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TDMG Christmas Party,
Blue Mountain Hotel



"Around The Sheds"
Restoration Run

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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 1st 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 COORDINATOR REPORT

Welcome everyone to our December newsletter.

First of all welcome to our five new members, it's great to see and we will be looking forward to seeing you on our monthly events.

The past month saw some superb events, firstly the Stanthorpe Berry Festival attended by six members, thank you to Mick and Merle for not only organising but also taking Jan and myself. I didn't realise how much Mick could talk, no sooner had we left Toowoomba, we were arriving in Stanthorpe. A wonderful day out learning the art of meat smoking and granola pizza making and a quick stop at the Strawberry Farm for ice cream and strawberries to go.

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had we left Toowoomba..."

Our TDMG Christmas Party at the Blue Mountain Hotel was well attended, with 4 members winning lucky door prizes, thank you to the ladies who put these together and again to Merle for organising a wonderful event.

Jim's shed run was also well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Special thanks to those involved for hosting, sharing ideas and inspiring others. Thanks also to Tricia and Anne for sharing their passion of craft. One of our stops was the Toowoomba Ladies

Shed and TDMG members voted to provide a donation. Founding member, Jean, was presented with a cheque to the value of \$200. They do a wonderful job and rely totally on donations. Special thanks to Steve, Frosty and Ken for joining this run given the distance you travel. Not often we see you, but it was certainly great to catch up.

I would like to announce the arrival of Percy, a 1967 Morris 1100, 35,000 original miles, third owner which many have heard about over the last 3 years, so yes John Parker, it is real. The shed run was to be its maiden voyage, however was cut short with hopefully a minor issue. Big thanks to David, Frosty and Jim for assisting me. She may be a little rough and not pretty looking but she's original and until today ran well, will update next month on her progress.

See you all at our next meeting.

MAREE



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Stanthorpe Berry Festival



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SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Joining up with other members, a good run was had to the Stanthorpe Berry Festival. There was plenty to see and do and loads of strawberries and ice cream to consume.

December 2nd was our annual Christmas party organised by Merle Muller, which was held at the Blue Mountain Hotel and attended by a good turnout of members. The meals were excellent and it was quite evident that everyone had a great time with some members scoring lucky door prizes.

The Shed Restoration Run was good which included a stop at the Toowoomba Women's shed where we presented our donation to help them fund the work they do. On leaving the first stop at Jim's place, Maree's 1100 unfortunately broke down bringing her to a stop and missing the remainder of the run.

I got to all shed stops to see what other members are up to. A few hardy souls made the run to my place where I was able to show my progress and gain ideas from them. The visiting ladies seemed to be less interested in the car and more impressed with Anne's quilting handiwork. Lunch at Darrell & Yvonne's place at the end of the run was great and thoroughly enjoyed by all.



The HAZ restoration project continues with engine reassembly almost completed. Now it is off the engine stand, I'm able to fit the oil pump and rear plate. Engine and gearbox will then be bolted together and installed into the car.

Attention will then be focused on continuing work on the body and sorting out the wiring harness etc.

Roy

A whopper of a newsletter with some fantastic articles from members over the last month. Our Mystery Contributor (aka **-MC**) is also back with a small Santa Clause Edition of "Project Noddy" #2.

As 2023 comes to a close I would like to thank everyone who has made a contribution to the Group in general,

whether it be a run or suggestions, organising events or a written article within the pages of this newsletter. It all counts and keeps the Group healthy and active to enjoy the various runs and get-togethers.

For myself and the Executive Committee, it's time for a break from newsletter duties. Keep a look out for our next edition in February.

Our last run of the year is the Park To Pub Run on 24th December. Those joining in, Lana and I are looking forward to seeing you on the day.

-GREG



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP

Held on Thursday 16th November, 2023 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.

OPENING: Maree Pitt opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed everyone.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: As per attendance book

VISITORS: Michael Wells, David Snape, Dan & Suzanne Parker

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: As per newsletter

Moved, Jim Robertson, seconded David Wagner that the minutes printed in the newsletter be accepted as read. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Inwards:

- Heritage Bank Statement
- Email Newsletters from various clubs.
- TRC Dr Price Rooms – Expressions Of Interest 2024 Booking Form

Outwards:

- Newsletters to members and other clubs

Moved, Roy Hall, seconded John Parker that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Presented by Treasurer, Ray Safstrom.

Moved, Ray Safstrom, seconded Dennis Smith that the report be received and the accounts be paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Janet Houlahan has donated to our group a couple of Phil's past National Meeting shirts for any interested member to have.
- Maree Pitt asked for volunteers to write an article about cars they have previously owned which can be any car, Morris or otherwise. Scott Smith agreed to get the ball rolling and write something for inclusion in the December newsletter.
- A reminder was mentioned that cutoff is tonight for numbers for our Christmas party.



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- Scott Smith presented a certificate from Debbie thanking our groups support for the Cancer Council Relay For Life 2023 Fundraiser. He commented that in the Relay For Life Walk held in Kingaroy about six weeks ago, he had covered a distance of about 24km and Deb 20km. A total of \$10,800 was raised.
- Jim Robertson called for interest in a Shed Restoration Run proposed to be held on Saturday 16th December to view members projects. It will commence at his place in Glenvale at 9am then on to Scott & Debbie's for BYO morning tea. Next stop will be at Roy and Anne's followed by a run to Darrell & Yvonne Bells place Cabarlah where we'll have a BBQ lunch.
- It was moved by Dennis Smith that TDMG provide \$100 for the purchase of Sausages, Coleslaw etc for the lunch. Seconded by Jim Robertson. Carried.
- Jan Smith spoke about the Glenvale Women's Shed who do a lot of charity sewing for various groups. It was moved by Jan that we donate \$200 to the Women's shed for the continuation of their work. Seconded by John Parker. Carried.
- The Women work at the shed Monday to Friday and the first and third Saturday each month. It was agreed that we do a run to the shed after the lunch BBQ on the 16th of December being the third Saturday to present our cheque to the ladies.
- A quick check round of what members have recently been up with their cars:
 - Dennis thanked Scott for his help installing a gearbox.
 - John Parker has ongoing brake issues he's trying to resolve.
 - David Wagner had success rebuilding a 6V fuel pump for Z Ute.
 - Roy is needing sump gaskets to continue with reassembly of project engine. David will check if he has anything.
- Much interest was shown in the mystery article feature in the newsletter with many questions asked of the Secretary as to who MC might be. The Secretary's lips were sealed.
- 2nd December TDMG Christmas party 11:30am at the Blue Mountain Hotel. It was moved by Mick Muller to have four lucky door prize hampers to the value of \$50 each. Seconded by Jan Smith. Carried. Hampers to be made up by Merle, Linda and Jan.
- New membership applications received during November's meeting from, Dan & Suzanne Parker (Morris 1100 and Minor), Jennifer Stuckey (53MM), David Snape (51 MM). Roy Hall moved that the new applications be accepted. Seconded by Scott Smith. Carried.

Maree Pitt thanked all for attending and there being no further business Maree closed the meeting at 8:25pm.

Raffle winner: 1st draw - Dan Parker,
 2nd draw - Mick Muller



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 21st December General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

Sunday 24th December Greg's Park To Pub run. Meet 9:30am Kmart upper car park for a short run to Steele Rudd Park for BYO morning tea. Then travelling via Greenmount on the back roads to the Bull & Barley in Cambooya for lunch. Numbers will be required by the December meeting.

2024

Wednesday 17th January Deb's run to Ozcare Aged Facility, McDougal St, Glenvale. Morning tea supplied. More details during December's meeting.

Thursday 18th January General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

27th & 28th January Allora Heritage Weekend. Entry \$10pp.

3rd & 4th February Toowoomba Swap 2024 at the Toowoomba Showgrounds. Hosted by the Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club.

Thursday 15th February General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

March CAR Inc Meeting. Date and location TBC.

Thursday 21st March General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

Thursday 18th April General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

Thursday 16th May General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

Sunday 19th May David Hack Classic Meet. Toowoomba Aerodrome, Spitfire Street. 8:30am to 2:30pm.

Thursday 20th June General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.



TDMG CHRISTMAS PARTY

There were 42 members and partners who collectively raised their hands to join in the festivities at the TDMG Christmas Party. Of the 42, final numbers on the day came to 39 who actually attended the dinner at the Blue Mountain Hotel. A great turn out and we can only imagine the numbers if the other 21 members and partners had participated, we would have needed to book the whole dining room!

Despite some of the dubious photos taken, everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had a fantastic, noisy time. Exactly as it should be at this time of the year.

The Hotel's food is always good and tasty for an off the board menu, and the service from the kitchen and wait staff was quick and friendly. TDMG also supplied a small donation for Group members to use towards their meal, a well accepted contribution by all.

There were 4 hampers up for grabs with some great little pantry goodies inside. Everyone received a ticket and the lucky winners were Dennis Allen, Paul Draper, Terry Hickey and Jan Smith. Congratulations, all worthy prize-winners.

Many thanks to Merle, Jan and Linda for their time and effort in arranging the hampers.

Thank you to the Blue Mountain Hotel for their table set up and decorations and their service. Maybe the Group should book the venue again next year, as it does book out early.

MICK



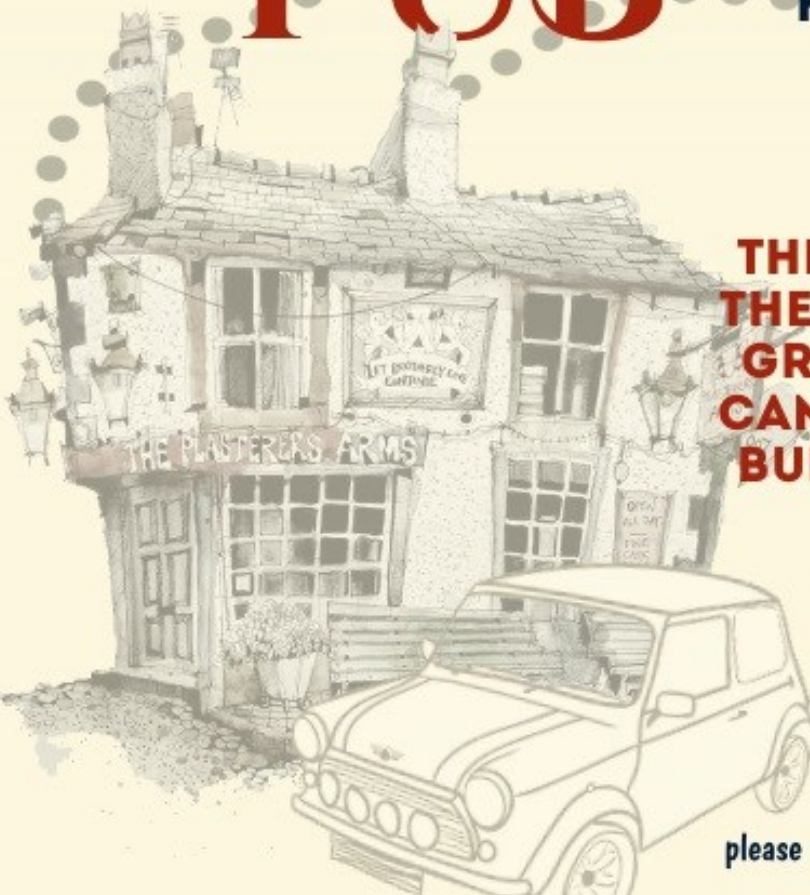
TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP

DECEMBER 24 • 9:30AM
MEET KMART UPPER CAR PARK

Park
TO
PUB

**A SHORT RUN DOWN
THE NEW ENGLAND
HIGHWAY TO STEELE
RUDD PARK AND A
BYO MORNING TEA**

**THEN HEADING VIA
THE BACK ROADS TO
GREENMOUNT AND
CAMBOOYA AND THE
BULL & BARLEY INN
FOR LUNCH**
(numbers are needed)



RSVP by December meeting
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please advise of any dietary requirements

"AROUND THE SHEDS" RESTORATION RUN



I'd like to thank the following club members who opened their homes and sheds—Tricia (& I), Scott & Debbie, Roy & Anne and Darryl & Yvonne.

We all gathered at our home at the allotted time of 9am. My latest project is a Morris Marshal and even though it was designed for Australian conditions, it is a very rare car to see in classic car circles let alone on the road. I was amazed at the amount of interest the Marshal project generated.



While the men talked about the in's and out's of the Marshal, Tricia opened up her studio for the ladies to view some of the crafts including bobbins lace, porcelain art and machine embroidery.



We were on our way to our second stop, the Toowoomba Women's Shed but just around the corner from our house we were surprised to see that Maree had the 1100's bonnet up. Pulling over to help out as we all do it sounded like the motor was starving for fuel. David had replaced the fuel filter but it still wouldn't kick over so we made the decision to coast the car back to our place and leave it there. Later in the afternoon, Tricia and I towed her car to the Vintage Club workshop.



Most of our Group were already at the Toowoomba Women's Shed by the time we got there. A very special thank you to Jean and the ladies who opened their door for us to look through their sewing creations. To quote, "The Toowoomba Women's Shed has been created to promote connection and wellbeing among women in our region and at the same time, make a difference in our



"AROUND THE SHEDS" RESTORATION RUN

community". To show our appreciation to their support of our community, our Treasure, Ray, was on hand to present a donation of \$200 on behalf of TDMG.

Next up was Debbie and Scott where we enjoyed morning tea in air-conditioned comfort and to view their growing collection of Morris Minor's. Then it was on to Roy and Anne's to look at the progress of Roy/Greg's Minor while the ladies enjoyed all the quilts Anne has on display.

Darryl and Yvonne were last on the list with a long country drive to Cabarlah to view their shed and vegetable garden. Thanks to Darryl and Yvonne for preparing and cooking our scrumptious BBQ lunch. Afterwards we had a tour of their shed and caravan that Darryl built.

On our way home along Happy Valley Road, Cabarlah, our little '8' came to a complete stop on a very steep hill. I tried 2 or 3 times to get enough power to drive forward before finally getting going to the top. In hindsight I should have reversed back down the hill and start off in first gear. Plan B would be to reverse up the hill, as it is a lower gear, and we have done in the past. We went home via Highfields and Gowrie Junction where we caught up with George and Barbara in their Z ute.

Thanks to Frosty, Ken and Steve for taking the time to drive long distances to attend.

An enjoyable day was had by all on what was a hot and humid day.

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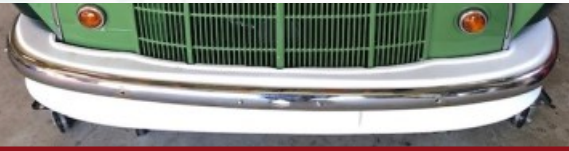
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**Santa Clause
Edition,**

PROJECT NODDY #2

Not many words written this month as it is approaching party time ... but there were quite a few words said since last month....(laughing). As I'm a firm believer in truth, justice and don't get caught way, I must confess to a tiny misnomer in the last report It wasn't 18 gauge metal being use, it was in fact 1mm.

For this issue, it is just a handful of photos. The passenger floor is nearly done and dusted, so time to finish the A pillar repairs and get the doors happening. Moved on to the drivers side floor etc and fixing the bottom of A pillars and door hinge etc.

If Santa is kind and brings a few presents, hopefully there will be more in the next instalment. Have a safe and enjoyable Christmas everyone!

-MC

Scott Smith—Cars I've Owned



My first car was a VW and I had to have it. My parents where not sure and they were right, it broke me and six months later it was gone.



My second car was a beautiful HR Premier then a LX Torana, both good cars which I wish I still had. There was also the old HQ Ute, Debbie's Gemini, a VH SLE Commodore, a classic XR Falcon and Jackaroo.

The Volvo I couldn't break, Debbie was impressed with the Volvo and me. Once we were married it was sold for a house deposit.



Two of my favourite cars, the Ford XA Superbird we had for 9 years and the Morris Minor Series II "Hurricane" we have now had for 17 years.

Our first Morris Minor, a Series II. It was a barn find way back in 1988. We spent a year getting it back on the road and used it as our full time car for a year. We sold it to pay for a deposit on a block of land.



Ever since I was 13, I've been going over to Fraser Island with the family for summer holidays and



camping. Continuing that tradition with our own family of beach fun, fishing and camping, we've had our share of 4WDs to be tried and tested over the years with varying results on the sand but all immense fun.

SADLY, THE DODGY SAT NAV,
DEMANDING KIDS, AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
STRIKES AND EVERYONE ORDERING
ONLINE HAVE PUSHED HIM TO
BREAKING POINT.



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