

YAMBA/FENWICK MEMORIAL ROVE—16-17 MARCH 2019

(Report by Eve McCormack)



For quite some years, the Fenwick Memorial Rally has been held every two years in March, involving both the Summerland Sports and Classic Car Club and Rover Car Club of Queensland, firstly organised by Bruce and Denise Fenwick in memory of their son, John and after Bruce's passing, by Denise and Ross McCormack.

This year, Geoff and Sue Kearns offered to plan a weekend rally, which, with the involvement of members of the Summerland Club, became the Fenwick Memorial Rove.

We left Brisbane by 9am, to allow for daylight saving in NSW. We drove through some rain and met other members of Qld Rover Car Club at the delightful spot of Brunswick Heads hotel. After lunch we headed off to James Creek and the home of Geoff and Sue Kearns where we also met up with members of the Summerland Sports and Classic Car Club for afternoon tea. Here we were treated to an excellent afternoon tea and the chance to view some of Geoff's cars while the ladies were also very interested to see the many beautiful Quilts which Sue had made, and have a chance to discuss things 'crafty'.



Ross McCormack, Geoff Kearns, Denise Fenwick

Our Saturday evening meal was at Yamba Shores Tavern, a delightful spot overlooking the mouth of the Clarence River. This was a chance for a catch up with others on the Rove.

Sunday dawned fine but overcast – perfect driving weather. So we assembled and headed through the little town of McLean to the little town of Lawrence for car ferry across the Clarence River, a further drive up river and we took another car ferry (the longest river ferry crossing in Australia @ 800m) to Ulmarra for morning tea and – joy- a bit of a fossick in the craft shops and galleries in this quaint little town. The countryside in this area was green and lush, with many sugarcane fields around.

A 40minute drive back to Yamba and the Pacific Hotel for lunch rounded out the weekend, where we all relaxed and then farewelled those who were heading home.

24 vehicles

On Car Ferry

At Lawrence



Lined up for
Car Ferry to
Ulmarra. Six
Vehicles at a time



The View from Yamba Hotel



This was a very enjoyable weekend away in a beautiful part of Northern NSW. Many thanks to Geoff and Sue Kearns for the work they put into arranging the Rove, from the suggested accommodation to the meal stops and the general itinerary. From the many comments of those attending, a great time was had by all. We should do it all again!!

Those attending from Rover Car Club of Queensland:

Denise Fenwick (Dualis), Geoff and Sue Kearns (P5B Coupe); Ross and Eve McCormack (Rover 75); Gary and Deidre Bickford (Rover 75); Craig and Jenny Barraud (P6B); Jon Lowe (P6B); Helen and Drew Maywald (P6B); Rick and Rita Thurgood (Land Rover Discovery); Geoff and Jan Victor (P5 Coupe); Rosco and Linda Baldwin (Rover 75); Russell Graham (P3); Eric and Helen Davidson (Rover 75).