

# All Aussie Car Day

## 2017 and 2018

by Rob Jones



*At the beginning, we had the cars lined up at the gate before entry.*

Ok, to start with there is the **Editorial Apology** for omitting to report on the very successful 2017 event. There was mention in the March 2017 Penzed of the elder members in attendance and the fascinating toy and model display seen at the Coach House Museum after the event but alas the old worn out editor forgot the main event. And it was an important event.



*Coachhouse Museum - 2 old guys. Ed and ALec*



*Coachhouse Museum – Model display*

On this occasion, the AACD and the WWA event in Dannevirke ran on the same weekend as it had done the previous year and this was enough of a draw to bring three additional cars down from the Northern Group along with the surprise appearance of Don and Eileen Edmonds travelling in their Holden Calais. We were privileged to have Alex Reid and Lois Wallace join us, Alex was keen to give his car its annual big run seeing as he wasn't taking it to the National Rally in Cromwell. Stephen and Karen King came to show off their beautiful new P76, hereby classified as DKR in colour as its red and Stephen doesn't know what shade! And of course, Ed Tubman in his lovely Leyland, always keen to go to a show and especially in two towns where there may be new sources of models and of course Dave's Den in Dannevirke. We always visit Dave and say hello, despite his greeting to us of "oh hell here's double trouble" on the day. Several WWA participants turned up while we were there. Stephen and Karen King (*right*) won the Best Leyland with





their DKR Red car and a good spot prize as you can see here. And we have the important P People (*below*) as well with Karen taking the picture. On show are Brian Francis, Lois Wallace, Alex Reid, Ron Butler, Stephen King, Rob Jones, Ed Tubman and Trevor Day.



Looking back over my notes I'm reminded that this also gave us five Founding members in attendance, a rare feat indeed. We are Ron, Alex, Don, Ed and me of course



*Left: A close-up of the DKR Super, hugely admired by 100's on the day and the recipient of the Best Leyland trophy and a good spot prize*

Locally we had the cars of Ron Butler, Brian and Colleen Francis, Trevor Day and myself. Ron was accompanied by his regular sidekick Ray Buddle who should rid himself of a Jag or BMW and just buy a P76!

Needless to say, we all had a wonderful time staying over in Feilding, the details of which escape me a little now! Was it the Cheltenham Pub, the Coach House Museum, the Irish Pub for dinner and I recall the whole time being followed around by a Transat bus full of increasingly drunk and disruptive stag party participants. How that poor guy ever got married we will never know. But we all had a ball. And a cool cruise through to Dannevirke the next day in a Leyland convoy.



*Below: The seven P76's on show are Alex B as B S, Ron FB TFR, Brian and Colleen CW S and Ed ON L from the left and Rob AEB D6, Trevor HOTO S and Stephen and Karen DKR S from the right with the customary gazebo and flagpole in the middle.*



*Above: Following on representing the "others" we have a 1964 Ford Falcon Coupe, a 1971 Holden HG V8 and a beautiful in black Chrysler Valiant VJ Hearse.*

*Below: With a view from the grandstand covering all the Leyland's and numerous other exhibitors you can get a feel for the variety of the day.*



For 2018 we only had three locals to attend the event as it was threatening to rain, Brian and Colleen were in the USA and other excuses for not turning up. Really! But we still attracted a heap of attention and spot prizes and of course, Ron got top Leyland, beating Paul and me! And the band were brilliant on the day. Sadly there was no WWA



the next day so that opportunity was lost but who knows what may happen in 2019. We live in hope. Ron has recently sent me a photo of all the trophies and certificates from earlier AACDs he has won. Not enough room on his bonnet for all the spot prizes the tin bum wins! And following on we have the three keen Leylanders and a bonnet full of several years' worth of trophies. Well done Ron.



Beyond this we see more of the cars on show, this beautifully restored Falcon was there both times but in 2018 had the additional attraction of a Ford parking meter and a flashy Ford bicycle with it.







*1961 EK Holden*



*Not your average Holden Sunbird. This Masterton car sports a 305ci V8 if I recall correctly.*



*Chrysler Valiant 360ci V8. This was a mint low mileage example recently purchased from Hastings.*



*The Australian K series Min from 1971i, this car actually took out the Best Leyland in Show for 2018, a bit of a shock for the P76 owners in attendance.*



*The rear view of the small Leyland collection*