

Lavish launch for new club

OBERON'S newest club, the Oberon Heritage and Collectors Club Inc., was launched on Sunday 29th of June 2008 when it hosted a visit to Oberon by members of the Goulburn Historic and Classic Car Club Inc.

Approximately 60 people in 25 classic cars made the trip from Goulburn to assist in the club's launch.

Jim Hawkes, the inaugural president, said the event was enthusiastically received by members of the Goulburn club, who were treated to a tour of both Gary and Marilyn Evans' and Jim and Lyndall Hawkes' sheds, as well as an interesting tour of Oberon's museum and a brief tour of the Oberon township, including the Dam.

"The club's objectives are to encourage the preservation, restoration and use of the widest possible range of collections, including historic motor vehicles, motorcycles, commercial vehicles, trucks, tractors and machinery, whether they be powered by water, steam, beast, wind, man, or internal combustion", he said.

Jim said the club encourages all collectors to become involved.

"We are looking for collectors of items or memorabilia from the arts and entertainment, music, household equipment and collections representing our social history. If you collect historic documents or photographs, we want you as a member", said Jim.

The club's aim is to foster the spirit of fellowship, tolerance and goodwill among its members.

The club will engage in tours, exhibitions and other events, and members will demonstrate and explain the use of relevance of the items in their collections.

"We aim to preserve all aspects of our motoring, rural, home industry, social and industrial history and heritage. We will work co-operatively with other social and specialised clubs and associations in Oberon and other areas to foster and promote local heritage and history", Jim explained.

A side benefit of attracting clubs from outside our district

to participate in activities with our club is to introduce new groups of people to the attractions of Oberon and its surrounding district. Indirectly and in time, this will benefit the wider business and retail community.

Mike Massey, business and development officer at Oberon Council, provided the members of the Goulburn Club with Oberon Information and Destination Packs.

"We are now actively seeking members to be part of the Oberon Heritage and Collectors Club", said Jim Hawkes.

"If you are a collector or owner of anything interesting and would like to be part of a friendly club, please contact me on 0409 288 132 or our Secretary, David McMurray on 6336 5332 for details on how to go about joining the club".

The next Oberon Heritage and Collectors Club meeting will be held on Wednesday the 16th of July 2008 at the Oberon RSL, commencing at 7:30pm.

All prospective members are welcome.



BEAUTY: A classic FJ Holden car owned by David McMurray.



PRESERVED: A collection of classic cars visiting Oberon Dam.