

## Club Run Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 – Tocal House

Today's run was organised by Greg and Karen. Nine vehicles met at 'BP Bero' for a 10.30am departure via Maitland and Lorn to Tocal Homestead. Greg and Karen in the red Mustang, Terry and Karen in the black/tan Mustang, Paul in his 2005 Monaro (keeping the battery ticking over), Robert and Janis in the 1936 green Ford sedan, Greg and Chris in the super blue Pontiac van, Mark and Sharon in their town car, Ray and Helen in their 2 door LHD Ford Fairmont, Phil and son Callan in his 1958 Buick Riviera with power steering) and Richard and Maxine in the Cadillac Escalade.

Beverages and scones were available at Tocal before moving over to inspect the Tocal Homestead. The homestead itself was most interesting, furnished with quite an array of genuine antiques. There is also a few adjoining buildings, including an original kitchen, as well as a garage housing a magnificent 1929 Rolls Royce sedan. I am sure that Google can supply us with further details of the history of this homestead, as well as 'the Roller'.

Around 12.30 pm we headed off to the parkland at nearby Paterson. Some of us brought picnic lunches, Greg Minor set up a 'Bunnings sausage sizzle outlet', complete with onions 'the right way up', and others toddled off (actually drove) to the nearby eating establishments for an array of nutritious items. Phil and Callan came back with burgers each big enough to feed a family.

Terry and Richard struck some minor trouble when they discovered that not only were they both 'Aries', their wives are both Geminis and a slight 'misunderstanding' between the males and females during a table discussion had Maxine producing two dangerous looking bread knives. Hopefully, all in jest!

We were blessed with nice sunny weather and only a slight breeze which dissipated whilst we were picnicking. Greg Minor told us how, as (he admitted) a young 'hoon', he broke several vertebrae sliding down the nearby riverbank and spent 3 months in hospital. Fortunately, all's well that ends well.

The general discussion after we had finished our degustation was that picnics offer a great opportunity to 'mix it around' our social group, and with a BBQ available, our club should aim to have several outings each year incorporating a picnic. A good topic for our next monthly meeting.

Around 2.30 pm we started to head home, only one Aldi bag left behind, which Karen kindly returned to Maxine whilst we were ordering beverages at the local cafe. Thank you, Karen.

Cheers for now,  
Richard