

MG Run 11 November 2018

I was asked if I would be happy to assist in an upcoming MG run, which I was happy to oblige. The MG run would commence at Edwards Park, located just off Anzac Highway and work their way to the Birdwood Mill to relax with a BBQ and a walk through the Motor Museum.

It was a beautiful balmy Sunday morning, bright blue skies with an average temperature of 28 degrees Celsius. I arrived at the Edwards Park assembly point at 8:30 am where I was welcomed by Berry Treffers, the MG club Coordinator, who has been involved with these events since 2009. I was considering bringing along at least a GL19 Ignition contact set of which I was sure I had at home somewhere... anyway rest assured Berry handed me a box of spare parts which included, Ignition contact sets, fan belts, radiator hoses and even a fuel pump!

I took the opportunity to have a chat and take some pictures of these well-maintained vehicles, where I gained a new appreciation of what the cars meant for these people. These cars held memories of time passed. For one lady, it was to remember her partner that had passed on, for one man it was an opportunity to work on the car with his son. Another married couple had purchased their car in the first year of their marriage some 38 years ago and for others it was a chance to catch up with their family and friends.

We had a driver briefing, followed by 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day. In total there were 107 cars that participated in the run. One by one the cars headed off where I managed to capture a few more photos before heading off behind the group. It was scenic drive through the Hills up to Mt Lofty Summit Rd, through Uraidla, Lobethal and past Gumeracha to arrive at the Birdwood Motor Museum via Church Street and finally assembling on a well-groomed lawn area surrounded by some impressively large gum trees.

I have to say these cars are definitely loved and well-maintained by their owners. Except for one car having an alternator issue, the drive was virtually uneventful.

I am very thankful to have gone along for this event and to meet such lovely people. It was a real honour to represent the RAA.

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