



# TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP

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**JOINING FEE:** \$15 per family (once off)

**NEW MEMBER FEE:** \$20 per member (when joining between 1st July to 31st December)

**NEW MEMBER FEE:** \$10 per member (when joining between 1st January to 30th June)

**YEARLY RENEWAL:** \$20.00 per member due 1<sup>st</sup> July



**AIM:** To foster the preservation and the active use of all Morris Vehicles. To encourage the rebuilding and improvement of the Morris and the installation of safety equipment in them.

Membership to the Group shall be open to any person who is interested in pursuing the aim of the Group.

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## GROUP COORDINATORS REPORT

Welcome everyone to our April newsletter.

I've just been thinking about all our expeditions since our last meeting and this is my quick review! Hope my memory serves me well.

Sunday 19th March woke to a beautiful day with a group of us heading to Cooby Dam for a picnic lunch. This outing was organised by John and Noeline Parker who planned the route travelling along the back roads via Gowrie Junction and Kingsthorpe. Our first stop was in Oakey for morning tea, followed by lunch at the Cooby Dam picnic area. A quiet spot which we had all to ourselves. Thanks to John and Noelene for once again giving us a lovely outing.

"...great display of old machinery  
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trains..."

David Wagner initially suggested a run to visit Steaming on the Downs and Toowoomba and District Old Machinery Society (TADOMS) in October last year but unfortunately that event was washed out by heavy rain. Better luck this time and 2nd April saw a group of us meeting at Pump Café, Wyalla Plaza before heading to Meringandan West for the Steaming on the Downs and TADOMS, Machinery Field Day. A great display of old machinery with steam driven engines, and even miniature steam trains to ride on. Also in the

mix were some wonderful old cars, including grand old Model A's and T's, and also a BEAN. A great day for drive and thanks to both David Wagner and Jim Robertson for organising.

Brenda and I had a couple of days at Hervey Bay at the end of March (kind of a 51st wedding anniversary gift to ourselves). We visited friends who have retired to Toogoom and as we haven't seen them for 20 years, we had a lot of lovely catching up to do. They bought an old Queenslander which they are in the process of renovating. A track behind their back garden leads them to a secluded beach, a little piece of paradise and it's easy to see why.

Welcome back to the TDMG members who headed to the Adelaide Nationals. We are eagerly looking forward to hearing about your exciting adventures in the next issue (teaser photos, page 7-**ED**).



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Morris Minor Forum



# Parker's Run - Cooby Dam



We set off from Bridge Street on time heading west, on our first long drive in our 'new' Morris 8. We turned off the highway towards Gowrie Junction then through Glencoe and Kingsthorpe along the 4AK road to a lovely shaded park in Oakey where we stopped for morning tea and a chat.



Afterwards we drove through Oakey town and past the air force base through Meringandan and on to Cooby Dam. Here we had lunch under the shade of some beautiful gum trees.

It was so quiet here apart from the birds chirping and we were surprised that more people were not taking advantage of this lovely picnic spot.



After lunch we all headed home. Our Morris 8 went very well and didn't miss a beat. The route chosen was fairly flat with the occasional hill. Thanks to John and Noelene for organising this event.

**JIM & TRICIA**





## SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

The Parkers run to Cooby Dam in March was a good one, and as Anne had other plans that day, I took the opportunity to make the run in my TR4 and invited my friend and fellow Triumph Car Club member Greg Bird to come along in his beautiful black Triumph Herald convertible to join us. First stop was a morning tea in Oakey before heading to the dam for lunch. A good mix of vehicles, Morris 8, Minor, Austin, Ford LTD and the two Triumphs being just as English fitted in quite nicely with all the Morris cars and we all had a great day out.

The recent run to the Steaming on the Downs event organised by David W and Jim R was well attended including the coffee stop at The Pump Wyalla Plaza which was a hit. At the event, there was plenty to see with numerous working steam exhibits, a great run and day out.

Our members who made the trek to Adelaide for the 2023 Morris Nationals have spoken very highly of the event and made it safely home with no issues reported. Maree mentioned that there were 168 Morris Minors in attendance. A tremendous effort! Would have looked great seeing them on display day and out on the road in convoy.

Maree had a great run in her Ute, travelling a total distance of 2517 miles (4050.72 km) and presenting a comprehensive report on her fuel consumption and expenses. Averaging it all out, she achieved 8.29L/100km (or 43.35 mpg), excellent mileage for a marque that is now 75 years old.

I heard on the grapevine that the Western Australian folks put on a fantastic presentation in their bid to host the next Morris Nationals. Clearly their effort has paid off and as a result, the 2025 Morris Minor Nationals will be held in Perth.

A bit more progress has been made on the HAZ restoration project with brake piping and cylinders etc. fitted to the rear axle and now waiting for an order from England to arrive which includes among other items, new flexible hoses so I can move further to complete the hydraulic system. The right-hand front and rear door window frames are loosely set up with new rubbers and are next on the list to fix in place.

As we are well aware, our combined clubs Christmas Party in 2022 was a huge success with the three clubs and their members enjoying the day immensely. For this year and with the three clubs in agreement, Jim Allen of the QMMCC has picked up the baton and booked the Esk Grand Hotel for another crack at the combined clubs Christmas Party. This will be held on Saturday 11th November. At this point in time, numbers have been pencilled in for 50 to 60 people. We'll keep you all posted in due course.

That's me for now.

**Roy**



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP  
Held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2023 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.**

**OPENING:** Terry Brown opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone.

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** Trevor Oysten (Prospective Member)

**VISITORS:** Nil

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** As per newsletter

Moved, Roy Hall, seconded Brenda Brown that the minutes printed in the newsletter be accepted as read. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Inwards:*

- Heritage Bank Statement
- Email Newsletters from various clubs.

*Outwards:*

- Newsletters to members and other clubs

Moved, Roy Hall, seconded Emily Johnson that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Presented by Treasurer, Ray Safstrom.

Moved, Ray Safstrom, seconded Linda Kelly that the report be received and the accounts be paid.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Terry Brown presented new member Linda Kelly with her membership badge and all members welcomed her into our group.
- Roy Hall read the correspondence from Jim Allen of the MMCCQ exploring the possibility of continuing the combined clubs' Christmas Lunch at the Esk Grand Hotel as a regular event. The inaugural event last year hosted by our TDMG Group was very successful and enjoyed by the three attending clubs, namely TDMG, MMCCQ and Brisbane Southside.
- The suggestion is that it be made a regular annual event hosted on a rotational basis by the three clubs. Qld Club are willing to host it this year. If Brisbane Southside and our group agree, MMCCQ would make the booking with the Esk Grand



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Hotel and organise/promote the event for this year..

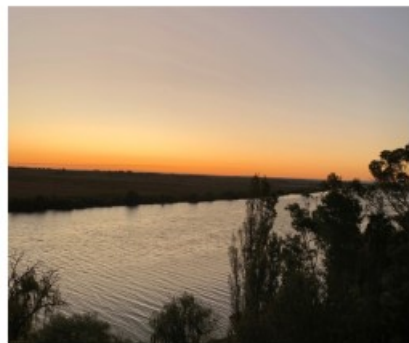
- It was suggested by John Parker that the event be held late in the month to avoid clashing with Sunday car runs. However last year's event was on a Saturday and if so this year, there would not be any clash. Members were enthusiastic that it be an annual event and Roy Hall will contact Jim Allen to advise him of our decision and preference for timing.
- Both WA & TAS have put their respective states forward to host the 2025 MM rally. Discussion was held on which state our group would like to nominate as the host. After some discussion our choice was made for Tasmania and Frosty our delegate to the 23 MM Nationals will be advised so he can vote accordingly at the delegates meeting.
- Contact has been received from Jenny at Yukana, inviting members to display their old Morris cars at Yukana for the entertainment of the residents. David Wagner has been in touch with Jenny and the date of Thursday 25th May has been decided on. Details will be listed on the events page. It was discussed that we invite members of the DDVVMC to join us.

Terry Brown thanked all for attending and there being no further business Terry closed the meeting at 8:15pm.

Raffle won by: draw #1 Dennis Smith, draw #2 James Johnson

## National Rally, Adelaide

A quick photo teaser from the TDMG members who headed to the MM Nationals in South Australia. Full report coming in the May newsletter.






## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April         | General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.   |
| Saturday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April         | Run to Millmerran Museum. Meet 8:30am at Drayton Bowls Club. BYO morning tea, at the Museum, and a midday lunch at the Mill Tavern (for the thrill-seekers, there is a putt-putt course to put your skills to the test). Time permitting, we'll drive to Captain Mountains Lookout.         |
| Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April           | Pittsworth Car Show hosted by Pittsworth & District Men's Shed. 9am to 2pm at the Pittsworth Pioneer Village. Display cars \$10 entry, gold coin donation for public entry.   |
| Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April         | Peranga in the Park. Details TBA.   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> May | Restored Vehicle Assoc. Dalby, Weekend Rally. Application forms available from the Groups' Secretary.   |
| Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May           | General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.   |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May             | David Hack Classic Meet. Toowoomba Aerodrome, Spitfire Street. 8:30am to 2:30pm.  |
| Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May             | Hampton Festival. A celebration of local food vendors, wineries, cafes, artisan producers, art exhibitions, live music and culture in the beautiful High Country region. Tickets @ \$15pp can be purchased from their website: <a href="http://hamptonfestival.com">hamptonfestival.com</a> |
| Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> May           | Visit to Yukana to entertain the residents. Meet 9:15am at Kmart top car park then a short drive for a 9:30am arrival at Yukana. Coffee van available onsite.   |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> June          | General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.   |
| Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> June            | RACQ MotorFest at the Brisbane Showgrounds.   |





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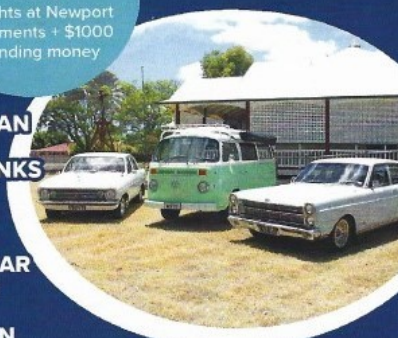
**Sunday 23rd April**  
**9:00am-2:00pm**  
at the **Pittsworth Pioneer Village**

**WIN \$1800 Accommodation Package**  
2 Nights at Newport Apartments + \$1000 spending money

**COFFEE VAN**  
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**BBQ**  
**\$10 PER CAR ON SHOW**  
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# Tickets

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**SUNDAY 21 MAY, 2023**  
**hampton festival**  
20th Anniversary

# Another Day in the Park @ Peranga

**Saturday, 29th of April 2023**  
**Windmill Park, Peranga 9am to 3pm**

**Food -** Jill's Cafe, Barry's Camp Fire Food Pie Stall and Bar

**Activities -** Market stalls, Car Show, Live Music, Machinery Displays and Emergency Services Demonstrations

**Activities for the Children**  
**Petting Zoo, Face Painting and Slide**

**Including the Peranga Pie Festival**  
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# Steaming On The Downs, Machinery Field Day



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Polo shirts with logo \$32.50 | Bucket Hat or Cap with logo \$16  
Jacket with logo only \$55 | Jacket with name and logo \$60.50

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Toowoomba Embroidery Centre  
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