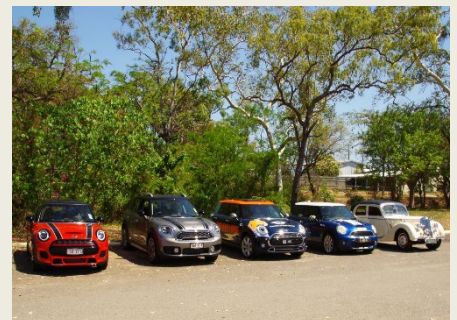




This year's ABD Reviver began on Saturday afternoon with Jim and I cruising down the Bruce Highway in Jim's ute loaded with five Union Jacks and four flagpoles. We attached our new telescopic flag pole to the street sign which we had scrutinised on the way back from the club's recent Alva Beach run. We hoisted the big Union Jack and it looked great. There it is on the cover of this NJ flying high in the

middle of our mini ABD at Giru. It was hot work hoisting flags and climbing ladders in the afternoon sun. The cool bar was just too tempting and Jim had to have a beer even before we finished the job!

The forecast heat wave arrived on Sunday morning but it did not deter our many enthusiasts. The scene in front of the Stuart Hotel was buzzing



as the cars and bikes kept rolling in. Townsville Jaguar once again supported us with Dean driving a new blue E Pace off the showroom floor. Pricey couldn't make it in Graham's MGB kindly offered by the Marque Club but we had 102.3 Triple M's Minty come in a

up support. We got 3,600 views on our All British Day Facebook page. Rosalie and Andrew at Giru Pub also got nearly as many views on their Facebook page promoting our event!

Engines were started at 10AM. Eighteen fine-looking Jags and several dozen other cars and bikes made an impressive convoy on the Flinders Highway. It was a relaxing 50 minute cruise via Woodstock and Majors Creek, the countryside still quite scenic despite the drought.



new Mini, thanks Minty, and thanks to Michael Johnson and his crew from the Townsville Mini Garage. The John Cooper Works, Countryman and Clubman looked impressive. Thanks also to Josh Guinea who instigated having the new Minis on the cruise. Teamwork is great! I drained the battery on my phone twice drumming

Michael Fitzgerald whose dad was one of our past presidents kindly took a video of the convoy from one of the many creek crossings on Woodstock – Giru Road. Jeff Harris's 1964 Red V8



Daimler had the best original rumbling sound as the convoy drove by. See the video on our ABD Facebook page.

Only a couple of mishaps on the way, some minor trouble slowed the restored motorbikes but they all made it. The Lotus turned back, not sure why. Gary Parker's ubiquitous Dodge truck broke an oil pipe and sprayed oil all over Dean's brand new Jag before Gary realised what was happening.



Not to worry, Rosalie came to the rescue with Windex and paper towels and the new Jag looked pristine again lined up in front of the pub. Gary managed to repair the pipe arriving at Giru just a bit later.

We had a good viewing of the cars and bikes parked across the road and around the pub, but as the midday sun beat down, onlookers drifted to the lawn under the cool shade of the huge Cassia tree and around the bar where refreshing drinks were served, including cold water at the special price of \$2 for additional hydration.

Miss Macie's beautiful aqua coloured retro coffee caravan was in a good spot under the tree – she beat us all there taking a short cut from the Stuart pub along the Bruce Highway to Giru. Hope to see Mel again at ABD.

Gary Crowdy cruised from Ayr in his black Packard and was parked in the shade behind Bob Morris's black 1951 Morris Ute. Al Anderson and two sons came from Bowen and displayed two

preferably held in the winter months. A few of the clubs restored motor cycles were missing because some of the older gentlemen did feel the heat. Not to worry, our ABD participants were well represented. Frank Munis came again from Mt Isa in his white XJS and Jim Lewis drove from Charters Towers this time in his turquoise Mark VII, the XK140 coupe a bit hot to drive. Both of them stayed in air conditioned comfort in Townsville this time and started with the convoy at the Stuart Hotel. They had waited for us at Woodstock last year but wisely avoided the time in the sun this year. It was good to see them there again.

Our cruise increased the population of Giru considerably. The atmosphere around the pub was great and it really did look like All British Day again. We had tried to organise the photoshoot before lunch this year since a few people did leave straight after lunch last year. Not easy to do though, people could smell the steak cooking on the BBQ and demanded to be fed, a \$5 bargain. We announced 12:30 for the photoshoot and it all went well. Most people came out of the pub to join the big crowd on the footpath.

Our raffle in support Heart Kids raised





Finally thanks again to everybody who supported our ABD Reviver cruise. Lots of people commented on how they enjoyed the day and it was heartening to see how ABD brings lots of the different clubs and people together. Thanks especially to our hosts Rosalie, Andrew and their friendly staff for promoting our event, providing a pleasant venue and making a special effort giving us tables and chairs out under the trees to beat the heat. The hottest job was cooking the steaks on the BBQ and I chatted to Andrew after lunch having a beer



weren't late for next year. They look impressive too. We sold all 100 this year in the first hour so we ordered 200 of them and will sell them at ABD for \$10 each. It was also very encouraging to see our CAMS

\$320 which was a good effort. Thanks to Peter, Aila, Karen and Glenda for the hard work selling tickets. We had samples of our Red ABD 2019 Grille Badges to show, got them in the nick of time this year and made sure they

Sports and Development Officer Sarah Harley come along from Brisbane and join in the fun. Sarah had to get back to the Marque Club Sprints but we caught up again at our Management Committee meeting. Our little



nephew Kolby, sporting his bright green club shirt wanted to sit in every car, especially the coupes, but motorbikes were his passion! Good also to see Kevin and Yvonne. Kevin is our ABD PR Wallah and also tried out his new Town Cryer Union Jack top hat. Kevin loves ABD!

cooling off on the veranda. I think we achieved our main objectives, kept the spirit of ABD alive and promoted our big event. Let's do it again next year. See you all again at All British Day 2019 in mid-June!









