



Our August club run on Sunday 14th started with a get together in the carpark at 'BP Bero' at 10 am. A sunny day, but quite cold and windy, nevertheless EIGHT vehicles arrived well in time for the 10.30 am departure. Richard and Maxine in the Cadillac Escalade, Helen and Raymond in their Ford Territory, Terry and Karen in their '66 Mustang, Greg and Karen in the '65 Red Mustang Coupe, Paul and Sunny in the '62 Blue Chev convertible, Danny and Diane in their '64 Blue GTO Pontiac, Greg and Chris in the super blue Holden wagon, and Phil with son Callan in his exotic 1959 Red Chevrolet Corvette, hood down to capture the best of the day's weather, and zero power steering which makes up for a visit to the gym. Really a very nice car, adding further variety to our collection.

The format for the day was to firstly travel to the Medowie Macadamia via East Maitland, then past the back of Thornton through to Raymond Terrace, then on to and around Grahamstown Dam, past the Medowie Tavern and into the macadamia farm for morning tea. The Morpeth/Hinton section had been eliminated due to extensive roadwork repairs which did not augur well for our pristine vehicles. Our first (and only I believe) hiccup for the day is when Maxine phoned Medowie Macadamia to warn of our impending invasion their recorded message advised us that currently they are not trading on Sundays or Mondays. Nevertheless, 2 IC Greg Nott came to the rescue; number 58 Ferodale Rd at Medowie is the site of the Medowie Sports and Business Centre which includes a café known as the 'Active Diner'. Plenty of seating inside and out, and a good variety of drinks and cakes, as well as breakfasts and lunches. The staff worked very efficiently without any prior warning organizing our morning teas as well as supplying breakfasts to other patrons. This Diner is furnished with a range of 'USA memorabilia', and certainly can be considered as a 'coffee venue' on any future runs.

Due to the high winds, it was decided at Beresfield that our lunch would be best arranged at The General Washington Hotel Stockton (affectionately known as 'The Washtub') in preference to Lexie's on the beach, a smaller venue with restricted parking. Fortunately, when Maxine rang the hotel before we departed Beresfield the hotel accepted our lunch booking for 16 persons for 12.45 pm. Like Lexie's, 'The Washtub' is a very busy venue, and with staffing issues associated with the Covid-19 dilemma, advance bookings these days are essential. Maxine and Richard decided to be the 'advance party' for the trip from Medowie to Stockton, via Williamtown in order to secure our lunch booking. By 1 pm we were all seated at our elongated table and ready to partake of both beverages and the extensive food menu. The venue was quite crowded, however the orders came out fairly quickly and seemingly most satisfying. Another good finish line for future runs.

Around 2.30 pm Greg Nott took over the leadership of the run, heading back into Honeysuckle via the Industrial Drive, along the foreshore to Nobby's and past the Newcastle Baths, over The Hill to Bar Beach, then on to Merewether Beach, and then we 'dispersed' and made our way to our various home locations.

