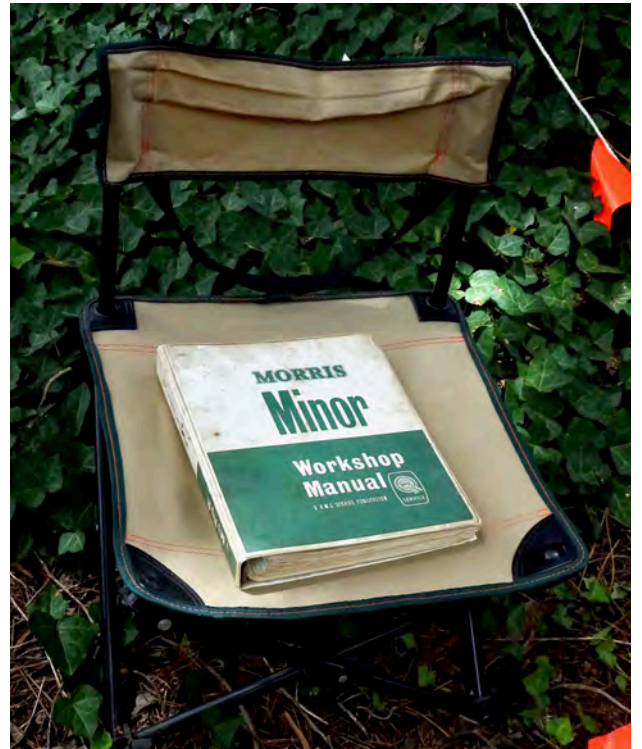


Australia Day, Berrima 26 Jan

Australia Day at Berrima - cancelled; COVID-19 strikes again. Can you imagine Ray Selby and his loyal band of Southern Tablelands members taking that lying down? Never. The day went ahead, the 'parade' went ahead, the picnic, gathering, BBQ - all went ahead and all legally.

A crowd of nearly 50 from the Tablelands, Wollongong/Illawarra and Sydney regions turned up for a thoroughly enjoyable time, celebrating not only Australia Day but also the club's regular season opener, the time we dust off our cars for another year of enjoyment.

Ray did his homework well. He visited the site, checked where would be the shadiest and coolest location (you know how hot Australia Day can get), and with Bill Van Diemen's help, even roped off the chosen location in the dead of night on 25th, then they arrived with the sparrows on 26th to make sure no-one else nabbed the spot.



Bill and Fred's expertise was appreciated by all

The BBQ was warmed up for a late breakfast/early lunch feast (sausage sandwiches with the lot). Everyone did their bit to maintain correct social distancing. One person even brought some interesting reading material.







Above and below: Club trailer newly refurbished by Stuart Treuer

Typical of the Southern Tablelands region, everyone received a ticket for a lucky door prize - and everyone won a prize! With nine Morris there, it would have been a shame not to have our regular drive (certainly not a parade) through Berrima. The drivers saddled up and met up outside the school at the top end of the town, then the parade drive through the town. Much to the delight of locals and visitors alike, arms waved and horns tooted as the cars drove through Berrima. Mark Sullivan even made a video of it; have a look at...

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All up it was a thoroughly enjoyable day, and a great way to start the year - and start catching up on the outings and fun we missed out on last year.

Thanks especially to Ray Selby and his band of merry helpers; fantastic organisation, well done. Can we have that same spot next year?

Owen Sinden

Photos: Bill Van Diemen, Les Whale, Owen Sinden





Above: ready for the 'parade'



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