

Outings Reports

With very little activity possible still, here is another look back at our events 10 years ago . . . From Les Whale

Kempsey Long Weekend June 12-14, 2010

Well, what a great weekend and the weather was kind to us, what rain there was did not impede our activities. Over the weekend, at one stage or another, we had a total of 14 Morris Minors, a 1200 Datto ute and two moderns.



I must thank Rhonda for all the effort she put into organising, then cooking the food, and over-working the dish washer. I think she did a fantastic job. Thanks also go to Graeme Smith & Hilton McLeod for opening up the Kempsey Aero Club for our enjoyment, with scenic flights on Saturday morning, and to Glen & Lesley Baker for the very informative afternoon at the Kempsey Clay Pigeon Club - some more practice required for most of us! We also thank Kevin & Glenda Wilson for allowing us to use the BBQ facilities in the grounds of Yarrahapinni Homestead - a great place to have a good B&B Stopover.

Then last but not least, thanks to all of the Club members who came for the weekend or shared just part of it with us. It was good to catch up with you all.



Club attendees over the weekend were: Brian & Deb Condon, Les & Wendy Whale, Steve & Carol Wilson, Jeff Sinclair, Wilf & Margaret Slater, Graeme & Sue Gould, Martin Chapman, Glen & Elaine Brown, Jumbo & Eileen Kerr, Kevin & Shirley Rogerson, Max Spurway, Vic Davis, George Perdrisat, Glen & Lesley Baker, Gary & Helen Fowler and Colin & Rhonda. Apologies were received from: Bob & Janet Brannon, John & Judith Pullinger, Noel Perdrisat, Molly Spurway, Bob & Lin Saltwell, Stuart & Robin Maytom, Greg Howard and Bob Gilliland. Hopefully I have not forgotten anyone.





At Kempsey Clay Pigeon Shooting Club, waiting our turn (above) and (below) Colin shows the way to do it



There were lots of stories to tell and hopefully other people will provide more details of their individual tales. Yes, the workshop was overworked, hints of a service day with the odd urgent repair. Steve's car now starts more easily, thanks to Wilf. Also thanks to Brian, as Jeff now has a working handbrake. After losing an argument with a rough service station driveway, Les' car now has a sump that holds oil again, thanks once more to Brian, ably assisted by lots of people.

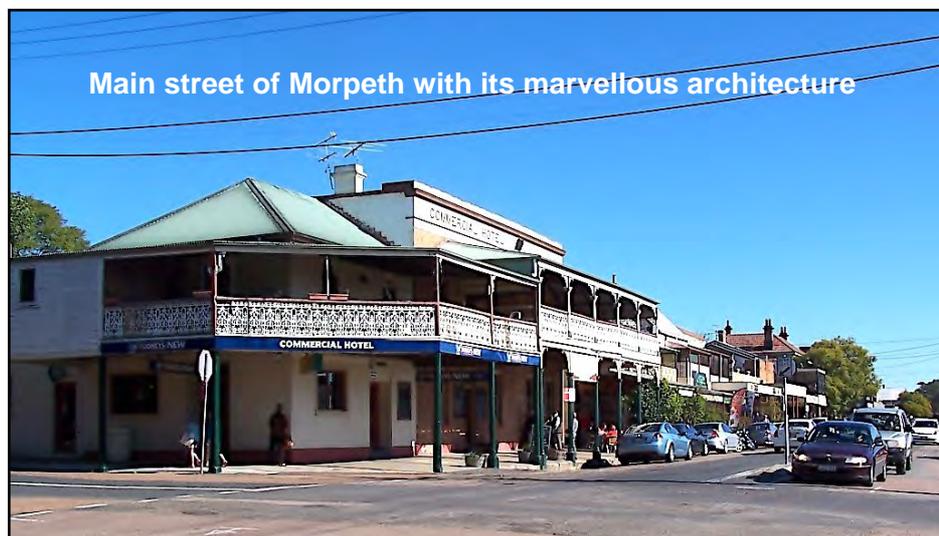
The Sunday run with the Kempsey Macleay Car Club gave us an opportunity to see some different cars. We made an interesting convoy travelling up the highway. To those members who followed my wayward route through Scotts Head, Rhonda's parents enjoyed seeing your cars drive past their home.

On the Monday we did a trial run of the 2011 National Rally's Sunday route, ending up at the Bago Hotel in Wauchope for a very nice lunch. Some people left for home directly from there whilst others remained and spent an extra night at Kempsey with us. I gather everybody had an event-free trip home, which is pleasing to hear. We enjoyed your company and we look forward to seeing you all again.

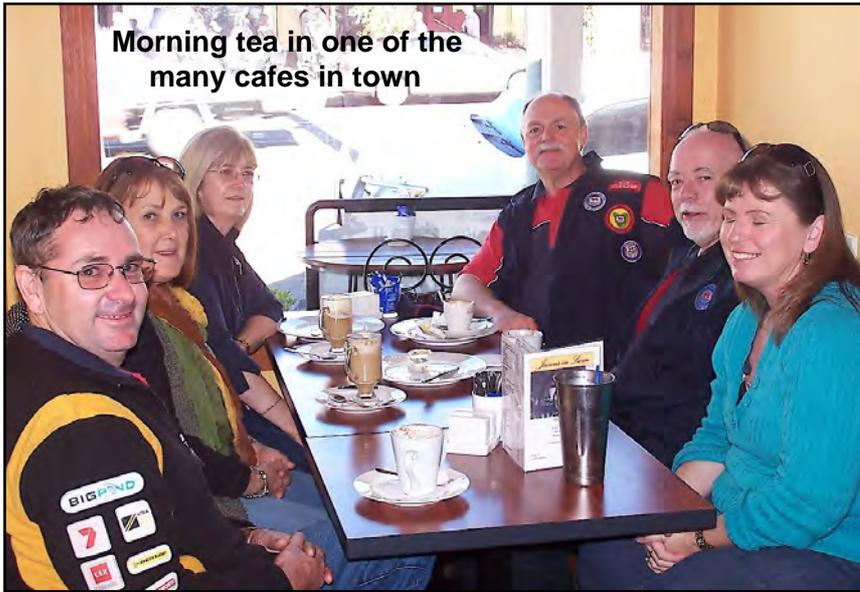
Colin Trusler

Morpeth 18 July 2010

Morpeth is situated on the Hunter River, four miles off the New England Highway, near Maitland, which is 31 kms north east of Newcastle. The town in its heyday was a major river port for



Main street of Morpeth with its marvellous architecture



Morning tea in one of the many cafes in town

the region. By the 1830s, it had up to 18 inns, which provided rooms for travellers and refreshments for bullocks and sailors. Businesses flourished with law, order and government being provided by the Courthouse, Post & Telegraph Office and the Police Station.

Our day there was thoroughly enjoyable and was enhanced by an excellent attendance considering the distance travelled, with assistance provided by the Morrie gods who presented us with a warm cloudless day with virtually no wind. The trip started at McDonald's Thornleigh with Bob and Graeme meeting up with David & Kerry Edwards in their modern van, Ian & Denise Hatton in their recently purchased 1968 Mustang (which was on its initial run after an engine rebuild), George Antonijevic and his Mum Olga in the Ka, Eric Stringer with his mate Paul. We were able to give a big welcome to Malcolm Wood, who was giving his great looking

utility a debut run. On the run up the highway, we picked up Clive Robertson driving his LC Torana GTR, plus Steve & Carol Wilson.

On arrival at Morpeth, we were pleasantly surprised to find Jumbo & Eileen, along with Wilf & Margaret Slater, all from Wingham. We were joined later in the morning by Scott and his shadow, along with Theo & Heather Godschalk from Singleton, making 9 Morries, 4 moderns and 22 attendees.

The day was spent looking around the historic township and sitting in the riverside park chatting with old and new friends, just enjoying each other's company and the great weather. Naturally, all the 'new' cars were given the once over and minor rectifications carried out where required. As the afternoon wore on, it was all aboard for the drive home as we headed off in various directions. For those of you who couldn't make it for one reason or another, we who attended feel deeply for you as it was another excellent day out.

Bob Gilliland



Down by the river, enjoying good company and light conversation