

Wollongong / Illawarra

Our re-scheduled BBQ at Kanahooka went off well, even if only with a reduced attendance. It was a very hot day and we finished early so that people could go for a swim.

April was a *big* success. The Seniors' Concert at the Entertainment Centre was even better than we have come to expect. We made use of (nearly) all the tickets we were allocated and those who attended had a great time. The following Sunday was our Sydney Harbour Cruise.

As I type, we have just arrived home from the WOI (Wings Over Illawarra) Air Show. This has become one of the best in the country and 2018 was the best yet. I have a report elsewhere in this magazine but as there were several others there I am sure you can read many versions of it. As for myself, I did a wheel bearing in the Chev on Saturday so the Morris had to come to the rescue on Sunday.

We have made a slight adjustment to our Anniversary Run this year. Instead of going to Kangaroo Valley to re-enact the Club's very first outing, we are going to Berry for a Heritage Car Show.

Coming up we are planning on attending the Gosford Car Museum run on 17 June and are looking for a bus to rent. We have also planned our 'Christmas In July' luncheon for 22 July at the AGA Club Germania. German food isn't to everyone's taste - but it is something different to discover.

Of interest is that, at Ray Selby's suggestion, we ordered some window stickers. These have arrived and are available at \$1.50 ea.

Well, that's about it for this issue. Until next time, may all your problems only be Minor ones.

Cheers, Ray Davies

Sydney Harbour Cruise

To (almost) quote the TV series, *Eighteen of us set sail that day for a two hour cruise*. Fortunately, the Skipper's name was Bruce and none of the crew was named Gilligan. We had the morning cruise booked so decided on the 6.30am train from Wollongong.

At Pier 6 Captain Cook himself directed us to our boarding gate. The only vessel in sight was the *Explorer of the Seas* and I, at least, was convinced that this was our boat! It was probably a good thing that our Captain Cook Cruise boat arrived about then...

The cruise itself went along the southern side of the harbour, across The Heads, past Manly and into Middle Harbour, returning via the northern side of

Explorer of the Seas - not our cruise ship...



the harbour, then proceeding under The Bridge before sailing back to Pier 6. The view was excellent. The commentary included interesting details of everything that we passed - and presented in a most delightful way. Even though it was April there were people swimming at every beach - even the nudist beaches (unfortunately no-one thought to bring binoculars). One of the passengers was celebrating his 81st birthday and another got down on his knee and proposed to his girlfriend. She must have said "yes" as they received an extra glass of champagne.

By Ray Davies