



HERITAGE TIMES



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The newsletter for members of

THE BEGA HERITAGE MOTOR CLUB Inc.

BHMC since 2002. Prior to that, it was the Bega Branch of the Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia

Our aim: TO ENCOURAGE THE PRESERVATION, RESTORATION & USE OF OUR MOTORING HERITAGE



Photo by Dave Burns

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Meetings: Club Bega, 82 Gipps Street, BEGA
at 7.00pm on the second Wednesday of each month (except January)

CLUB OFFICE HOLDERS

President: Henry Petterson

Vice-President: Garry Thornton

Secretary: Linda & Chris Gilligan

Assistant Secretary: Rhonda Leggett

Treasurer: Tony Winterburn

Assistant Treasurer: Alan Smith

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New Member Officer: TBA

Events Coordinator: Maree Smith

Events Assistant: Rick Fletcher

Publicity Officer: Rhonda Crowe

Newsletter Editor: Rhonda Crowe

Raffle: TBA

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Responsible Persons who can sign Declaration Forms:

Anthony Dack, Henry Petterson and Gary Gerrey

Registrar Assistants: Gary Gerrey, Garry Thornton, Peter
Campbell, & Jack Sargent

Sergeant-at-Arms: Garry Thornton

Bega Heritage Motor Club Inc – Authorized Events



Date	Day	Event	Departure	Notes/Comments
FEB 25				
1st	Saturday	Nimmitabel Show	7.30am North Bega Pull Off or 8am Bemboka	BYO chairs, Morning tea & lunch or purchase there.
4th	Tuesday	Registration checks -1 st Tuesday of month		Contact Henry for a booking 0437713573
12th	Wednesday	Monthly Meeting	7pm	Club Bega
13th	Thursday	Mid Week Run – Eden Lookout at 1pm Cruise Ship in port	1pm Eden make your own way there	Afternoon Tea/Nibbles & soft drinks provided by club
22nd	Saturday	Monthly Run – Tathra Lions Park morn tea, Bermagui Wharf Fish & Chips Lunch or BYO picnic	9.30/10 am Meet at Tathra Lions Park	BYO morning tea, chairs & lunch if not purchasing
MAR 25				
4th	Tuesday	Registration checks-1 st Tuesday of month		Contact Henry for a booking 0437713573
9 th	Sunday	Bemboka Show (an entry fee may apply)	9.00am Make your own way there	BYO chairs, Morning tea & lunch or purchase there
12th	Wednesday	Monthly Meeting	7 pm	Club Bega
20th	Thursday	Mid Week Run – Terry & Anna Bradley's Garden viewing & model car collection Coffee & Tea provided by hosts	11 am meet at carpark opposite McDonald's or	BYO Picnic Lunch & chair make your own way there 11.30am 29 Stringybark Place, Millingandi
29th	Saturday	Monthly Run – Moruya Markets morning tea & retail therapy, Adelaide Hotel Lunch	9.00 am North Bega Pull off	Moruya Markets 10.30/11am Adelaide Hotel 12/12.30

Notes from Events Director:

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT IT IS A CLUB BYLAW THAT MEMBERS ON BHM CLUB PLATES ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND EITHER 3 MEETINGS OR CLUB RUNS PER YEAR TO REMAIN AS A FINANCIAL MEMBER.

- Club Runs:** This year the Club runs **will not** be routinely leaving from the previously designated meeting place in Bega Street near the Rec Ground. This year please follow the Event Calendar for Departure Times, Location of Meeting Place, supported by Notes/Comments. Any Queries you have regarding the events can be directed to Maree on mobile 0438 957 829 by phone or Text.
- Please let Maree know if you intend going to Nimmitabel or Bemboka Shows:- 0438 957 829**

The registered operator under a conditional registration scheme (HVS or CVS) must be a financial member of an approved club. ***If a member is not financial, their vehicle automatically becomes unregistered and uninsured.***



Presidents Message

PRESIDENTS REPORT for Jan, 2025

Happy New Year to all our members, families & friends.

One can only hope that I can “hold the fort” as well as Andrew has done for the past few years!!!

Hopefully everyone had a happy Xmas & I wish you all the best for 2025; especially to the members who are not well. If you know anyone in this situation, why not give them a phone call to let them know that they are being thought of (from one who knows it means a lot).

Towards the end of last year (7th Dec.) we had a very enjoyable day at the Bega Cheese Factory with some of our members coming away with prizes:- Ray Long for the best upholstery; a red Buick for best car 1900-1979; & to Rick Fletcher for the biggest oil slick. To complete the day, the red Buick had trouble getting home – it had to have a little rest (for want of a better word) for 2 hours at North Millingandi. Thanks to a passer-by who towed it home....!!!! - With our own “police escort” (GT) at the rear; problem fixed in half an hour next morning. These things are sent to try us.

Our CAR CLUB 2024 XMAS LUNCH - where do I begin in saying what a wonderful day had by all who attended; & the meal was the BEST Xmas feast in a long time. A huge “THANK YOU” to Linda (our new Secretary) & her merry crew.

I welcome all members of the new Committee. We have already had a very successful meeting where we solved some little problems & planned a happy 2025 – a big “THANK YOU” to Maree (our new events officer) for putting together a very active “events calendar”. Ps – we hear that Tony & Dee Watson have been out paddling a canoe around the Pacific ocean – hope they made it home safe’n’sound.

AUSTRALIA DAY – I’ve been flat out getting ready for our fundraising event – more on that later.

REGO’s – Thank you to Jack Sargent & G.T who helped me inspect 8 of Exell’s cars; plus 2 new rego’s in the Club; helping to make up a total of 21 altogether for Dec/Jan.

Don’t forget our first outing for the year – NIMMITABEL SHOW – Saturday 1st Feb. - always a great day out for the Club.

It’s been a very busy December & January here at home, with our daughter (from Victoria) coming to stay over Xmas & New Year & our vegetable garden powering on with tomatoes now 5ft. tall – quite a mini jungle where an old black snake has moved in to keep me on my toes.....beware any vegetable thieves....!!!

The first car club meeting will be on WEDNESDAY, 12TH Feb, 7pm at Club Bega.
Happy reading & all the best for 2025.

HENRY

Pambula Lions Park

Thursday 12 December

Words: Rhonda Crowe

Photos: Rhonda Crowe

The last run for 2024 was a picnic lunch at the Pambula Lions Park. 11 members, 5 heritage & 1 modern vehicle enjoyed the warm day. It was dog's day out with 3 attending.

Those who attended were:-

Terry & Anna Bradley - modern

David & Linda Boardman - VW "Tim Tam"

Arthur Rollason & Maree Smith – Toyota Corona

Russell & Alison Napper - Triumph

Len & Rhonda Crowe – Holden Kingswood

Henry Petterson – Holden Ute.



Christmas Lunch

Saturday 14 December

Words: Rhonda Crowe

Photos: Rhonda Crowe

40 members enjoyed a very delicious Christmas Lunch catered by our new secretary Linda & Chris Gilligan at the Uniting Church Hall in Bega. Various meats, salads, bread rolls donated by Wild Rye Bakery Pambula, cakes, slices & mini puddings were enjoyed by all attending. Santa arrived telling a few jokes & handed out a gift to everyone including young Harvey Duncan. President Henry officiated on the day & had us sitting at mystery seats so we didn't sit with the same people. Lucky spot prizes were won by Col McRae & Alison Napper. Both received a car club log book wallet.



Christmas Lunch continued





New Members

Welcome to all the new members in 2024, I will endeavour to get you all mentioned & your cars during 2025.

Although David & Jennifer Wilcox have been members for 2.5 years, this is their first

Heritage Vehicle, a 1961 Jaguar MK2.

(Words & photo by David Wilcox.)

I grew up on a dairy farm near the small country town of Kenilworth during late 50s, 60s and early 70s, (located in the Sunshine Coast hinterland, QLD), along with parents, grandparents, two brothers and two sisters and amongst all kinds and assorted machinery typical of the era so became reasonably mechanically adept. (Of course amongst all kinds of animals as well, mainly Jersey cows!!).

In the early 70s, (15 going on 16), I found work in Brisbane as an Apprentice Scale Repairer and Adjuster in the Weighing and Food Machinery industry and attended Eagle Farm Tech College as a Fitter and Turner. This was at the time the closest tech training match for the work I was performing.

After working for two different companies in the same industry for approx. 8 years I was offered a hands-on Service Manager role which evolved into pretty much a full-time desk job. Eventually being promoted within the same company to a National Service Manager gig in Melbourne, (1986), where I also met my wife, Jennifer.

Five years later, (1991), I was offered another role, (still in Melbourne), and again within the same industry, this time with a different company, Wedderburn, an iconic Australian company founded in Sydney in 1896. (Which is still 100% Aussie owned and thriving today). After a stint in sales, I was promoted to Branch Manager then Senior Executive, General Manager - Retail Products and finally National Key Account Manager. This was the last role I held up until late August 2021 when I retired after working full time for 50+ years.

After living for approx. 30 years in a semirural area on the outskirts of Melbourne, (Wonga Park which is pretty much the gateway to the Yarra Valley), where we raised our family, Jennifer and I decided it was time for a change and the Bega Valley seemed like the perfect location. We relocated late January 2022.

Jennifer and I have three children, two boys and a girl. My daughter Sophia, our youngest, now in her mid-20s, has become a fully-fledged school teacher and has joined us at Kalaru where we now live. Eldest son James is engaged and living with his fiancé/partner in Melbourne and youngest son Oliver who married the same year we moved to the far South Coast has since become a father and Jennifer and I Grandparents for the very first time. Oliver and his wife Charlotte were living at Queanbeyan but after the birth of little Silas have since bought land and built a home right next door to us at Kalaru. *We have a bit of a commune happening at Kalaru!!*

As we were looking forward to making new friends and getting involved in our new community and also because I'm interested in motor vehicles and historic machinery of all kinds, we joined the BHMC early that same year (2022). Jennifer not so much, she's happier tending our garden, (which I must add, we have put a

lot of time and effort into since arriving) and she has also taken up playing golf. I also joined the South Coast Branch of the Ulysses Motorcycle Club for similar reasons but mainly because I had a motor bike and didn't actually have a suitable car for BHMC. *Am I the only person ever to join a car club without a car??*

Anyway, my first car ever was an FC Holden which did most of its miles, (back then), running standard specs apart from the addition of a rear stabilizer bar, wider rims/tyres, extractors and larger exhaust system. Later on, with assistance from my brother, (Neil), the FC was modified from grey to red motor, upgraded with HR disc brake front end and Nissan/Datsun 240K 5 speed manual transmission.

I have been fortunate enough to have had the use of many, mostly new, company vehicles over the journey, in fact the only new vehicle I have ever purchased myself was a Yamaha TT250 Enduro/Trail bike when I was in my early 20s.

After being in the BHMC for 2.5 years without a suitable heritage vehicle, (despite many car club members offering up good advice and suggestions on cars that I could purchase), *finally*, what I felt was potentially the right car came along, just up the road a bit at Bodalla. The seller was in the Montague Car Club and had his 1961 Jaguar MK2 up for sale on Marketplace. As soon as I saw the advert I got in contact and went to check it out with my wife Jennifer. The seller seemed like a genuine bloke and the work he had put into bringing the car up to reasonable condition seemed pretty meticulous, Jennifer also liked the car so after taking it on a test run we did a deal on the spot.

A few days later we called back and collected it. (Photo below the day we picked her up). I drove it straight from Bodalla to our new President, Henry's place and he checked her out the same day so that I could get it registered under my own name. (Sadly, I didn't get a photo of him doing the deed - another missed opportunity. BTW he wasn't President at that time). *Thankfully he was pretty impressed!*



The Jag has a 2.4 litre double overhead cam motor standard with twin carbs, four speed manual gearbox, (sadly no overdrive) and disc brakes on four wheels, again standard on these vehicles. It's no powerhouse but rides and handles beautifully for an old jigger. Let's face it we can only do 80KPH for the most part around Bega now. *I think they must have changed the speed limits specifically to suit the Jag as the timing was too much of a coincidence!!*

Since owning the Jag I have basically just tinkered with it making subtle improvements but will continue to do so in areas such as upholstery and carpets etc. ... no urgency, all in good time.

Although Jennifer is by no means a petrol head, like myself, I'm hopeful I will be able to persuade her to join me on some more BHMC car runs and events. *(NB: Nothing will persuade her to get on the back of my motor bike!!)*

So good to finally be a bonafide member of the club with a car!!

Minutes of Last Meeting



BEGA HERITAGE MOTOR CLUB INC

Meeting December 4, 2024.

at Club Bega Meeting Room

MEETING OPENED BY: Andrew Duchesne at 7pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT: 36 as per attendance book

Apologies: 12 as per attendance book

VISITOR/S: Nil as per attendance book

MINUTE TAKER: Rhonda Leggett

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Previous Minutes were emailed to members on November 30, 2024. **Moved by** Rick Fletcher **Seconded by** Tony Watson, that the **Minutes** of the November Meeting is confirmed as a true record of the meeting. **Carried.**

BUSINESS OUTSTANDING:

BUSINESS ARISING:

- When to hold monthly meetings?

Andrew Duchesne **moved** that we wait until the December Meeting to vote on when to hold the monthly meeting, **seconded by** Rick Fletcher. **Carried.**

- Garry Thornton advised that he has a firm agreement with the Manager of Club Bega that the Meeting Room is available to BHMC every second Wednesday of the month.

Feedback from the floor is that the acoustics make it hard to hear some time.

Henry Petterson advised that staying at the club is a good idea and if there is any more hiccups we will be out of here.

Garry reconfirmed that there is no cost to use this room, and the office staff will continue to do our printing at no cost.

Andrew Duchesne **moved** that we stay at club Bega and hold our monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of the month, **seconded by** Rhonda Crowe, Majority voted yes. **Carried**

EVENTS: Rhonda Crowe advised that the green sheet is circulating and make sure you put your name down for the Christmas Party as numbers are required for catering purposes.

Bike and Car show December 7 at the Bega Heritage Centre

Midweek run is on Thursday 12 December – a picnic lunch at the Lions Park, Pambula

Correspondence

Mail in

Membership renewal forms

Emails in

Member apologies x 3

Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival 2025

Membership renewals

Emails out

- Members
 - Club Events and November Minutes
 - Other Clubs Newsletters
 - Kurri Kurri Nostalgia Festival 2025
 - Notice of AGM
 - More Gear to Quit

Mail out

- Notice of AGM x 6 members
- President's Report and Events update x 2 Members

- Membership form

Moved by Rhonda Leggett **Seconded by** Anthony Dack, that the correspondence be accepted **Carried**.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report & Accounts for payment for December 2024

Moved by Tony Winterburn, that Treasurer's Reports and payments be accepted. **Seconded**, Henry Petterson, **Carried**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As per Presidents AGM Report

The Perpetual Hard Luck Award was presented to Rhonda Leggett this year.

Best wishes to Steve Watt and Jacquie. Steve is off to Sydney on Wednesday to have a hole in his heart to be repaired which he's had for 65 years. He changed doctors and it was picked up on the first visit. Please keep Steve and Jacquie in our thoughts and prayers.

Email from Anthony Dack communicated his suggestions regarding registrations. The decision is to leave registrations as they are currently with no changes required.

Andrew provided an overview of the last committee meeting and asked Rhonda to send a copy out to members.

NEW CARS OR ANY CARS SOLD?

Cam Stewart has sold the Jaguar and the Volvo

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Henry provided an update on the recent NSWMA meeting he attended. On the new logbook, you only need to enter the name of the driver not full name of the driver. No updates on logbooks going from 60 days to 75.

NSWMA has been running for 10 years.

All vehicles have indicators.

The NSWMA suggested clubs look into the possibility of changing their insurance for their Public Liability Insurance.

Vehicle on condition registration should not be driven when the club membership is not paid within the financial year as the vehicle is unregistered and uninsured.

CVS registration renewals should be sent to NSWMA via Track Post.

JOKE OF THE MONTH:

Len Crowe

TRUE STORY:

No story tonight due to the AGM

REGISTRAR'S REPORT:

Henry has done 13 inspections for October and November.

Anthony has completed 2 inspections

SERGEANT FINES:

No fines tonight due to the AGM

SOMETHING OLD:

No fines tonight due to the AGM

RAFFLE:

No fines tonight due to the AGM

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday February 12, 2025, at Club Bega Meeting Room

MEETING CLOSED: by Andrew Duchesne, 7.29pm.



President Andrew Duchesne presented Rhonda Leggett with the Hard Luck Award 2024 at the last meeting in December



Car Club Classifieds

FOR SALE – 1959 JAGUAR MK 1 3.4L Automatic Sedan



The car was purchased new in 1959 and remained in the one family from purchase until I acquired it in September 2012. It was one of the last MK. 1 cars manufactured before the introduction of the MK. 2 Sedan in 1960 and was sold with wire spoke wheels, 4 wheel disc brakes and the taillight assemblies as used on the MK. 2. The car remains in its original paint colours of British Racing Green Body and cream wire spoke wheels.

At the time of purchase, the car was in very good condition for its age, with the speedometer at 74,000 Miles, which was genuine. Restoration included mechanical (full engine rebuild and components deemed necessary for overhaul/replacement) completed by Mike Roddy (Jaguar Specialist). Additional electrical and interior work was completed, as well as full body respray. Recently 4 new tyres have been fitted.

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