

Australia Day Pt I

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Australia Day at Berrima was hot, very hot, extremely hot! Spectator numbers were understandably down but this didn't deter anyone there from having a good time. Stall numbers were also down and, lo and behold, no bush band - for the first time in the ten years that I have been going to Berrima.

A BBQ breakfast was had for members and guests which consisted of sausages, egg and bacon on bread. Tea



Morries! There were twenty Morris Minors in the street parade which must have been great to see from the side of the road - but it was great to see from inside the cars, too.

At the end of another successful function a few of us went to the local pub for a couple of refreshing ales. By crikey they went down well. As I hopped into my Morrie to head for home it started to rain. Not much came of it but it did cool the place down by a few degrees.

Finally - a big thank you to Ray Selby, you are amazing with your organising, and to your band of happy helpers, too. See you next year!

Regards
Mark Sullivan

Mark Sullivan and his Morrie



and coffee was also supplied. A sausage sizzle plus onion was on the menu for lunch. Thumbs up to the chefs for their exemplary cooking.

The parade... It was a hot day, the crowds were down - but the parade was fantastic! There was a long wait 'up the top' before it all began but when it did, it flowed better than last year, slowly, gradually downhill, with a l-o-n-g line of



Jim Bowen's hot Low Light - it's on the cover, too!



Suzanne Sullivan (above) and Fay Cullen enjoy the parade

Australia Day Pt II

By:- Ray Davies

On the morning of 26 January, four Wollongong Morrisies assembled at the church in Albion Park at the appointed time of 8am - we were Bryan, John, Peter and myself. Jim was also there but as a passenger with John, as his new van wasn't finished. There were also Pat & Rose and friend - but they were in their moderns. Darren turned up later.

We cruised on up to Berrima in convoy and arrived about 9:15 - just as the bacon, eggs & sausage sandwiches were

ready - a *most* appreciated effort put on by the Tablelands group. They also had several gazebos erected for us to put our chairs under. This, too, was greatly appreciated as the day could be described in one word - *hot*.

When I recovered I did a trip around the Country Fair but, because of the heat, there weren't many patrons for the stalls to sell to. There was, however, some very nice home-made ice cream that I found.

About 11:30 Ray Selby herded us all to the assembly point in the park for the noon parade down the main street. I don't know whether the horses

leading the parade were feeling the heat but we moved at an extremely slow pace - and when a Morrie driver says it's slow then it really is slow! There were some twenty Morrisies there altogether so we made quite a showing.

About 2:00pm people were departing and tents were coming down so I also left to get home about 3 o'clock. I hadn't taken any photos but others did so I am sure they will appear somewhere. This is certainly an excellent way to spend Australia Day and I will be there again next year!





Les Whale's car was the source of much attention



PS Matthew Grill's photos are brilliant. For more (including your car?) go to...

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