

## From The Central West

The Central West has been spared the heavy rain systems that have devastated the Qld/NSW coasts, in fact our February total was just 30mm, but we have had that and more in the first week of March. The country is looking fantastic and already some sowing has started.

### Past Events

The two local events, Gnoo Blas and Wellington, have come and gone and I can say I was very pleased with the support from the Sydney and Southern Tablelands, and hope that local support increases next year. To those members who attended, thank you for your support.

Gnoo Blas This was the first organised without the late Dennis Gregory, yet there were still over six hundred cars on show, and many that were rare and expensive examples. I don't think the new organiser realised we had been there for 16 years. There was lots of interest in our line up, though, and it was a great day. I may have even found some new members.

Sunday saw us on a short run to a country boutique brewery called 'Pioneer' where we learned a lot about the beers made out here with local grain and rain water. Of course, a few samples were enjoyed this was followed by an enjoyable lunch at Cudal.

Wellington Fair This year's Fair was back to normal after COVID had cancelled last year's street parade. We lined up for the street parade, just nine cars, but what a reception the crowd gave us! We had morning tea at a local coffee shop and then drove 30 kms to *Back of Billy'O* retreat at Barbical Rd, Wongarbone, near Dubbo. A great lunch and drink, a tour of this terrific tourist resort, followed by afternoon tea at my home.

Sunday saw us lined up at the showground with all the other cars with lots

of interest in our Morries - and we won Best Club Display! We also spoke to three new prospective members. This year we were an important part of the event and in the run-up there was a lot of contact.

More reports and details of these events further on in the Magazine.

### Members' Cars

Denis Woodford - his car travelled well to Wellington till, nearly there, his foot slipped off the clutch pedal with oil all over the floor. A quick check revealed a broken tube to his oil pressure gauge. A solid clean up and another three litres of engine oil and he was back in business. I am sure Denis has all trace of the oil removed from the carpets by now.



Denis Woodford's oily engine bay was nothing compared to the oil in his driver's footwell

My own car ran extremely well to Orange. I charged the battery the night before, only to stop completely in the middle of the road outside Jack Brabham Park. We pushed it off the road and started looking for a problem, finding I must of knocked the charge cable off the alternator, hence it ran the 160kms on the battery with pump ticking and daytime lights on. We needed to move on and a few volunteers pushed it for a clutch start. All OK from then on.

I decided to take my Ute to Wellington but when taking it out of the shed it sounded

like my new engine had a bearing knock, so we just took the car to the street parade. During afternoon tea some members looked over the car and Stuart found that I had not tightened the three bolts on the extractors-to-muffler flange. I think I had left them loose till the head to manifold bolts were tight then forgot or had morning tea. Another problem solved thanks to members! Lucky it did not happen the day before getting a blue slip...

I had both vehicles in for rego; pink slip for car and engine/record change blue slip for the Ute. I also went through my insurances and decided to upgrade the agreed value. Reading the PDS received, I read that if your car did not meet the registration requirements for HVS or CVS,

**Mudgee:** Our weekend at Mudgee is a few months off but time to book is now as it will fill quickly. We will be staying at the Mudgee Holiday Park (63721090) Friday 23 & Sat 24, then a show and breakfast and leave for home.

There are motels nearby for those who prefer that type of accommodation. Please ring me if you need help, on 0418638036.



then the insurance policy was cancelled and no payout would be main in case of a crash.

I'm glad our Club Registrar is on the ball with this, but in the long run it is up to the owner to be sure his/her car complies. It makes me think when so many cars I see at



Denis cleans up the almost Exxon Valdez-sized oil spill

shows just do not comply, especially with HVS.

### Coming Events

Cars & Coffee, Dubbo: is back on at the Cenotaph in Victoria Park, Dubbo, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month 9 am till about 12pm.

Motoring Heritage Day: The day is the Sun 14 May but I will arrange for a Coffee and Show for the Saturday 13 May as this will suit more members. Venue will be "Two Fat Ladies Coffee" at Lucknow, Orange.

Cheers for now,

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Oils well that ends well - Denis' sparkling engine bay at the Wellington Fair

