John again in San Diego at the Austin Healey Clubs of America Conclave in 2008, celebrating 50 years of the Sprite. John was most gracious and still had that Spritely twinkle in his eyes.



Thank you John for being a part of the Spriting world.

Wendy Gibbs





Sprite Car Club Membership

It's that time of year again - your membership of the Sprite Car Club of Australia is due for renewal.

You should have received an email with a link that you can use to renew your membership online. The link is unique to you and will only work with your surname and membership number.

If you would prefer to renew via a traditional form, you can use the membership form that has come with the magazine.

No matter which way you renew your membership, you will need to pay your membership fees before I will issue a new membership card. At this time of the year, membership renewal gets hectic, so please put your member number and surname on the direct deposit, so that I can correlate your payment with your renewal. If you don't identify your payment to the club, then I won't process your membership quickly.

Owing to the COVID-19 situation, this year I prefer payments to be made by direct deposit to the club's bank account.

Memberships need to be renewed and paid for by the last day of June, otherwise your membership will be non financial. Please note that this is very important if you have conditional registration (either HCR or CVS), because you MUST be a financial member of the club for your registration to be valid. If you aren't a financial member, then your car is not registered.

If you have any problems or questions about this, please let me know by emailing me at membership@spriteclub.com.

All the best,
Ross.





IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS WITH CARS ON CONDITIONAL REGISTRATION - PLEASE CHECK

I recently renewed Conditional Registration for my BMW Isetta, Heinkel Kabine & Fiat Topolino. On the Certificates & Registration papers for both the Isetta & Heinkel I belatedly noticed a THIRD condition (G02), in addition to the two 'normal' conditions (G094) and (OL3).

As those with Conditional Registration should know, G094 refers to use in conjunction with an authorised club event or maintenance, and OL3 states that the registered operator must be a member of an authorised motoring club.

The erroneous condition, G02 states that the vehicle requires a 'pilot vehicle' for any usage. This is obviously intended for heavy, oversized vehicles, and clearly not for our vehicles.

While the staff at Service NSW (Hornsby) were courteous in acknowledging the error, they had considerable difficulty in removing it from their computer system. Indeed, despite their efforts, G02 kept perpetuating itself on both the Certificate & Registration papers. Eventually, by some arcane means, they managed to remove it from both documents.

All members with their vehicles on Conditional Registration might do well to check that their documents do not contain this inappropriate condition, which could inadvertently cause complications if read or interpreted without full knowledge. The system error seems to have nothing to do with the 'logbook scheme.'

Graham Sims



Meet The Club Cars & Owners!

The Sprite Car Club has 380 members, almost all have a special car. Would everyone like to send in a photo and a paragraph about their car to put in SpriteTorque.

Please email this information to: editor@spriteclub.com

Thank you Les Payne for the idea.

This Month let's meet: Callum Jone's Car

I'd wanted a sprite since I saw one in a unique cars magazine as a kid in the 90s. I was worried that I would be too tall to fit in one, so a couple years ago I put an ad on gumtree asking if someone had one I could sit in, and maybe take me for a ride around the block. A guy in Brisbane reached out and I drove up to see his, green mk3 with Weber carby, 5 speed celica box and sweet exhaust. (I think his name was Paul)

To my surprise he even let me drive it which was totally unexpected but confirmed I had to get one. (I wish I could find his contact details to tell him I finally got my own)

I bought this mk2a sprite in October 2019 from a lovely bloke named Colin south of Coffs Harbour. I believe he bought it on a whim at auction from Western Australia and had it shipped over to east coast. Unfortunately he could no longer drive a manual so he had to sell.

The car looked stunning and had all the things I wanted, mota-Lita steering wheel, wire wheels, luggage rack, spotlights and was red.

Unfortunately like all classic cars it had some issues I wasn't aware with, which was a little stressful, but looks like my mechanic has sorted them all out now.

Was it worth it? Absolutely!





Meet The Club Cars & Owners!

This Month let's meet: Allan Bryson's Car

1957 AUSTIN A 35.

Purchased October 2020 as a re-restoration project, as advertised in October 2020 Sprite Torque.

The A35 had been restored to a reasonable standard possibly two or three years ago and had changed hands a couple of times after restoration. The previous owner thought he would turn the car into a replica of one of the British A35 Academy cars so he completely dismantled the car to a million pieces, even to removing the grease nipples from the suspension components, he must have then realised the cost involved to complete this task or just lost interest and put the car up for sale at a large financial cost to him.

After retrieving the car from "C Dodds" establishment, two SUV,s plus trailers and thirty boxes of associated parts and hauling them back home to Taree I can't describe the excitement on my wife's face when she clapped her eyes on my most valuable purchase.

Like any project you take on from someone else you find a few parts missing and many parts not properly restored, the external and interior was well done but the engine bay and underside left a lot to be desired. So with a certain amount of checking, cleaning and painting the jigsaw puzzle is now complete with only two parts left over, a small shaped part of body metal with a bit of hair felt attached and U shaped spring clip with pig tails on the end of the legs, I couldn't find a home for them anywhere, perhaps they didn't belong to this car at all? The A35 is now on Club registration and thanks to Colin the A35 makes a nice addition to my collection of "Old Buckets of Bolts."

NB. My first outing with the A35 was the Sunday of the Queens Birthday long weekend attending the NISSAN Great Lakes Motorfest, there was in excess of two hundred cars plus bikes on display and the Pommy cars were well represented so I was quite "chuffed" when I received the trophy for the "Best British Car".





Team Sprite Beyond Bitumen 2021

Muswellbrook to Forster 2021

On Thursday night we all meet @ the Eaton's Hotel, Muswellbrook to register for the Rally, collect our navigation book for the next 4 days. After having dinner with some old friends, Harley & I went back to our hotel room and looked over the navigation book.

Day 1: On day one we meet @ the Mangoola Coal Mine, Castle Rock where we had breakfast which was provided by the Muswellbrook PCYC. We were welcomed by Peter Fehon, the Event Director, then the Event Chaplain blessed all the cars. Than @ 7.50 the cars started getting inspected so we could start departing by 8.00am.

The morning run was from Mangoola to Ellerston plenty of causeways, grids & washouts, Harley got his first experience driving on outback roads, dirt, dust & potholes big enough to hid small cars.



We had lunch @ the Ellerston Public School, lunch was provided by the school, and also some of the children also sang several songs for us including Waltzing Matilda.

In the afternoon run we went from the Ellerston property through to Tamworth.

This was a hard afternoon on the cars, there were 20 creek crossings, even the bigger 4 wheel drives were having problems getting through. We grounded our car more times than we could count. The belly plates I put under the car were had heaps of dints and were bent out of place, I think I need to get heavier plates made for the next run in 2022. Also pushed the bull bar back on one of the crossings, if you have seen the bull bar on Harley's car it is pretty heavy, good thing when we got back, I got under the car undid all of the bolts and pulled it back. There were plenty of gates to open & close as we were going through private property, heaps of cattle & sheep, @ I stage we had to stop for cattle being herded and there was another lot of cattle on the road as we were trying to get through, the property owner had to overtake us by horse so he could direct the cattle, through to the right paddock. We than headed through to Tamworth after going past Sheba Dam, we also went past Chaffey Dam.





Team Sprite Beyond Bitumen 2021

Day 2: In Tamworth we had breakfast @ The Longyard Hotel which was provided by the Rotary Club of Tamworth 1st light, plenty of bacon & egg rolls or sausages. After leaving the pub we headed of on the morning run from Tamworth to Barraba, the roads were a lot easier today still plenty of dust but no creek crossings.

We stopped @ Barraba, had a photo shoot @ the Painted Silo's than went on to have lunch @ the race course provided by the Lions Club of Barraba.



After lunch we headed of, to Armadale, went past an old abandoned asbestos mine, through a lot of country. When we got near Armadale our check in was @ the Great Hops Brewing Co, where I tried a sampler tray, they had a fire truck for the tap beer. The fire truck would make a really good behind your bar in your man cave.



Day 3: On day 3 we had breakfast @ Curtis Park Armadale with breakfast supplied by the Backtrack Boys with their motto "Keeping Kids Alive, Out of Jail, & Chasing their Hope's & Dreams" After departing we have a about a 4 hour drive to Kempsey where we have lunch @ the Golf Club, who put on some Bagpipe Band on for us.

After lunch we headed off to Port Macquarie, where most of the dirt roads were going up & down the mountain. Some off these roads had been washed away because of the bad weather that had gone through earlier in the year. They were doing road works on the roads to restore them to their former glory. After this we headed into Port Macquarie, for the Awards Dinner & Auction Night.





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In the Morning on day 5 we had breakfast @ the Sails Resort, than we headed off to Harrington, than inland to Wingham, than off to Forster where the SES escorted us into town, where we finished @ the Beach. This is the first Rally that has ended @ the Beach.

This is the first time Harley & I have done anything like this, it has been a great adventure & have thoroughly enjoyed the experience. We have raised over \$300,000 for this event, Team Sprite raised \$1075 this year, & we would like to thank the Sprite Club for their \$500 donation. You can still donate just go to Beyond Bitumen 2021, go to donate, and click onto Team Sprite @ donate.



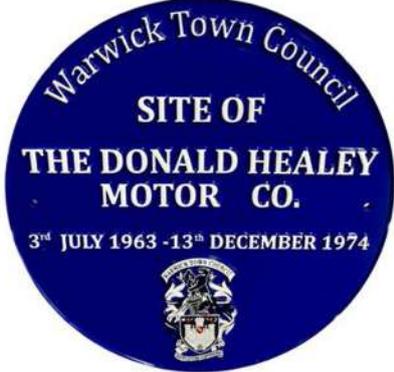
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