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Greetings to all members,

Many thanks to our events co-ordinator Adrian for organising the weekend run to Nelson Bay. We had 22 members and guests attend which was a great result. Although Jann & I could only attend the Saturday night dinner I'm sure all members had an enjoyable time, except for any sea sickness whilst whale watching.

While on events could members please note our annual display day this year is on November 15 at Lakes Beach. This will be a great opportunity for members to participate, display their cars and maybe win a trophy.

Thanks to Ken Gold for volunteering to join the committee as a Club Registrar to assist members who have cars on conditional registration.

Members please be aware there is a change of date for our October general meeting. Due to the public holiday the meeting will be held on the 12th.

Drive safe, Jeff

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**REMINDER:** Members are reminded they must attend at least five (5) general meetings per year to be entitled to any club benefits.
Memory of my first trip to Mt Panorama. Bruce McMurray

One of the Greg’s did have the brains to buy a bottle of brake fluid in town and had time to think about a way out of the problem. He crawled under the back of the car, got out, lifted the bonnet filled the master cylinder reservoir got me to pump the pedal, bingo we suddenly had a pedal again, he had crimped the main brake pipe to the back which gave us front brakes only, bloody brilliant for an eighteen year old I thought.

The exhaust was beyond repair, so we threw the whole system in the back and away we went, straight out of the headers, bugger it, if the cops were to pull us up we were going to tell them exactly what happened, that amazingly never happened, we got to the mountain, much to the delight of the yobs on the hill from the noise we were making when we arrived.

In the end we saw the race out, had a ball, drove home to Collaroy, deaf & headachy, popping the odd flame on back off, without a problem, thought a defect sticker was a certainty but it never happened..... quite a memorable first trip to the big race !

After the van, I bought a gold HR Premier, it was a bit of a strangely optioned car, drum brakes on the front & no radio from new, why I don't know, but you could do that sort of thing back then.

After the HR the EH withdrawals were too much so I found the EH sedan, amazingly also fitted with an LC GTR 161, HR disc brake front end, 4 speed Aussie box , HK Monaro buckets, 7 & 8 inch widened Torana wheels, lowered nicely...... I was happy again, but it was four years after the van.

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**General Meeting Minutes**

General Meeting: 03/08/15 Venue : Ourimbah RSL Club Meeting Opened: 19.40

Attendees: as per attendance book. Apologies: Dick Kearnan, Wayne Joyce, Rhonda Webb, Mel Russom

Acceptance of Minutes: By Tom and 2nd by Bruce Correspondance In: CCHCC Magazine and car

Correspondance Out: Newsletter and Texts

President Report (Jeff): Warren Arneil new member and 2 visitors. Rally 4 a Remedy thank you received from Erina Fair. All Holden Day – 18 cars on Display. New club shirts coming along.

Vice President (Brian) : Thanks for health good wishes

Treasurer (Phil) : Income and expenditure detailed

Secretary (Neville) : News

Events Co-ordinator (Adrian) Good day at all Holden Day. 29/8 Trip to fighter world.

Fundraiser (Joan) : DVD and chocolates for 2 nights raffle

Uniform Co-ordinator (Matt) : Editor (Tom) : Articles wanted for Magazine

Club Captains (Vonnie & Bruce) : Bruce welcomes new members.

Publicity Officer (Jill) : Working on Facebook site.

General Business:

Ken requests that Trevor be made a life member. Car of the year trophy to be the TREVOR NELSON Perpetual Trophy – Adrian Moved Tyson 2nd

BBQ needs service. Last Saturday in October display at Berkley Vale Public School Mannering Public School are wanting a display

President also to do registrar until Chris Lords replacement is found – Warren is willing to do it – committee to decide Raffle : 1st Prize – TOM, 2nd Prize TREVOR, 3rd Prize PHIL

Meeting Closed : 20.20

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**Club Calendar**

**CLUB RUN:** Sunday 13th September Broke Village Fair. Meet at Nth Bound Twin Servos 7am for 7.15am departure. Food on site

**CLUB RUN** Tuesday 22nd September: Mid week run to Pelicans restaurant Woy Woy. They have 10 for $10 lunch menu. Restaurant is part of The Old Pub ( not the Bayview ) Park behind pub or up near memorial park.

**Sunday 27rd September. Cars & Coffee. Waterfall Café, Mt Penang Parklands 9.00—11.00am**

**Monday 12th October:** Monthly Club Meeting

**Sunday 18th October. Hunter Valley Gardens Spring Cruise In. Meet 7am Bunnings Wallisend and cruise to Hunter Valley gardens.**

**CLUB RUN October. 31st.** Berkeley Vale School 100 year anniversary as well as Mannering Park school Fete. Details to follow. **Our Clubs Annual Display Day.**
NELSON BAY RUN, Report: By Adrian Hawkins. Having all met at the twin servos we decided to let the 48-215 FX of Warren and Lee Arneill set the pace to Fighterworld. Talk about set the pace. If you weren't on the hammer doing 110 you were being left behind.

Fighterworld was a great surprise of how good this aviation museum is. If you haven't been there I suggest you make time to visit. Seeing a F1-11 up close and the fact they weigh 20% more than a semi trailer fully laden is an engineering wonder that they fly. They weigh 49Tonnes.

Next stop was Murrays Brewery at Bobs Farm for lunch. Great food great beer great atmosphere. Enjoyed by everyone.

Next we checked into our accomodation at the Penninsula Nelson Bay which was only a 5 minute walk to Diggers Nelson Bay which became our destination for Dinner. The accomodation was excellent and a hotel I'd recommend. Some members ended up staying an extra night.

Sunday morning saw us all having breakfast at the hotel before heading off on a Whale watching cruise. There was a decent swell running and some of the aforementioned breakfast soon made a reappearance as we bumped and swayed our way out to catch a glimpse of the migrating whales. Although we did see whales, if only briefly, the whale watching cruise people (The Tamboi Queen) gave us all a standby return for free as they felt from their end they hadn't delivered.

On return to land we wound up the weekend activities and made our own ways home. Many thanks to the members who supported this weekend away and it was successful enough that we will plan another for next year. All up attendance was 22 members and friends.

Ps anyone interested in a cheap Whale Watching standby ticket please see Jacob.

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Back in 1976 with a couple of mates in my EH van. We were only eighteen at the time and hadn't driven that sort of distance before so it was a bit of an adventure. Looking back, car preparation was zero, I don't think I even checked oil & water before we left, but that's what eighteen year olds do, you're invincible, as is your car!

The EH was my pride & joy, it had a pokey little 161 from an LC GTR Torana, still only had the 3 on the tree, but had the cool dual exhaust, one out each side which I thought sounded wonderful. It sat very low front & rear which was a bit unusual back then, most hotties were only lowered at the front, so I thought it was a bit unique.

We were going well; we'd come from Collaroy on the northern beaches, starving and in bad need of smokes & Coke as well so we stopped at a truck stop at Lithgow for a break. Time to go saw a few nice cars obviously heading to Bathurst, so away we went, the old girl was screaming along nudging about 70 mph from memory, whoops here comes a tightish bend, touched the brakes, there wasn't any, straight to the floor went the pedal.

Bugger we thought (among other things) now what happens? Lucky my more mechanically minded mate was on the ball, he soon discovered the brake pipe union on the diff was gone, the thing had somehow fallen off, leaving us totally without brakes. Being much before the days of mobile phones the only answer was for the two Greg's to hitch back to Lithgow to find the NRMA, while I stayed with the car. A couple of hours later they returned with a bloke towing a car trailer, good stuff I thought but it looks like we won't see the race this year...oh well can't win them all!

Before we knew it, this very sour contractor was driving the van at speed up the very steep ramps onto his trailer, ripping my whole exhaust system off at the headers. "Sorry boys, can't help you" was the reply as we stood there with our mouths gaping, next thing he was in his truck & gone in a cloud of tyre smoke.