

# "All Aussie Day", Manfeild

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The weather was all that we had asked for and more. A full field of cars from the land of snakes & ockers were on display. Fords, Holden's, Valiant's and P76's galore plus breeds that want to be Aussies. The proceeds from the gate went to the Starship Foundation.

Six Leyland's including the Force 7V turned out in an impressive line up. L to R we see Brian & Colleen CW S V8 Levin, Ron Butler FB Targa Florio replica Paraparaumu, Merv and Rose CW S V8 Levin, Andrew Larsen SO D V8 Waitara, and Lance Wagstaff ON Force7V Hawera. Trevor Day was also there with his HOTO S V8 from Ashhurst but wasn't able to join the line when he arrived.

Andrew had all the relevant info for his car on display and created a lot of interest. This car for those that don't know raced in the 1974 Pukekohe B&H 500 and numerous other circuit, rally and hill climb events. Andrew hopes to enter himself and the car in a future Targa Rally. Here is the car as seen at the 30/ 40 National Rally a bit later on.

The public got to choose their choice of best of the Fords, Holden's etc. Lance's Force 7V took best Leyland, Ron's car 2<sup>nd</sup> & Brian's car 3<sup>rd</sup>. All cars were equally impressive and all deserved winners. This is a big car show and drew a big crowd. It will get larger next year for sure.

(You'd better believe it, I was in hospital the day before so attending was out of the question and I wasn't happy about it, I can assure you! I have since received an email from Dwayne Burrell, the organizer thanking the Club for their support and advising that the show will be back given the strong support promised another event. They had cars from Auckland, Morrinsville and Keri Keri in the North and many from everywhere south of Manfeild. The event raised \$2300 for Starship which they were very pleased with. Next year's event is booked for February 1 2014.) Ed

