

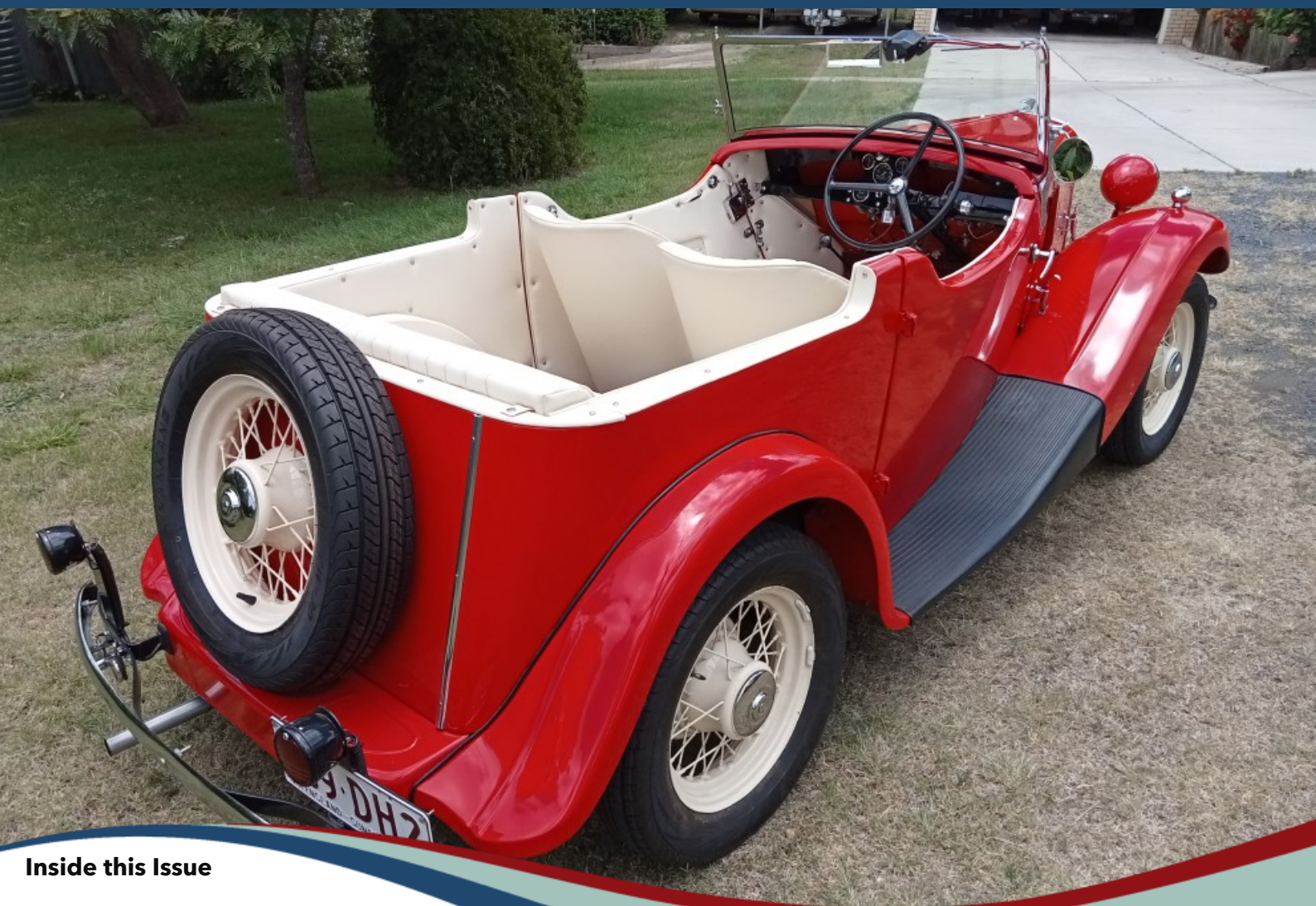


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JOINING FEE: \$15 per family (once off)

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 COORDINATORS REPORT

Welcome everyone to our February newsletter.

Well here we are and already halfway into February. Sorry I missed the last meeting but I was unavoidably detained by preparing for a colonoscopy! Not pleasant! A quick shout out and thanks to Mick Muller for filling in for me.

A quick rundown of what's been happening since we last met.

In early January I had a short camping trip to Somerset Dam just to feel the serenity, I'm actually there right now while Brenda is at home typing this out for me - needed serenity again. Then it was off to the Sunshine Coast to watch my youngest grandson (13) play cricket for his district

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team. It was a long day, especially when waiting for his turn to bat. It's worth it though to show him my support.

On the way there I stopped at Woodford because there were quite a lot of classic cars and bikes to look at. A couple of lovely Cortina's, some classic motorbikes and even a tank—good for getting through traffic jams I would think!

Our Morris Group met up for coffee at the Pump at Wyalla Plaza on 5th February. Jim then led the way in his newly restored Morris 8 for an enjoyable scenic drive up to Prince Henry Heights with a stop to take in the wonderful views looking across the Great Dividing Range. This was then followed by ice cream at Picnic Point.

Our next outing will be my Captains Run. This is coming up on 19 February. The meeting point is at Maccas on Bridge Street at 9:30am. I'll give an update and further information at our next meeting, and a full itinerary and route guide on the day. We'll have a BYO morning tea followed by a pub lunch about midday. If I can please have numbers by our meeting on Thursday 16 Feb.

TERRY



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Morris Minor Forum

David's Mystery Run (Dec 2022)



SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Anne & I set off a couple of weeks ago with our friend Greg B in our two Triumph Stags for our planned February tour of Tasmania. The first day was a lovely run to Tamworth with my car performing beautifully and making the 491km journey on a single tank of fuel. Round trip average was 10.03L/100 (28.16mpg) which is pretty good for a 145bhp V8. I only do a little better in IFFY.

On arrival in Tamworth, Greg reported a clicking/knocking sound from the rear of his car and noted the LHR wheel was coated with black dust prompting a decision to get things checked out by a brake specialist the following morning.

While waiting for the brake people to open, Greg & I removed the rear wheel and drum to find multiple pieces of bonded lining floating around inside the drum. The brake people finished working on the car mid afternoon and we hit the road doing a couple of hundred kilometres to Wellington NSW where we overnighted before moving on in the morning.

An hour or so after being underway again next morning we noticed that Greg was not behind us so we retraced our path for about 5km and there he was saying that the problem is back again. A passing young farmer offered help and the car was taken to his shed where Greg made various calls to the likes of RACQ/NRMA etc.

It was there that Greg said his tour was over and that Anne & I should decide whether to continue or return home. We chose the latter and arrived in Toowoomba the following afternoon. Greg flew home and made the trek back to Wellington to retrieve his car a few days later with his Landcruiser and car trailer.

Thankfully we remain in credit with the Spirit of Tasmania and may possibly use it later this year or early next, though we are considering doing a Tassie tour in the caravan instead.

To make up for the failed tour, we decided to get away and headed off caravanning to Esk. Not too far from Toowoomba but just far enough to make a break of it, we'll be heading home on Saturday in time to join the Captains Run on Sunday 19th in my beloved IFFY.

On other Morrie news, a reminder that the CAR Inc meeting is on Sunday 5th March which is being held in Anzac Park in Miles. I will be writing a report on our Group activities for presentation at the meeting together with our financial numbers, which I'll ask our Treasurer, Ray to provide.

Finally, I'd like to thank Jim Robertson for standing in as secretary for this meeting.

See you Sunday.

ROY



Julie Wagner,
Patrick Murray & Brian Draper



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP
Held on Thursday 19th January, 2023 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.

OPENING: Mick Muller in Terry's absence opened the meeting at 7:33pm and welcomed everyone.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: Terry Brown, Brenda Brown, Trevor Oysten, John Wagner, James & Emily Johnson, Maree Pitt

VISITORS: Linda Kelly

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: As per newsletter

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

Presented by Treasurer, Ray Safstrom.

Moved Ray Safstrom, seconded David Wagner that the report be received and the accounts be paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- TDMG Roy reported that Qld Transport has increased the SIV's Testing radius of 15km from home garage to 30km giving owners greater range for vehicle testing.
- Contact has been received from Jenny at Yukana. (0481 192 531) Inviting members to display their old Morris cars at Yukana for the entertainment of the residents. Ideally on a weekday afternoon in May.
- David Wagner is acquainted with Jenny as his father and our member, John Wagner is resident at Yukana and will follow up with her. He will suggest to her that 16th May at 9:30am as a



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morning visit would be preferred.

- The Easter 2023 Morris Minor Nationals in Adelaide are not far away now to which some of our members are attending. Frosty is our nominated delegate.
- It is confirmed that the Blue Mountain Hotel will be our venue for the TDMG 2023 Christmas event. The voucher system we used at Glenvale will be continued.
- An appreciation letter was sent to Club Glenvale thanking them for the great service and atmosphere at our Christmas function last month. A reply was received from them thanking us for our kind words.
- Merle Muller spoke about "Sports All Stars" at the Newtown shopping centre who do embroidery/screen printing etc. They are friendly and give good service. Georgie is the contact lady there.
- Mick Muller took his car to Paul Pearce's Car Clinic and was very happy with the service.
- Jim Robertson reported on his finding about a "Defibrillator" for TDMG use. Three models ranging in price \$1465 to \$1850 were outlined. After general discussion amongst members, it was decided to leave this issue for now.
- Jim also mentioned the brake issues experienced with Maree Pitts Minor ute. Although power boosted, braking was very poor and it was found that it was only braking on the front wheels and nothing at all on the rear. All sorted out now at the DDVVMC workshop and brakes are significantly better.

Mick Muller thanked all for attending and there being no further business Mick closed the meeting at 8:35pm.

Raffle won by Roy Hall

WOODFORD CLASSICS



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 16 th February	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
16 th to 19 th February	Chinchilla Melon Festival.
Sunday 19 th February	Terry Brown's "Captain's Run". BYO morning tea followed by a pub lunch. Meet 9:00am McDonalds Bridge Street.
Sunday 5 th March	CAR Inc meeting in Miles. The day will commence at Anzac Park with a BYO morning tea at 10:30am followed by the meeting. A sausage sizzle will be provided by the Miles Club following the closure of the meeting.
Thursday 16 th March	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 19 th March	John Parkers run to Cecil Plains. Meet 9:00am at Wagner's. BYO morning tea followed by pub lunch.
25 th March to 8 th April	The Morris Minor National Rally, Adelaide.
Thursday 20 th April	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Saturday 22 nd 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.
Saturday 29 th April	Peranga in the Park. Details TBA.
Thursday 18 th May	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 21 st May	David Hack Classic Meet. Toowoomba Aerodrome, Spitfire Street. 8:30am to 2:30pm.
Thursday 15 th June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Thursday 20 th July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.



**THE MORRIS MINOR
NATIONAL RALLY, ADELAIDE**

FRIDAY 31ST MARCH TO MONDAY 3RD APRIL 2023

Pump Coffee Café

Another lovely morning outing with the TDMG members meeting at the Pump Coffee Café for morning tea and 14 people sitting around the table, talking about the woes of the world and their health issues which comes with growing older.

Afterwards we were off on a scenic drive around Prince Henry Drive, stopping for a photo shoot, and proceeding around the edge of the range, finishing at Picnic Point for a very enjoyable and lovely, cool ice cream!

JIM & TRICIA



Northpoint Coffee Club



Australia Day at the Jondaryan Woolshed



TDMG stickers, external type.
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the outside of glass.

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each.

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Jacket with logo only \$55 | Jacket with name and logo \$60.50

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