

KEMPSEY Macleay Auto Restorers newsletter for Nov December 2025

Wheels of Time



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Reports from Outgoing Officers President: Lindsay Rapley June 2024 Organisers have had to reschedule the Airport Day again till 30th June due to poor weather and we see that they are aware how frail the ground is when they want everything to happen on the day for best impact. As we know it was put off again **April 2025** We currently have 89 vehicles on our register. It would be some sight to see them all together for a photo shoot. There would be more as some of our members have not taken the opportunity to use the historic vehicle register.

May 2025 Our rally weekend that went very well with a lot more club participation which was a welcome sight. Well organised even the rain did not dampen the Saturday. Many members of the public checked out the cars and asking questions, relaying stories of their own experiences with different makes and models. June 2025 We had a sad start to June with the passing of longtime member and dear friend Doc Milligan.

This is Lindsays last report ,with Kerrie, Lindsay and George retiring from their committee duties . The new committee would like to thank them for their leadership and encouragement through out the years and we look forward to seeing them enjoy a more relaxed time with club members.



Your 2026 committee.

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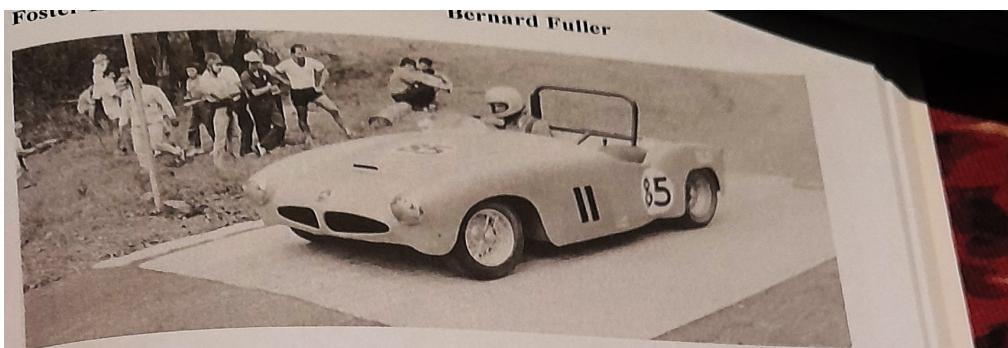
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For Sale.

This is a picture and commentary on the sports car I was telling you about of which I was hoping could go in the Wheels of Time magazine. It belonged to the late Benni Fuller from Bowraville. The car is known as a Foster Holden but originally was under the badge of the Jaguar. Benni was rebuilding it and has it about 75% complete. There is a Jaguar motor to go with it. Benni has a few Jag motors plus a workshop equipped with tools some of which are for curving car panels. All tools and equipment eventually have to be sold. Enquires can be made by contacting Urmila on 65647645. contributed by Malcolm Ptolemy.



The Foster Holden had its origins in the Special built by Charlie Whatmore of Brisbane around 1952 based on a pre war Standard 12 chassis with transverse leaf i.f.s. and underslung rear chassis. After a hectic racing career (see Whatmore Jaguar Special in this book) by 1956 it was obsolete, the Jaguar motor sold off and the body dumped.

The remains were sold to Trevor Baltzer of Brisbane who fitted a unique "Foster" fibreglass sports car body, a dry sumped, triple carb Holden Grey motor and went sports car racing at Lowood and Lakeside, Qld. in 1960/61. After lying unloved for some years it was "discovered" by Tony Galletly of Brisbane and restored in time for the first all Historic meeting in Queensland at Lakeside in 1978. As well as being raced by its owner it was driven there in a demonstration by former owner, Trevor Baltzer. From 1978 to 1980 it became a regular competitor in Historic events mainly in Queensland.

In 1980 it was sold to Trevor Chappell of Tenterfield NSW who it seems did not race it but sold it in 1985 to Tony Hart of Tabulam who campaigned it regularly until an encounter with a wall at Amaroo Park in 1987 put an end to its activities. In 1991 Tony Beadman of Grafton bought the by now partially dismantled car with the intentions of restoring it to its original Jaguar engined format. Apart from gathering together many parts to complete the project not much progress was made until it was sold to Dick Willis in 1999. Dick immediately commenced and completed the restoration planned by Tony Beadman. Meanwhile, the remaining Foster Holden parts including a spare chassis were sold to Bernard Fuller of Bowraville, NSW in 2002 who has been gradually restoring the Foster Holden but with the knowledge that there can only be one identity for the purposes of Historic racing and that belongs to its donor car, the Whatmore Jaguar Special.

Our November Outing to Jerseyville Boat Ramp Park supposedly combined with Hastings veterans and Vintage Car Club was a bit of a Let down.

Four cars turned up at South Kempsey Park to what was a very wet Sunday. Included in the number was our new members Colleen and Kerry.

In consultation between Lindsay and Neville, decide for what is one of the first time to cancel the day. Neville and I then went down to Jerseyville boat ramp incase members had turned up there.





Making the best of a miserable day. At Jerseyville

**Macleay Motorfest 29th November
Kempsey Show Ground.**

A big thank you to those who came along and participated in what I believe was a great day.





What are these 2 up too? Sylvia and Graham at Motor fest 2025.

Our next club outing was to Bunnings for a Car Club Christmas Party, No photos. It was our clubs turn to cook the BBQ and this was according to Glenda very successfully done by Ian O'Leary ,Neville Schmidt & Tony Dowman(until he got caught for not having enclosed shoes).A great time was had by all who attended.

Paddy is struggling to find a parking space.

"Lord," he prayed. "I can't stand this. If you open a space up for me, I swear I'll give up the Guinness and go to mass every Sunday."

Suddenly, the clouds part and the sun shines on an empty parking spot.

Without hesitation, Paddy says: "Never mind, I found one!"

Christmas Luncheon

Although this wasn't an official club event it was organised by Colin and Janet Trusler our new President and his wife, we were grateful for their effort because everyone seemed to enjoy their day with lots of chat and laughs.

Thanks to Neville the great glass collector and also donating a prize and conducting and organizing the lucky card draw which was won by Richard Eakin who didn't open it until Christmas day

We were also grateful for Vic and Shirley Rudder for their assistance as usual with organising tables and meal distribution along with the assistance of Colin Trusler and others that helped on the day. Great tasty food as usual from Dee and staff which we all enjoyed.

We concluded with a lot of social mix and guidance from Barb Hicks towards my new position as Regalia Officer for which I was most grateful . Maureen Murray





A great time was had by all unfortunately I missed it because I was Convalescing from an Op.



Our NEW vice
President trying to out do
his son who
can carry 29
glasses up his
arm .You have
a way to go
Nev.



**When cars had both the
GPS and the Sound
System in the boot.**

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And then there was this one. Lm

Trip Calender

Every
at
South
9am

Wednesday
MACCAS
Kempsey



Australia Day, Monday 26th January. Meet 9.30 am at South Kempsey Park with everything Australian showing. Who can beat Doc's big flag this year? Morning tea and lunch will be at Jerseyville Boat Ramp Park. If you want bring something Australian to share for morning tea.

Saturday February 14th. Start 9.030am South Kempsey Park. Tour of Vickers Fudge factory and morning tea then to Byabara Cafe for Lunch. Numbers to Anne by Tuesday 10th 0409229536/65626035.

13th March Airport open day. Yes! before anyone gets on to me this is a Friday. I have emailed the Aeroclub and they haven't got back to me.

April 18th tentative date for club to hold a bunnings bbq to raise money for our nominated Charity.

This some of whats happening this year.

With a new Committee there will be fresh ideas and some new things introduced and more opportunity for you members to share your ideas.

The first evidence of this was the survey of trip preferences that Neville put out. Most of you ticked the box for the Byabara trip which is going a head in February.

Please have your say at our ordinary meetings or come and talk to the committee members.

Wheels of time. I need more stories as you can see from this one I have struggled to have content and photos. I can assure you all none is better equipped in the club then me to transcribe someone's hand writing as I transcribe ancestral records each week for Kempsey family History group.

I am sorry that this WoT has taken so long I had an operation before Christmas And It's taken a while for me to get over it.

Acknowledgements. Lindsay Rapley, Colin Trusler, Glenda Wilson, Maureen Murray. Malcom Ptolemy and Neville Schmidt. Happy New year from your Media Editor

You do not need to use a password to read the events Callender or the Wheels of Time.