

#### 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



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at 7.00pm on the first Monday of each month (except January)

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**Jack Sargent** 

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**Jack Sargent** 

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## Presidents Message

Hi Folks,

Here we are again; another month just about gone...!!!

Just a short report for September, as I have been away so unable to do any of our car club runs. I've been to far north Qld & back; clocking up over 5,000 klm in 10 days; the reason being my sister's birthday (in Mackay). Whilst there I looked up two old school buddies & had a great catch up. On the way home I called & spent the night with a favourite cousin in Toowoomba. A great time spent.

Looking forward to catching up with you all on the "President's Run" – Saturday 4-10-25.

REMINDER; - MEMBERSHIP IS DUE (end of October)

#### NO MEMBERSHIP = NO REGO.

If you are not a financial member, your rego is "null & void".

Cheers.

Henry

| Oct              |  |   |               |   |  |  |
|------------------|--|---|---------------|---|--|--|
| 4 <sup>th</sup>  | Saturday                                     | Cooma Car Club arrive 10.30                   | 9am North     | Arrival at Cooma around                 |  |  |
|                  | Presidents                                   | Retro Café on site for Morning tea and/or     | Bega Pull off | 10.30 Morning tea and/or                |  |  |
|                  | Run  | Lunch & Visit Cooma Correctional Museum       |               | lunch at Retro Cafe                     |  |  |
|                  |  | Open until 3.15 pm \$2 entry fee              |               | Coom Correctional Museum                |  |  |
| 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Monday                                       | Monthly Meeting                               | 7pm           | CWA Hall opposite the Thai              |  |  |
|                  |  |   |               | Restaurant in Church Street             |  |  |
| 7 <sup>th</sup>  | Tuesday                                      | Registration Checks – 1st Tuesday Month       |               | Contact Henry for a booking             |  |  |
|                  |  |   |               | 0437 713 573                            |  |  |
| 16 <sup>th</sup> | Thursday Mid-Week Run – BHMC are joining the |   | 10am          | 10.00 am Bega Cheese                    |  |  |
|                  |  | Bathurst Historic Car Club for morning tea at | Make your     | Heritage Centre                         |  |  |
|                  |  | Bega Cheese Heritage Centre followed by       | own way       | then onto Tathra Hotel for              |  |  |
|                  |  | lunch at Tathra Hotel                         | there         | Lunch                                   |  |  |
|                  |  |   |               |   |  |  |
| 25 <sup>th</sup> | Saturday                                     | Monthly Run – Robyn's Nest "Goodenia          | 11.30         | Make your own way there                 |  |  |
|                  |  | Restaurant"                                   |               |   |  |  |
|                  |  | By Popular member demand we have decided      |               | Numbers essential for                   |  |  |
|                  |  | to re -visit the "Dumpling Capital"           |               | Booking purposes by 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct |  |  |
|                  |  | Numbers required for Booking Purposes         |               |   |  |  |

### Mid week Run – Mystery Thursday 18 September

Written & Photos by: Maree Smith

The September Mid-Week Mystery Run was a great success, mother nature could not have been kinder, our country side and coastal views never cease to amaze even our longstanding locals and the run from Pambula along Mt Darragh road to Lochiel and then along Back Creek Road to Nethercote, onto Eden with a brief stop at Cocora Beach before heading to our *Mystery Lunch* venue at the Great Southern Inn was to say the least a resounding success with everyone present enjoying the relaxing drive and beautiful countryside, coupled with the stunning coastal views of Eden's Bay as we drove into town. As event coordinator I had conspiratorially decided that I would make the September mid-week run our birthday month and I was delighted that we had 3 special Big "O" birthdays to celebrate starting with Linda Boardman who turned 60, Arthur Rollason turned 70 and Terry Bradley turned 80. The birthday fairy was in top form and homemade Carrot Cake was enjoyed by all who attended.

Attendees: 20

Rick and Joan Fletcher – Modern
Col McRae – Valiant Charger
Simon and Kathy Fox - 1992 Pulsar Q Hatch
Graeme and Janine Dixon – Holden Kingswood
Terry and Anna Bradley – Modern
Arthur Rollason, Maree Smith and Sami – Toyota Corona
Len and Rhonda Crowe – Holden Kingswood
Dave and Linda Boardman – Volkswagen
Reinhold and Hannelore Goersch – Volkswagen
David Wilcox – Jaguar
Peter and Jan Wilton – Zephyr

#### Apologies:

Barbara Black and daughter Debbie Newton











#### **Monthly Run - Moruya**

#### Saturday 27 September.

Written & Photos By: Maree Smith

At the Moruya Markets run on Saturday we had the pleasure of Jack and Madeline Robinson's company for the first time in a while they were driving their 1962 Ford Cortina. Reinhold and Hannelore Goersch also attended bringing their 1960 Isabella Borgward on its 1<sup>st</sup> club outing. Our group was smaller than recent past runs, but it was safe to say we all had a great day, the run up the coast and through beautiful Narooma was lovely with the lake in all its splendor showing off its beautiful blue green color on a full tide. The overall weather on the day was calm, no wind to dampen the enthusiasm making our time at the market a pleasure, enjoying the stalls and the riverside setting, our meals at the Adelaide Hotel were as always excellent, lots of full tummies and definitely many comments about not needing an evening meal.

Attendees: 16

Rick and Joan Fletcher – Triumph Terry and Anna Bradley – Modern

Arthur Rollason, Maree and Sami - Toyota Corona

Dave and Linda Boardman – Tim Tam

Bob and Nola Russell – Ford Falcon

Reinhold and Hannelore Goersch – 1960 Isabella Borgward Chris McCulloch & passenger Jack Sargent – Club Car John (Jack) and Madeline Robinson – 1962 Ford Cortina



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#### Tathra Rockabilly Show 'n' Shine

Words and photos: Dave Burns

Despite the late notice and the non-functioning email address for submitting applications, the Rockabilly Show 'n' Shine went ahead at Tathra on Sunday 7 September. The fine and warm day was perfect for showing off classic cars in their best light and many cars and their owners turned up. All told, about 18 cars were on show for the members of the public; 9 of these were from BHMC.

BHMC members and their cars were:

John Rigby in his 1972 Volkswagen S Beetle,

Tony Winterburn with his 1953 Morris Oxford,

Henry Petterson brought his 1930 Buick and carried the BHMC banner,

Bruce Libbis in his FX Holden.

Ron Taylor drove his 1968 Morris Mini,

Neil and Kerri Wood brought their 1968 Mustang Coupe,

Rick and Joan Fletcher with their Triumph TR3,

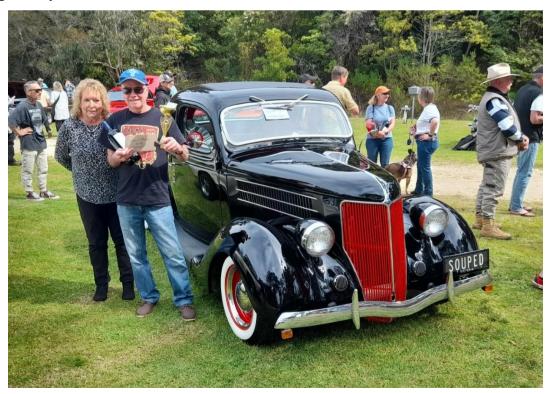
Soupy Campbell and Janet Noble in their 1936 Ford 5-Window Coupe hot-rod, and

Dave Burns in his 1955 MG Magnette.

Terry and Anna Bradley, and Gary Thornton attended in their moderns.

Soupy and Janet's stunning hot-rod won the prize for Best in Show, a very popular choice based on the number of admirers standing around the car (photo below). Well done, Soupy and Janet.

Overall, the day was a great success. The \$220 raised at the show was donated to Camp Quality to support kids with cancer and their families – a worthy charity. Thanks to Tathra Beachfront Caravan Park for organising the day.











#### **MEMORABILIA FROM OUR HISTORIAN** – TONY WATSON.



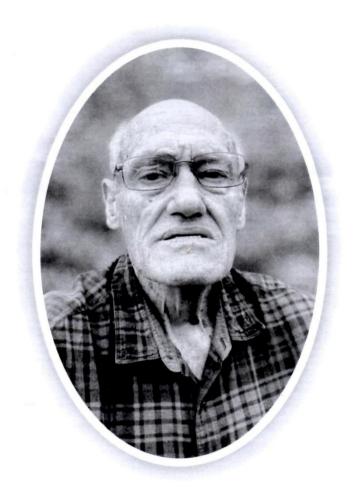
Mr Milton Ashby is the proud owner of this 1948 Bentley. Original price of such a vehicle was 5,000 pounds in 1948. Before Milton purchased the Bentley, it was owned for a time by the producer of the TV series "Skippy" Milton purchased the car from Ross Walker of ACT. In October 1971. It was kept by Milton for 12 months

before being sold to Neil Foggo at the BP Service Station, Bega. Selling it to him on the understanding that if anything Happened to him or he wanted to sell it again, Milton was to have first offer. Some seven years later Neil passed on and the car was then purchased from the Estate.

Milton doesn't have details of its original owner in 1948. All investigations have led him to believe the car was brought out from England in the late 1959 and was run on English rego plates up until the time Milton purchased it. The engine was rebuilt by Milton in 1979-80 to Rolls-Royce factory specifications supplied by Rolls-Royce Ltd. In Crewe- England.

#### **VALE CHARLES HODSDON**

# Celebrating the Life of Charles Hodsdon 12/1/1942 - 20/8/2025



Christ Church Pambula Reverend David Luck

Bega Heritage Motor Club lost a very active member 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2025 after a short illness. RIP Charles. You will be missed.

#### **Club Merchandise**

#### Polo Shirts with BHMC badge and your name





Colour: Navy/sky blue

Price: \$46

Women's

**Garment Measurements** 

Size 14 16 18 22 26 6 8 10 12 20 24 55 57.5 Garment 1/2 Chest (cm) 42.5 45 47.5 50 52.5 60 64.5 69.5 74.5

Men's

**Garment Measurements** 

Size S M L XL 2XL 3XL 5XL Garment 1/2 Chest (cm) 53 55.5 58 60.5 63 68 73

#### Jackets with BHMC badge and your name



Colour: Navy/sky blue

Price: \$63

| <b>Unisex Sizes</b>             | S    | M   | L    | XL  | 2XL  | 3XL | 5XL |
|---------------------------------|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|-----|
| Full chest (cm)                 | 119  | 124 | 129  | 134 | 139  | 144 | 154 |
| Length (top<br>shoulder pt)(cm) | 70.5 | 73  | 75.5 | 78  | 80.5 | 83  | 88  |







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