

WINTER OVERNIGHTER 2022



The weather didn't put off the 55 people in the 9 Cars, meeting at the Croydon lodge before 10am. Mary-Anne gave us all a quick briefing and just after 10am we headed off towards Balclutha.



First stop was Rosie's Bar and Bistro at Balclutha. After waiting for late-comers to arrive due to un-organisation of fixing fan belts (you know who you are...) we were given a Quiz to complete. All questions were in relation to classic Australian made cars. Great Quiz Mary-Anne.



We then headed to "The Kink in the Road" at Milton for Lunch. Lunch was well organized with quick service and yummy food. After a couple more beverages the whistle blew and it was time to head to Waiholā. Scratchy boards sold fast at Waiholā Tavern with the pub already busy with people heading to the All Blacks game in Dunedin. Having a look on the facebook page, photos and video's were popping up, even someone going for an afternoon swim, unsure the alcohol blanket would have kept that chill off. Whistle blew and off we headed to Outram.



We were well welcomed at The Outram Hotel, that was in the process of having a face lift. Thanking the pub for their hospitality we headed over the hill to Middlemarch, where we met the Taieri Gorge Railway, and the very cool looking Straith Taieri Hotel.

Juke box was cranking and drinks were flowing and hanging off the wall.



Before we knew it, it was time to head to Ranfurly, it wouldn't be the winter overnighter without hitting some snow on the way.





Everyone split off to sort their accommodation, then meeting at the Ranfurly Hotel for bar snacks and more beverages. Some watched the All Blacks loose others played pool and enjoyed the company.

Breakfast kicked off at 8am followed by prize giving. First up was the results of the Quiz with 4 teams ended up with the same results for 1st place. Mary-Anne had a tie breaker question with guess the number that Mary-Anne has written on the piece of paper between 1 and 100. Strategic thinking



by Jeffrey aka Hayden Stevens (junior) saw Matt McBain's car win the Quiz.



A bravery award was given to Paul Newell for his swim at Waihola (have a look on the Facebook page if you haven't seen the video quite the laugh).

Best photo was won by Casey and Michael Black's car load with Johnny taking a selfie at The Phosphate factory.



Scratchy boards were won by Brad Newland, Tom Hewitson, PeterTaylor & AV Todd.



It was then onto announcing the publican's choice awards.

Balclutha's "Rosies Bar and Bistro" picked Brad Newlands blue Holden and donated a bottle of Mosacato, and 2 stubbies of Speights limes.

Miltons "The Kink in the Road" picked Kara Shank's Valiant and donated a bottle of wine.

Waiholo's Tavern picked Brad Newland's blue holden and donated a bottle of wine.

The Outram Hotel picked Justine Johnstone's Limo and were very generous with donating T Shirts, Gin and wine.

Middlemarch's Straith Taieri Hotel picked Jay Muir's Valiant and donated a bottle of wine.

Ranfurly Hotel picked Andrew Cowan's Holden.



Members draw was won by Casey & Michael Black.

We did a special numbers draw to give away a beanie and this was won by Regan McLeod (Bushie) who needed it due to lack of hair.

Sticking together we headed to Naseby for some great photo opportunities. The sun was shining but little heat felt with the -5 temp. We then made our way south.



On the way a Ford's bonnet was up with Michael checking to see what the ground looked like under the car .



Heading down the hill to Black's pub we went to the iconic bridge very cool. Stopping at Omakau, Chatto Creek and The Stadium in Alexandra a few split ways with some heading home Queenstown way and others to Roxburgh. Was one great trip, enjoying the old cars and great company. Can't wait until next year's one.

Thank you to all the pubs who donated for the publican's choice. Also, to Harrison Supplies, Ajax Building for donating prizes.

Casey Black





