

Wellington Weekend

2-4 March 2018

Our group met up at Wellington Caves Resort on Friday 2 March in the afternoon, having come from the Mid North Coast, Sydney and, of course, the Central West regions. After settling in, we enjoyed a BBQ dinner. John Ballard welcomed us all and gave us detailed arrangements for the rest of the weekend and distributed the two quizzes for the visit.

On the Saturday morning we gathered in our usual spot in Wellington, before heading around the corner to join the other vehicles ready for the street parade. We had 10 Morrisies in the parade and received special mention over the PA system. It was good to have new members, Michael and Cheryn Johnson from Molong, join us for the weekend in their modified green ute (see back page).

We then all headed up the Mitchell Highway to Dubbo to the Red Earth Estate winery for a light lunch and wine tasting, before heading a short distance back to the Western Plains Zoo for a coffee or ice cream. We struggled through the heat and found some of the answers for the quizzes in these locations.

That night found us back in Wellington for dinner at the Lion of Waterloo Tavern, built in 1841 and licensed since 1842. An historic spot - but so were our dinners, with about 2 hours between the first person being served and the last. It was a good night anyway, with a lot of fun going through the answers to John's quiz.

On Sunday it was out to the Showground for the Vintage Fair and Swap Meet, only



Terry Cullen's 1000 - part of 'Best Club Display', Wellington

to find the marshals had erred and had not given us our allocated spot. Undeterred, we made the most of the situation, erecting our gazebos between the 2 rows of Morrisies – 11 in all, plus Tony Taylor's Major. It became extremely hot so most of us stayed in the shade under the gazebos for much of the day. As usual, many folk came up to look at, and talk with us about our cars.

The trophy presentations were made a little earlier than normal, with our club again winning the trophy for Best Club Display - this is the 6th time we have taken out this trophy. A reporter for the local newspapers came and interviewed John and Graeme, and took a group photo with John holding the trophy. The photo appeared in the local Coonamble paper later that week, and the Wellington Times did an article which mentioned us winning for the 6th time.

The heat dictated an early pack-up, with some people heading home that afternoon, while others stayed another night and returned on the Monday. Thank you John and Sue for another wonderful weekend away.

Les Whale

Wellington Vintage Fair



Village atmosphere



President Graeme Gould with John Ballard (Central West) and the 'Best Club Display' trophy.







Street parade, Wellington