

Federation & RACV'S North West Tour 27th August to 2nd September 2023

Federation V V & C V C Inc & RACV'S North West Tour August 27th to September 2nd 2023 started at the Marong Picnic and travelled to the towns of Kerang, Swan Hill, Echuca and Shepparton over the week, viewing private memorabilia, tractor and bowser collections, museums, Quambatook Heritage Working Machinery Centre, Quambatook Historical Centre, Sir John Gorton Library/Water Tower Kerang, Border Flywheelers Barham, Lake Boga Flying Boat Museum, Ron Dehne's Fordson Tractor Collection Nyah, Hornsby Irrigation Gas Engine Project Benjeroop Hall, Great Australian Squeeze Juice Factory Koondrook, Great Aussie Beer Shed Echuca, National Holden Museum Echuca, MOVE Shepparton and Car Restoration Business's Shepparton.

Thanks to Troy Steans of Kerang, Malcolm Morrison of Beverford and Tim Harris of Shepparton for opening their collections to the tour group, Emma Salter and Glenn Hammond at the Great Australian Squeeze juice factory for the guided tour and samples provided for the group, Maskell's Customs & Classics and Southern Rod and Custom Shepparton collections for their informative presentation on car restoration work to the Tour Group.

Special thanks to the Kerang & District Vintage Motor Club, the Echuca & District Vehicle Club and the Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club for opening their club rooms to the tour group and hosting meals.

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Special thanks to Lindsay and Glenn Braybon Numurkah for supplying folding chairs, an esky and car cleaning items and gifts used at the dinners each night as free raffle prizes.

Dr Norm Darwin gave a presentation on the Arthur Bishop Story (Australian Designer of steering racks and boxes) at the final dinner in Shepparton, donating one of his books for the nightly raffle.

Federation Trophy awarded at the final dinner in Shepparton was presented to Colin Maginnity for his 1927 Amilcar C4, Colin also received the people's choice gift award.

The Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Club further provided support by the use of their clubrooms for the breakfast supplied and cooked by the committee on the final day of the tour, with help from Glenn & Annette and Lindsay Braybon, thanks to all for your help on the day.

To Lloyd & Kris Healey, your help over the months leading up to the Tour was tremendous, I would like to thank you both for your support before and during the tour that you both provided.

Michelle Goddard



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