

From The Central West

As the effects of COVID-19 on the Club's outings continue, there is very little to report. The only plus of being at home so much is that many small jobs are being done - and not only on the cars.

Events: We had a run last Sunday 26 July for Morning tea at Cudal. This gave us time to catch up and still be able to maintain social distancing; the report is below. Another chance to catch up will be a bit later with the Parkes Show & Shine on 17th October 2020, which is run by two local clubs and incorporates a swap meet. More on that later.

Cars & Coffee Dubbo: this will be back on depending on the COVID-19 regulations as to social distancing; I am constantly monitoring the future of this event, hopefully September...

Members Cars: No doubt work has been going on but unfortunately I have very little to report.

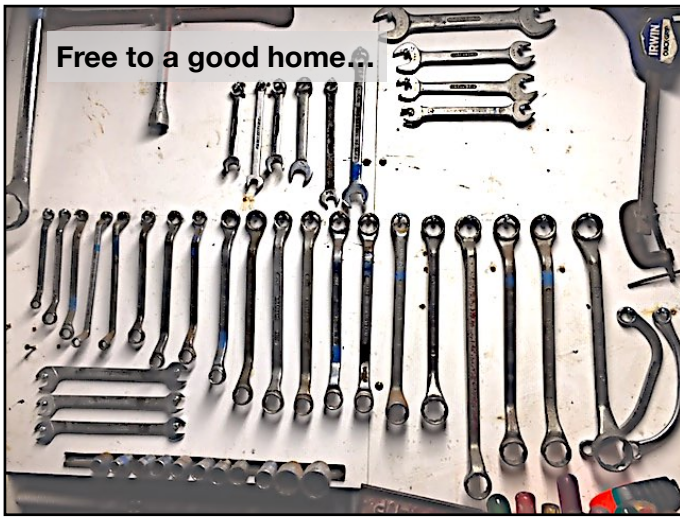
John Ballard, Dubbo My own ute is now registered and on the road. It seems to drive OK and the only problem to date is rust coming through the fuel line from the tank. I am hoping it will eventually stop; if not, I will remove the tank, clean it again



John and Sue's eldest granddaughter, Kylah, likes - and wants - the Ute!



Central West Region members enjoy their coronavirus breakout get-together at The Platypus Cafe, Cudal



and coat inside with a paint product like POR-15 tank sealer. Meanwhile, I carry two small glass filters which I change and clean.

My eldest granddaughter, just 16, has been very impressed with the Ute. Her latest comments were "Pop, when you are too old to drive, can I have it?" Just short of "leave it to me in your will"...

Another interesting thing was a call from my son in Wollongong, asking if I could use some Whitworth spanners. An accomplice at his work received them in a deceased estate. My reply text immediately was "Does a one-legged duck swim in circles?" They included a set of 8 sockets, 8 ring spanners, 6 double open end spanners and 6 unusual bent spanners - now hanging on my shadow board.

I received the sad news of the loss of Barrie Mann, a past member who has been battling health problems for awhile. Barrie & Joyce often attended events in the their black Minor 1000 but he was better known



240km run to Cudal; first time on the road in 25 years, to The Platypus Cafe for our first post-coronavirus regional meeting.

in Parkes for his three restored Mustangs. Sue & I will attend his funeral on behalf on the Club.

Stay safe,
John Ballard
Central West

Run to Cudal

Good run to Cudal for coffee. Nine members attended; unfortunately, my car was the only Morris because of rain and mechanical problems. It was a great two hours out, having morning tea, catching up and sorting Minor problems. It was the first run in 25 years for my Ute - and now a slight wiper problem to sort out...

Thanks all,
John



John and Sue's granddaughter Emily (in black) with her friend Flo enjoying the Ute.

