



When Clubs Combine



An annual tradition born from the thought that “if all of Perth is travelling to the city to watch the Skyworks” then the roads would be free to enjoy. Australia Day, 26 January 2019 marked 24 years of the “Ferrari – Porsche: Not the Fireworks Social Run”

This year marks the 24th running of the Ferrari – Porsche “Not the Fireworks Run” traditionally held on the 26th January Australia Day. This year’s event was organised by the Porsche Club of WA which was the first time for PCWA and the first event for the new 2019 club committee. With 5 past club presidents and the present Ferrari and Porsche club presidents,



special guests Margie Smith-Haas and Paul Haas from the Porsche Club San Diego, USA and a combined total of 77 club members taking part, the honour of planning and organising the run fell to Richard and Ruth Jamieson. They put together a very enjoyable drive from Guildford through the Perth Hills to the Sittella Winery in the Swan valley with help from Cheryl Leeds who completed the arrangements for our lunch venue ensuring that all members were well looked after.



From around 0930 on a beautiful Saturday morning, cars started arriving in Guildford. Club members meeting old friends, sharing a coffee, admiring the different cars and wishing each other a Happy Australia Day. With a beautiful collection of modern and classic Porsche and Ferrari cars assembled in the Train Station Car Park, introductions and briefing completed, Richard lead the convoy of amazing cars onto James St. to start the first run of the new year. Heading along the Great Eastern Hwy towards Midland and Greenmount Hill, the start of the run, the sight of a GT2RS, 458's, 356's, 360's, 911's and Porsche's of all types travelling along the street in the picturesque old town of Guildford was so spectacular that people just stopped and waved as the cars passed.

The Ferrari Club's requirement to have a short run on good roads that would be good to drive would be a challenge for Richard and Ruth as the Porsche Club runs are normally longer and weather conditions are never a concern. The run took the cars on a variety of different types of roads, from tight and twisty, to open and flowing, to some roads that even local members of the Ferrari Club had never been on before and confirmed that they would definitely be using again on their own runs in the future. The selection of roads were both challenging and rewarding to drive and in the spirit of the "Not the Fireworks Run". As explained by the original Ferrari Club founder of the run, as all the people would be in the city for the fireworks, the roads would have very little traffic



and yes, we encountered very little traffic during the day. As the cars negotiated the Roller Coaster and then swept down the valley to the Sittella Winery, the smile on drivers faces when they arrived at the winery to priority parking under the vines or on the lawn was all Richard needed to see to confirm a road well-travelled and enjoyed.



The winery had arranged seating for all 77 members in their main dining room and with all the doors to the veranda opened, the feeling was Mediterranean and still very comfortable even though it was a hot day. With orders taken, friendly conversation about the day's drive was interrupted as the first of the three courses arranged by Cheryl arrived on the tables. On completion of lunch, people were still sitting engaging with friends from both clubs and not in any hurry to leave for home. This was the final verification of a run enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Richard, Ruth and Cheryl and all other club members that helped to make the first PCWA organised "Not the Fireworks Run" the outstanding success it was and thank you to the Ferrari Club for their support of the event and making Australia Day 2019 special. Well done PCWA, great run.