

## MID-WEEK DRIVE TO ETTALONG

Thursday, February 24<sup>th</sup> dawned rather grey which didn't augur well for the day's outing, but nevertheless, 15 hardy souls in ten cars braved the elements to meet up at the Great North Café at Cowan for a very pleasant run along the old Pacific Highway to West Gosford, thence along Brisbane Water Drive through Woy Woy, arriving at the Ettalong Diggers' Club around noon.



Everybody managed to find a parking space although Ken and Karen Codling had to do a few circuits before Ken was able to find a possie big enough to accommodate his vintage Chev truck (right next door to my ute!).

We were seated on the balcony outside the main bistro dining area at a long table that kept everyone together, which was much better than having people seated at several tables and therefore missing out on the general conversation.

The tucker on offer was so varied that it would have been a real "picker" who wasn't satisfied with the menu. After placing our orders at the lunch desk, it was only a matter of minutes before the platters arrived at our table and were promptly cleaned up!



The weather was a bit patchy, but apart from driving through a couple of light showers en route, we only had one downpour whilst we ate. After a couple of hours of congeniality, people began to drift off to home.

All praise to our esteemed events' organiser, Mark, for another excellent excursion. -

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