

National Motoring Heritage Day, Berry - May 21

Hosted by Shoalhaven Historic Vehicle Club and supported by CMC.

After a couple of missed years, the Berry Showground was again full of old and interesting vehicles of many types.

Our Club was well represented, with the early birds on the grass before 8 am. Cold, clear and windy was the order of the day - better than rain, and the sun was there most of the day.

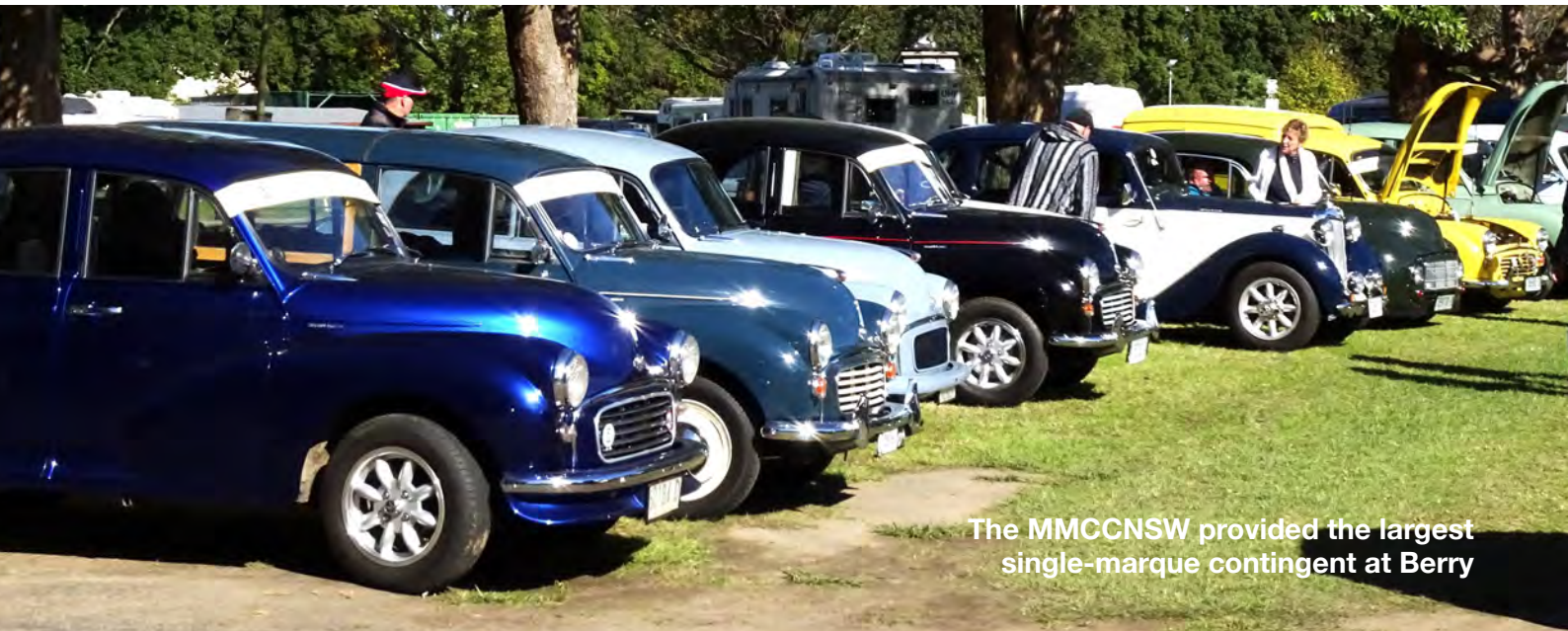
There were several Morris Minor samples from other clubs on display to admire, along with a varied mix of everything else with wheels.

I particularly enjoyed getting a mechanical run down on the 1942 Army Duck. Based on Army Jeep running gear, the drive wheels can be operated in the water along with the propellor, but it still goes at the same speed as without.

The showground was emptying fast by 2pm, as many had a serious drive home. No such pressure for Sandra and me, as we stayed in town the night before and after the show. A great day out - bring on next year.

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The MMCCNSW provided the largest single-marque contingent at Berry



Good to see Fred Missingham's Series II had the 2023 National Rally badge attached



1968 London-Sydney Marathon replica Austin 1800 was a thoroughly good piece of work, outside and in (below). The original #61 car, piloted by Rauno Aaltonen, Henry Liddon and Paul Easter, finished the classic in 5th position, 3 places behind team mates Paddy Hopkirk, Tony Nash and Alec Poole in another Austin 1800 in 2nd place. The Ford Motor Co Australia team, driving Falcon XT GTs, finished an extremely creditable 3rd, 6th and 8th. Australian teams filled 7 of the top 14 places, amazing!



The classics came in all shapes and sizes



The best of British, large and small



(Above) VWs looked, and sounded, and drove, superbly, while Triumph TR6s (below) look fast even when standing still



FC Holden wagon and trailer, beautiful



Morris Minors still attracted the crowds!



David Bursill's newest aquisition



Mk II Jaguars, always looking good...



A classic car show? Maybe... but it didn't guarantee any semblance of 'classic' maintenance of this Volvo (above), nor anything resembling 'classic' (or even 'standard', rather more like 'politely sub-standard') workmanship on this car's exhaust (right)



Who, on this planet, in their right mind, or their substance-induced wrong mind, would ever, EVER, let a learner drive a McLaren???



A Morris Minor was judged winner for an Excellence Award



MGA, everyone's classic!

