

RALLY OF THE VALLEY '89

It is with pride I write this report - proud to have been director of Rally of the Valley '89, and to have had such a willing band of people behind me. It is due to these people the rally went so smoothly, and was such a success.

Friday evening, most entrants checked in at the Shell Service Station, it was good to see a steady rollup of local members there to chat and welcome our visitor's.

Saturday morning bought with it perfect weather and everyone was enthusiastic and ready to go. The Mayor of Shepparton, Cr. Jeremy Gaylard opened our rally and sent us on our way, with help from the police we were on the road, and on our way to Tatura for our morning tea, we were a bit early in arriving, this was a bonus as it gave people a chance to mix and get to know one another better., as we waited for the water to boil for our "CUPPA".

The Killamont Homestead is magnificent, perfect with the lovely rambling gardens, an ideal spot to relax and enjoy the delicious lunccheon and afternoon tea our ladies had prepared for us. All comments on the day were most favourable. Some cars took the long way home, whilst others the shorter, but we all made it back for the spit roast that evening. Lou, Ron and George had spent the afternoon slaving over the hot "spits" to ensure all was well, and with salads and sweets from the ladies the beautiful meal was enjoyed by all, again everyone mixed well and enjoyed themselves, thanks all concerned.

Sunday another perfect day, D.E.C.A really created much more interest and enthusiasm than I expected, it was very interesting, our group helped things along with questions and comments, the skid pan was very popular, cars old and new were put to the test. James Bell and his Austin put on a great performance for G.M.V 6 the free afternoon allowing people to find their own way around the cottage industries at their own speed was quite successful. I believe many included or just stopped of at the F.J display while others just went onto Moira Scout Camp. The dinner dance went of very indeed, another beautiful meal - plenty of it and very well presented thanks Joe Dyson, the music soon got the dancers up everyone mixed well and enjoyed the evening. The raffles and announcement of rally prizes created interest. The prize for the longest distance travelled went to Ian and Kathy Dickason of Newborough East and the hard luck prize to Warren and Rae York on Greensborough. The trophies for these prizes were donated by the Federation.

Monday and our weather really let us down we left Shepparton in pouring rain, and due to the wet conditions many cars did not have brakes, and the safety of all road users was of utmost importance, our route out of Shepparton was changed at the last moment. We made Euroa with no mishaps, the very wet conditions got us together, we all crammed into the one shelter, with lots of laughter and talking, everyone must have been starving as the scones and cream really went down well. After a frantic phone call to Helen Dunnachie the lunch which was to be eaten in her garden was transferred to the Sthraathbogie Hall. After taking our time over a very tasty lunch beautifully presented by the Sthraathbogie ladies, the rain was starting to ease off a little, so most cars went up onto the garden. The misty rain and fog added atmosphere to our mountain drive, it was fine when we arrived at Forrest Hills and Helen's delightful garden was a picture and very refreshing. The drive down the mountain to Euroa was a little stressful, on many brakes and cars, a few "minty" moments on the way but no great disasters, afternoon tea and finish of the scones before we headed back to Shepparton. The evening meal at the chinese restaurant was very well supported by locals as well as our visitor's.

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Tuesday mornings breakfast venue had been altered because of the rain so instead of Moira Scout Camp we held it at Kialla Hall, most people were happy to spend time and chat over breakfast before heading home.

Many people, club members, ladies committee and children worked hard and long hours to make this rally a success it was - thank-you! The ladies committee and ladies who prepared and organized the morning and afternoon teas, lunch at Killamont homestead, the salads and sweets for the spit roast, a mighty effort and thank you all. Our spit roast boys, Lou Tuckett, Ron Robinson and George Coad a mighty effort for taking over the helm there - thank-you and also any helpers. Lens A Model crew who went ahead to have the urn boiling when we arrived for tea stops, thank you Kris and Lloyd Healey and to your helpers also. Thank you too, to those who stood on corners and roads and pointed us in the right direction, and all who went ahead with signs etc., and John Truman and Alan Davies our tail end Charlies. I noticed quite a few of our younger up and coming members doing their bit, cleaning up rubbish, collecting tickets etc., thank you kids.

Thank you to all club members who rallied around to help, also the rally committee who worked hard to make sure we had a successful rally. Dianne our secretary a special thank you for a job well done!

I believe the rally was a great success, from the letters of thank you we have received and also the verbal comments, all were very favourable indeed about the friendly and relaxed weekend.

Finally thank you all our sponsors and Wendy and Neville Killamont Homestead. Jim Mulcahy at D.E.C.A. Helen and Ken Dunnachie and everyone who did their bit THANK YOU.

Trevor White
Rally Director '89

STRAWBERRY FAIR KIALLA

Nine cars left Tuckerbag carpark for a short drive to Bennet's Road Kialla where we were joined by four more cars.

A very well organized day and warm weather made for a very enjoyable day. Plenty to eat, strawberries were available by the bucket full served with just about anything. There were stalls selling food and drinks and plenty of entertainment.

THOSE ATTENDING:

Len Gillespie - Dodge	Colin Anderson - Buick
Trevor White and Family - Chev	John and Jenny Grieve - Whippet
Ross and Geoff Organ - Austin	Bob and Beryle Long - Chrysler
Lou Corbett - Austin	Lou and Lorraine Tuckett and family - Oakland
Jack Hooper and friend - Buick	John and Peg Hill - A Model
Ian Organ - Austin Sports	Elaine Organ and Family - Austin 7
Cambell and Joan Peters and family - Vauxhall	

John Greive