

Club run to Wineries 14th March 2021

Hello Cal Cruisin' members, today's run to the Hunter Vineyards was a little subdued due to the very inclement weather, nevertheless nine vehicles met up at BP Bero around 10 am. Three club cars were sighted, which included two red Mustangs, but certainly no convertibles with hoods down. Jeff and Janet were the leaders heading for the Pokolbin restaurant known as 'Two Fat Blokes', maybe not a politically correct name but seemingly the owners have not yet been chastised and told to change the name. Following Jeff and Janet were Paul and Sunny, Danny and Diane, Mark and Sharon, Paul in his Monaro, Greg and Karen, Brian and Illy, Raymond, Helen and Sophie, with Richard and Maxine slow off the mark and bringing up the rear.

The drive went smoothly considering the fact that there was torrential rain for most of the way. Parking at the restaurant was adequate, and we were ushered into an outdoor but covered area where two efficient staff members took our drink orders and confirmed the pre-ordered meal list. One slight hiccup as one girl managed to tip her tray of drinks, fortunately the cans and bottles had not been opened, they all bounced on the concrete, nothing broken, but 'All Shook Up', and then replaced with fresh stock. Samuel, Karen's eight months old grandson, joined us for lunch (with his parents of course) and he managed to entertain several of our members.

Meals were great and could be classed as 'an elegant sufficiency'. Following our meals, and after we all agreeing to Greg's suggestion to transfer our April Club Meeting to Monday 12th April due to Easter, we headed again in convoy to the Hunter Valley Gardens at Pokolbin to seek out cakes, chocolates, lollies, ice cream and coffee. Different shops had different Covid-19 rules, and Mark and Sharon were turfed out of one establishment three times because supposedly there were too many people in the shop. The limit was supposedly eight persons, but the tables were well spaced and I think that the one young girl behind the counter was having a bad day. Nevertheless, everyone seemed to find a few more 'top up' calories somewhere, and time for a chat, before heading off home with just slightly better weather.

A good day out for us despite the weather, which obviously played havoc with the well-advertised air show being held Saturday and Sunday at Cessnock airport. Hope to see you at our next meeting on Monday 12th April.

Cheers for now,
Richard