

## North West Rally, Gunnedah, NSW 26-27 July 2025

*(report by Eve McCormack)*

We left Brisbane on Friday morning 25 July for a leisurely drive to Armidale, the traffic was light but a bit slow driving through Cunningham's Gap where major roadworks are taking place. We stopped at Sutton's Juice Factory, Thulimbah for Ross' favourite morning tea - a slice of apple pie with cream and ice cream!

We then drove on through Tenterfield, Glen Innes on to Armidale. The traffic was light, but the New England Highway was not good with plenty of potholes and some roadworks. We met up with Geoff Victor and Jan Carter (P5B) for a pleasant evening meal at The Cottage restaurant.

Saturday morning was very cold and wet, Geoff and Jan decided not to travel on to Gunnedah and retreated to the Queensland warmth - wise people! Ross and I headed off, with a stop at Uralla for morning tea then on through Tamworth and arrived at Gunnedah Rural Museum around 11.30am. After a welcome cup of tea and cake and meeting up with others on the Rally, we went for a drive through Gunnedah to the Water Tower Museum which was very interesting and gave great views from the top of the tower. By now it was raining and very cold, so a short run to Kelvin to view the bird life at Bert Hewett farm was cancelled, time to check in to our motel.

On Sunday (cold, wet, windy, 2degC), we met up at Wolseley Park and drove towards Emerald Hill village and stopped at a farm to view American Longhorn cattle - it was interesting to learn about this breed which have long horns (!) and seem quite docile. From there we drove to Boggabri RSL for an enjoyable lunch, after which was a trip to historic home 'Kurrumbde' where some of the famous poem by Dorothea Mackellar 'My Country' was written. Our evening meal was at Club Gunnedah.

We left Gunnedah early on Monday morning after a very pleasant and informative weekend. We always enjoy these rallies, meeting up with folk we have met on previous rallies and learning about the area, and of course seeing the wide range of motor cars. Our thanks to the Gunnedah Vintage Vehicle Club, Terry Fitzgerald and the organising committee.

The North West Rally for 2026 will be in Narrabri, and all being well we are hoping to be there!



Two Rover 75s in Gunnedah



Silo Art in Gunnedah



Longhorn Cattle

