

Motoring history rolls in

National car club rally reaches South East coast



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A CONVOY of more than 25 Bristol model cars wound through the South East last week as part of a monumental road trip organised by the Bristol Owners Club of Australia.

The dazzling cars pulled up at the Blue Lake so that visitors and members of the club from New South Wales, Tasmania, Queensland, Victoria and even

England could enjoy the natural spectacle during an 18-day tour of regional Australia in their beloved Bristol vehicles.

Club secretary Bob Leffler said the group had enjoyed the journey so far after previous group road trips in their reliable and superb Bristols.

"We are a very active car club and often take our beloved cars out to other parts of the country and on this trip we have had a couple from England ship their Bristol over and join the convoy," he said.

"Bristols were built to endure long road trips and are extremely reliable."

The club was established in

Victoria, its head office in Melbourne and branches in South Australia, New South Wales and Queensland.

More than 100 members are involved with the club, coming from all areas of Australia, New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

A national rally bringing together up to 40 Bristols from all states is held every two years, while regular trips usually occur every two to four months.

The car enthusiasts spent two nights in Mount Gambier during their stay in the Limestone Coast last Tuesday to Friday.

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AROUND THEY GO: Bristol cars form the shape of a rotary engine at Southend Point as a Tiger Moth plane, piloted by Kym Redman, soars above.

Star Watch



WITH *Sarah Kulkens*

ARIES: (March 21 - April 20)

Lucky Colour: Gold Lucky Day: Friday
Racing Numbers: 6, 1, 4, 8
Lotto Numbers: 10, 13, 26, 30, 32, 40
Big things are about to happen and financial luck is on the increase. New people and situations and more support from people in authority. Communications could be a problem so don't be surprised if goods don't arrive on time.



TAURUS: (April 21 - May 20)

Lucky Colour: Navy Lucky Day: Sunday
Racing Numbers: 7, 1, 4, 9
Lotto Numbers: 20, 24, 28, 35, 39, 43
Energy levels rise and more interest in money producing ventures. Social life becomes more hectic. However, don't be too quick to try the unknown – think things through before putting any money up front.



GEMINI: (May 21 - June 21)

Lucky Colour: White Lucky Day: Wednesday
Racing Numbers: 5, 1, 3, 8
Lotto Numbers: 1, 4, 17, 26, 32, 45
There could be a problem with nerves – make sure you are not overdoing things in any way. A great period for putting your ideas across and impressing the right people. However, make sure loved ones are getting plenty of attention. Try to keep in touch with what is important to them.



CANCER: (June 22 - July 22)

Lucky Colour: Purple
Lucky Day: Saturday
Racing Numbers: 7, 4, 8, 5
Lotto Numbers: 3, 9, 18, 22, 32, 34
Present yourself at your best. Someone very nice could be watching. A romantic proposition or two is indicated. A wilder social life could be on offer. Many will be trying out new career ventures.



LEO: (July 23 - August 22)

Lucky Colour: Yellow Lucky Day: Sunday
Racing Numbers: 8, 1, 3, 6
Lotto Numbers: 5, 8, 16, 19, 26, 37
For some, your dreams could now come true. Don't be too quick to say yes when asked for favours – think it through. Long standing problems could be solved during this period and ties should be renewed with family members.



VIRGO: (August 23 - September 23)

Lucky Colour: Lilac
Lucky Day: Friday
Racing Numbers: 5, 3, 6, 2
Lotto Numbers: 5, 14, 23, 38, 40, 45
More time among groups of people is indicated. A favourable time to take the plunge in financial or career ventures. Family affairs could be causing confusion and if you need advice ask the experts.



LIBRA: (September 24 - October 23)

Lucky Colour: Olive
Lucky Day: Tuesday
Racing Numbers: 6, 2, 5, 8
Lotto Numbers: 3, 10, 19, 25, 30, 37
A quick decision may be necessary regarding a career offer. Lots of good things should be opening during this period. Avoid domineering people or friction will occur – be very tactful but do it your way.



SCORPIO: (October 24 - November 22)

Lucky Colour: Lemon Lucky Day: Saturday
Racing Numbers: 2, 6, 1, 5
Lotto Numbers: 1, 5, 11, 21, 27, 37
A great period to entertain and be sociable. The friends you make could bring more romantic interludes. In a career sense, a good time to put your ideas forward and state your views.



SAGITTARIUS: (November 23 - Dec 20)

Lucky Colour: Royal Blue
Lucky Day: Friday
Racing Numbers: 6, 5, 3, 7
Lotto Numbers: 8, 12, 15, 20, 29, 37
Many will become involved in self-improvement courses – either mind or looks. Many will be paying a lot of attention to everything you are doing so make sure and present yourself at your best.



CAPRICORN: (December 21 - January 19)

Lucky Colour: White
Lucky Day: Wednesday
Racing Numbers: 3, 1, 7, 3
Lotto Numbers: 1, 14, 22, 27, 31, 36
In a career sense, an unexpected opportunity could be offered. It is very likely to be a period of romantic propositions and rather intense love experiences.



AQUARIUS: (January 20 - February 19)

Lucky Colour: Grey
Lucky Day: Sunday
Racing Numbers: 5, 1, 7, 4
Lotto Numbers: 3, 7, 16, 27, 30, 32
A rather pressing problem could be solved. Something thought lost or irretrievable could turn up. Be prepared for big changes or surprises. Although a good period generally, keep some money aside for emergencies.



PISCES: (February 20 - March 20)

Lucky Colour: Sea Green
Lucky Day: Friday
Racing Numbers: 4, 9, 6, 8
Lotto Numbers: 10, 23, 26, 30, 35, 40
A financial gainful period. Reasons to celebrate could be in store. Your intuition should be reliable. Contacts from the past could bring back an old friend and for some, old friends could depart for faraway places.



ELITE ROADSTERS: Members of the Bristol Owners Club of Australia stop at Southend during their tour of the South East.



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Classic cars roll in

National tour puts motoring history on show

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Mr Leffler said everyone had enjoyed the journey and the surrounds they travelled through.

"This trip has been well-received by the club and the Limestone Coast is a beautiful place for our cars to travel through," he said. "We hope we get the chance to travel regional Australia more often, especially the Limestone Coast."

"It is a very pretty area." After World War II, the Bristol Aeroplane Company, which built the Blenheim, Beaufort and Beaufighter aircraft, had unused factory space and a skilled, but idle workforce.

As part of the war reparation it received the rights to the pre-war BMW car designs, which were developed, improved and re-engineered to become the first Bristol car.

The production of Bristol models still continues in the United Kingdom with exclusive, expensive and luxurious models, including supercars.



BELOVED BRISTOLS: Bristol Owners Club of Australia secretary Bob Leffler was astounded at the beauty of the South East as he travelled with a fleet of about 25 sparkling Bristol vehicles on a club road trip.

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CLASSIC CARS: Bristol Owners Club of Australia president Steven Rosten takes a break in his Bristol Type 400 with Anna Summers before hitting the road.

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Car Club tours South East



The Bristol Owners Club of Australia spent some time in the SE last week, here they are at Wangolina Station.

BRISTOL Owners Club of Australia Inc descended on the SE last week.

The old car enthusiasts stayed at the Robe Haven Motel last Tuesday and Wednesday nights, before making their way to Mount Gambier.

The group of 17 Bristol car owners took off from Sydney and are making their way back to Sydney, driving 4000km in 20 days.

While in Robe, the group took in the Mt Benson wine region, including a stop at Wangolina Station.

They also spent some time in Kingston, checking out the fish and chips at the Kingston Jetty and buying some fresh crayfish.

The club has 125 members from all over Australia, including SA, Victoria and New South Wales, as well as members in New Zealand and the United Kingdom.

After World War II, the Bristol Aeroplane Company had unused factory space and a skilled workforce.

It received the rights to the pre-war BMW car designs, these were then developed, improved and re-engineered to become the first Bristol car - the 400. The Bristol Owners Club of Australia are now keeping the car alive, through their love of open spaces and well-made vehicles.

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Jo Lewis and Peter Forrester with their Bristol car at Wangolina Station.



Club secretary Bob Leffer (left), John Cooper and John and Jenny Dunk get a tasting from Wangolina Station's Anita Goode.

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Comedian Fiona O'Loughlin will be entertaining at the Kingston Football Clubrooms next Tuesday night.

Fiona comes to Kingston

COMEDIAN Fiona O'Loughlin will be entertaining at the Kingston Football Clubrooms next Tuesday night.

Doors and bar will be open from 7pm, with live music from 7.15pm to 7.50pm, and Fiona will take the stage at 8pm.

Bringing this event to Kingston is Big Brown Promotions who will also be donating \$2 from every ticket sold to the Kingston Soldiers' Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Fiona genuinely loves performing and entertaining people, in the past 12 months she has entertained many in regional SA.

She was raised in Warooka on the Yorke Peninsula, and getting back to regional areas in SA is something she loves doing.

Fiona also loves to chat to the audience members after a show, especially if she has copies of her book, "Me Of The Never Never", on sale!

Don't miss this chance to come and see the "Queen of Australian Stand-up Comedy" and a great fundraiser for the auxiliary.

Tickets are available online at www.bigbrownpromotions.com.au or at the door, unless sold out.

Fiona will also be performing at the Millicent Civic Centre on October 23.

'The Ride' tours

KINGSTON and Robe were treated to the award-winning documentary "The Ride" last week when director/producer Sandra Cook and featured star Jim Cairns stopped by.

As part of a 22 regional town event, both football clubrooms screened the film about four Aussie blokes swapping their wheelchairs for quad bikes and traversing deep into the outback.

The film dispels the stigma of what it means to be disabled and raises awareness about road safety. The film follows Jim, Anton, Terry and Craig on a 5000km adventure as they return to the crash sites where their lives changed forever.

"As a group, we wanted to make a documentary to highlight the potential impact of motor vehicle accidents to your body, family, employment and future potential," Jim said.

"We thought this was important because all of us, at one time, had to completely rebuild our lives."

Thanks to funding from the Julia Farr M S McLeod Benevolent Fund the group started their tour on October 2 and plan to finish in Adelaide on October 26. If you want to meet the people behind the film, their last screening in the SE is in Keith tomorrow night at 7pm.

For more information on the documentary or to buy a copy of the inspiring story visit www.theridemovie.org.

Right: Kingston and Robe were treated to the award-winning documentary 'The Ride' last week when director/producer Sandra Cook and featured star Jim Cairns (pictured) stopped by.



Photo of the week



Photo of the week went to Mel Beggs who took this photo of her children recently playing on Kingston's foreshore. If you have a photo you would like to share please send to kate.foreman@fairfaxmedia.com.au.