

The Wollongong/Illawarra Report

The Wollongong/Illawarra people have been busy over the last couple of months. All British Day was a great success - particularly for Jim who won big time! Our efforts at Bare-Foot Bowling were only slightly marred by 'liquid sunshine' and it is a pity that a couple of people put their names down and didn't turn up. Had we known in time we could have cancelled some of the food but as it was we had to pay for fourteen people.

Despite living in The Gong most of my life, I had never been to Hill 60. It turned out to be an interesting and enjoyable day. Later Jim represented our Club at the Jamberoo Car Show. It's a pity it is on ChromeFest weekend as I would like to go to both.

The most significant event, however, was the passing of Peter McGibbon. He had been fighting illness for several years - and you only have to lose one of those sorts of battles! There was a celebration of his life at the MotorLife Museum on November 17 where all of the Clubs he was involved with attended. It was a poignant celebration of everything that was good about Peter's time with us.

Also coming up is our Christmas lunch at Gerroa, followed by the NSW lunch and AGM at Mt Lewis. I cannot emphasise enough how good the Kiama Car Show is - even the year it rained we had fun. We traditionally have a rather unique Barbeque-on-the-Beach on Christmas morning. I have never made it but those who have keep returning so it must be pretty good.

Next year we have the usual Australia Day festivities followed by the Seniors' Concert in February. You'll have to contact Ray Selby about the Australia Day details and Wendy for the (free) Seniors' Concert tickets.

On a personal note, if someone took home a light blue picnic chair from the All British Day, then I have and even better quality dark blue one that I can swap back.

Well, that's all there is for now. Until next time, Merry Christmas and may all your problems be Minor ones.

Ray Davies

Wollongong / Illawarra - Coming Events

December 2019

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| Sunday 1 | Xmas lunch @ Gerroa
Fisherman's Club@
noonish |
| Tuesday 3 | Regular Regional Meeting
and Election of Officers |
| Sunday 8 | NSW Xmas lunch & AGM @
Mt Lewis Bowling Club |
| Wednesday 25 | Breakfast on the Beach |

January 2020

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| Tuesday 7 | Regular Regional meeting |
| Sunday 26 | Australia Day, Berrima |

February 2020

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| Tuesday 4 | Regular Regional Meeting |
| Thursday 13 | Seniors' Concert (Sydney)
@ 11:15am |

March 2020

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| Tuesday 3 | Regular Regional Meeting |
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Vale Peter McGibbon

17-12-1950 to 20-10-2019

Peter McGibbon has been a long standing and a hard working Member of our Club. He was a founding Member of the Wollongong Morris Minor Club and was instrumental in the merging of it with the NSW Club. He served both Clubs in the positions of President and Co-ordinator for many years. Peter and Ros are life members of the Morris Minor Car Club of NSW.



Peter was also a Member of several other clubs and, being Peter, he couldn't be an 'ordinary' member. He had to take an active role in all of them.

Peter had been fighting a series of ailments for several years, most as a result of the chemotherapy which cured his cancer. Despite being in more than a bit of discomfort he continued to be active - all be it at a reduced rate.

People of Peter's capability are hard to replace and will be sorely missed for as long as anyone who knew him remains.



Ray Davies



Peter with Ros (above left) from 2011 at Nowra Wildlife Park and (above right) 2007 in Mildura on the way to the Perth nationals.