

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January Run to Morpeth & Hinton Pub

Hello all, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January shaped up as a very pleasant summer day, not too hot, and a slight breeze which added to our enjoyment for our January run. Morpeth was our new destination with Covid-19 ruling out the intended Central Coast venue. Meeting at BP Beresfield, our convoy moved on to Campbell's Corner Morpeth at approximately 10.30 am. This allowed the girls 1.5 hours for the suggested 'retail therapy' before we were due to head to the hotel at Hinton where Paul had us booked in for lunch. Paul decided to snack before lunch, and devoured half a sausage roll in front of Jeff and myself who, by 12 noon, were ravenously hungry. Did not even offer us the other half !

Arriving at the Hinton Pub for lunch were Danny and Diane, Rob and Janis, Jeff and Janet, Carol and Pete, Sharon and Mark, President Brian and son Patrick, Helen and Raymond Bellamy, Karen and Greg, Peggy and Mel, Maxine and Richard, convener Paul, Graeme Jennings in the 'Deep Red Chev Corvette' which he purchased from Paul a couple of years ago, and Darryl and Steph, original members from sometime ago, in a nice early 60's 2 door Cadillac convertible. I counted 13 cars in all, a pleasing number, but we always have room for a few more.

There was plenty of parking available, even though there were quite a few people there for Sunday lunch. We were seated at the rear of the hotel in a marquee type structure which allowed a nice little breeze to keep us comfortable. Just a little confusion initially with placing lunch orders, but Paul quickly sorted this out with the management. 24 meals in total emerged within a reasonable time frame, and the selection of meals on offer was quite extensive for a pub, and the serves were all of good quality and more than an 'elegant sufficiency'. In fact, two of the meals were more than just an 'elegant sufficiency', they were humungous, firstly Jeff with his lamb shanks, we think they may have been from a Hereford bull, and Richard's Pork Knuckle which took a marathon effort to make even an adequate consumption of what had been presented on the plate. Whilst Jeff took home my Pork Knuckle bones for his dog, and the bones of one of his lamb shanks, he said that the remaining shank was too good for the dog so he took home a second doggy bag for himself. I don't think that any of us went looking for desserts !

President Brian had his camera on duty so I am sure that photos of some of these meals will appear somewhere in the club records in the near future.

All in all, a pleasant day was had by all, and those who I sat with all expressed an interest in us returning to this venue some time in the future. There was also some mention of the possibility of 3 or 4 midweek runs each year, something which could be discussed at our next monthly meeting.

Our next monthly run is scheduled for Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021, this time to the Medowie Tavern, which has always proved to be a good venue. Hope to see you all there.

Cheers for now,  
Richard



