

## Australia Day, Berrima Jan 26

Australia Day, Berrima; it is one of the most anticipated outings in the club's calendar, probably more so as it is usually the first of the year's activities.

This year is even more special because all have faced, to varying degrees, a fairly rough two years of stay-at-home, lockdowns, restrictions, you name it, we've all copped it.

And yet 2022 seems to have that little ray of sunshine about it, even though Omicron is still hovering. So it was very pleasing to get out for the first outing of the first year 'after the pandemic'.



The 'Parade'



Above: Chief cook Brian Nicholson with chief taster Fred Missingham  
Below: Ray Selby and Vince Holloway run the lucky dip...

AUSTRALIA DAY - 2022	
Attendees	
NAME	
JOHN BOWMER	
DAVID BROWN	
RAY SELBY	
Bill van Diemen	
Carmel van Diemen	
VINCE + JUDY HOLLOWAY	
SUE + GRAEME GOULD	
ANN THORNTON + STUART THORNTON	
Jim Beaver	
TERRY CULLEN & FAY CULLEN	
BRIAN NICHOLSON	
FRED MISSINGHAM	
MARILYN KENNEDY	
JOHN BORG	
Justin Longhurst	
LES WHALE	
BOB GILLIGAND	
DAVID MOORE	
ALEX WALKER	
Owena Indra Sinden	
KIM BOWLER	
PETER FOGARTY	
STEVE PECKHAM	
MARK + KAREN SCHNEBLI	







Ann Thompson gave the heart-warming response from the Selbys



Will we have a parade? That is one part of the day many of us enjoy, with the general public cheering and waving. For two years we haven't had one, and unfortunately 2022 was no different. We did, however, have our Claytons parade, all legal and law abiding (would you expect anything else from the Morris Minor fraternity?).

But what of the day itself? Who organised it? Of course we all know the answer to that question: the one-and-only Ray Selby, ably assisted by his very merry band of helpers. The Southern Tablelands Region of the MMCCNSW is certainly a vibrant group.

Too many to mention individually (as I am bound to forget some) - those attending the day know them - Ray and his helpers put on an incredible day: providing and cooking breakfast, Christmas presents for



all, a cooked lunch too, ample shade, perfect weather and wonderful camaraderie.

A touching moment was when Ann Thompson read a card written by Sandra Selby on behalf of her and Ray, thanking those who had helped with all the work around their house in mid-January.

In all, we had representatives from Southern Tablelands, Wollongong/Illawarra, and Sydney, plus a contingent from the South Coast Vintage Car Club Wollongong joining our celebrations. Other car clubs were at Berrima, too, providing quite an array of historic vehicles to look at for the visitors.







We tried to get a group photo - but some were 'otherwise engaged' - (right) checking out a Morris Minor - who would have thought...

A huge thank you to everyone involved, what a way to start the best of new years that we've had for a while. Let's make the most and get out to more MMCCNSW events.

Owen Sinden

Photos: Les Whale, Owen Sinden





We were not alone...

