

Cataract Dam Mk II - Nov 1



No last-minute cancellations this time - but the weather caused some to stay at home, with a not-so-pleasant day weather-wise meaning only the true believers attended. Cataract Dam really is a delightful venue, with excellent facilities and even more than enough space for lots of Morries, enough space to even hold our annual Show-and-Shine.



Marion feeds the locals

Greeting us on arrival (well, on the arrival and opening of packets of biscuits) were our new feathered friends - in both colour (Crimson Rosellas) and black & white

(Magpies). These birds were very tame, especially the younger ones. Of course, when the biscuits were finished, they were off.

One wag called us the G6, or Group of 6, and for obvious reasons: Martin and Marion Chapman were there, along with fellow Sydney motorist John Bowmer. Ros McGibbon and her sister Kaye represented the Wollongong/Illawarra region, while yours truly was there on behalf of the Southern Tablelands - surely this is the smallest gathering ever from three regions?



Good conversation was had, and the Sept-Oct edition of *Minor Torque* (which had just arrived from the printer) was distributed, much to the delight of Ros and Kaye "We love reading 'Sir Rom Mailliw'", admitted Ros, "He's just so funny, his COVID stuff is hilarious!" This was indeed music to the Editor's ears, as he had heard scant response from the contributions of Sir Rom - just one previously in over two years. "Good", he thought, "we'll keep publishing Sir Rom's stuff", if just for Ros and Kaye."



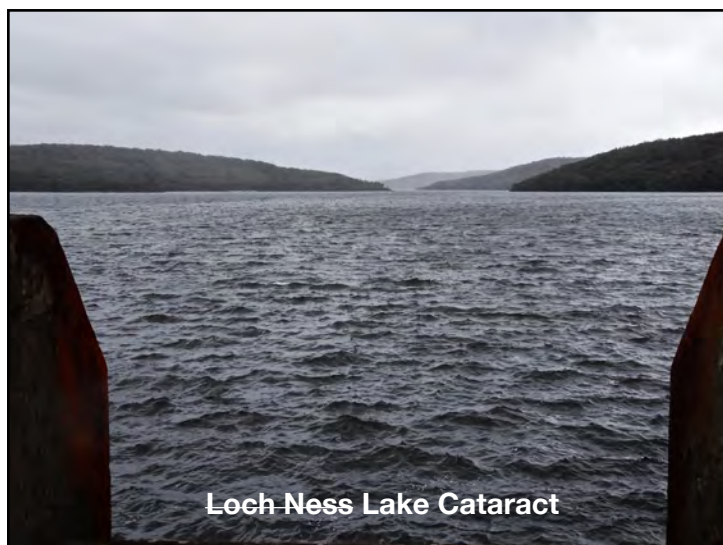
One person's idea of a 'BBQ lunch' - the minimalist approach



Barbecues are provided at Cataract, so a cooked lunch for all was on the cards. Even the one person who brought a sandwich for lunch was happy - a hot lunch on a cold, wet, miserable day. But the camaraderie between the G6 was the complete opposite - what a great time we had.

Of course, the usual after-lunch drive to the dam wall was proposed, seconded, and passed unanimously. After all, you can't go to a dam and not go to the dam wall...

As per Cataract Dam Mk I, special provision was arranged for Morris Minor owners, so we didn't have far to walk far. Wow, I haven't been to Loch Ness in



Loch Ness Lake Cataract

Scotland but, if someone told me I was there, I would have believed them! Cold, damp, not-so-pleasant, just like Loch Ness. Just like Scotland... on a bad day...

The Upper Nepean Dams rate among the best destinations for club outings - excellent facilities, plenty of parking, picturesque surroundings, etc - so if you get the chance, go to one. Did anyone mention Woronora Dam? Now, there's place that ticks all the boxes too. And how long has it been since we went to Warragamba Dam?

Owen Sinden

The weather wasn't great - but the company was!

