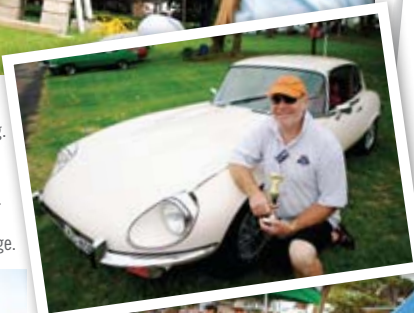


# Big hearts on show

Car lovers raise money for NSW cancer victims

■ **STAR OF THE SHOW:** Henry Patterson shows off the trophy for his winning 1930 Buick Coupé.



- ALL THE WINNERS**
- Most Original** 1928 Nash Sedan (Charlie Mueller)
  - Best Sports Car** 1972 E-type Jaguar (Ray Pendergast)
  - Best Small Car** 1971 Torana XU1 (Ross Johnson)
  - Best Medium Car** 1977 Valiant CM Charger (Dennis Birchall)
  - Best Large Car** 1965 Chev Impala (Shane Goddard)
  - People's Choice** 1956 FJ Ute (Paul and Elaine Ametts)
  - Best Overall Car** 1930 Buick Coupé (Henry Patterson)

**ELVIS AND PAVAROTTI** performed. More than 100 restored vehicles lined the roadsides. And the Pacific Ocean provided a spectacular backdrop.

Add 3500 people to the mix and the result was a successful 2009 vintage and classic car gala day at the NRMA Merimbula Beach Holiday Park on the NSW south coast.

The annual one-day event, organised by park managers Belinda and Adam Thomas and the Sapphire Coast Historical Vehicle Club, attracted enthusiasts from ACT, Eurobodalla, Cooma, Bega and Lakes Entrance car clubs. It also raised \$6000 for the Bega Oncology Hospital.

In the car judging, a gorgeous 1930 Buick Coupé took out the Best Car prize, while there were six other category winners (see box). A Saracen tank that served in Afghanistan was also displayed.

A full day of entertainment featured the O'Donnell Family, Gary Jones, and The Lounge Lizards, plus tributes to Elvis Presley and Pavarotti.

The next gala day will be held on Sunday, February 20, 2010.

■ **TOP:** Merimbula Beach Holiday Park, a perfect setting.  
 ■ **ABOVE LEFT:** Adam and Belinda Thomas with his 1951 Armstrong Siddeley Lancaster.  
 ■ **ABOVE:** Pavarotti tribute performer Greg Whitby on stage.



■ **ABOVE:** Sports car winner Ray Pendergast and his E-type Jaguar.  
 ■ **FAR LEFT:** This Saracen tank plays a new role after its service in Afghanistan.  
 ■ **LEFT** Elvis Presley impersonator Ray Byrne shows off his bling fingers.