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Aged Facility



-MC is back with
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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 February newsletter and our first for 2024.

The summer months have been very hot so weekend drives in the Morries have been limited, preferring air conditioned comfort of the plastics. Only a couple of club events including our visit to Ozcare, coordinated by Deb Smith. Members enjoyed a lovely morning tea at the Smith's before driving the short distance to Ozcare. A steady stream of residents greeted us and it was lovely to hear the conversations from them reminiscing about the cars. We were treated to a tour of the facility, all I can say is "WOW" what a wonderful state of the art aged care facility.

I wasn't able to attend the Allora Heritage Festival and I heard that only a small number of members headed out there on what was another hot day.

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Michael Wells is busy planning an April overnight in Boonah. Numbers are required at our February meeting or via email.

Our Mystery Contributor or **-MC** as he/she likes to be known is back. I don't think I'm the only person that is wondering who the mysterious **-MC** might be. I have a list of possible suspects and after each monthly meeting and club run I eliminate a couple, my list is now very small, we need another shed run to include some never seen before sheds.

DDVVMC annual swap was held last weekend, Jim, Paul and myself decided on a last minute car display, which proved very popular. Finally, Morries got the attention they deserved. Paul and Jim answered questions and Paul helped a few fellows out with parts or sent them in the right direction. I had an offer on Percy the 1100 and after the initial shock I gave a polite YOU HAVE TO BE JOKING, NOT A HOPE. Anyone out there selling an 1100, I have a name and number of a gentleman looking to buy. Percy's fuel problem has been sorted, and he now also sports new back and front window rubbers, and Venetian blinds. He's been booked for an April tidy up for rust removal from the boot. It's been suggested too that he would look good with a new paint job but for me he wouldn't be the same.

See you all at our next meeting.

MAREE



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Morris Minor Forum

Deb's Run - Ozcare Aged Facility



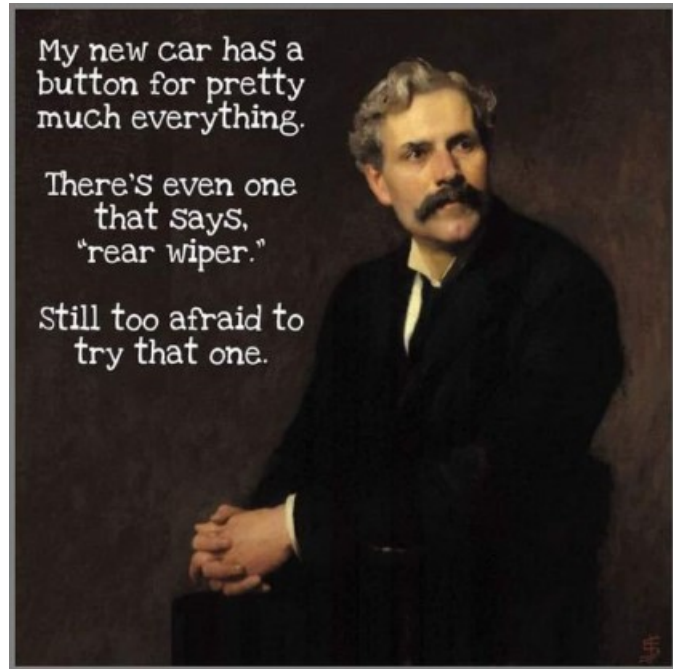
SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Linda Kelly, John and Noelene Parker and I met up at Drayton Bowls on the 27th January and set off on an easy run out to Allora and the yearly Allora Heritage Festival. Anne had another engagement that day so didn't make the run, but it was nice to give a lift to Linda.

Our Fernvale members Ken and Linda Brooker had made their way directly to Allora and arrived a little after us.

The event was very interesting with some sideshow attractions including a demonstration of a tractor pull sled plus a display of classic cars and later a great parade of farm machinery and tractors, mostly Massey Ferguson which is a brand close to my heart having worked 12 years for the MF dealers in PNG and got to know and love them well.

The HAZ restoration project continues with engine reassembly virtually completed. Now it is off the engine stand, the oil pump and rear plate are now fitted. Engine and gearbox will soon be bolted together and installed into the car.



The HAZ project is going on the backburner for a short while however as later this week Anne and I are heading off in our caravan for around 2-3 months to tour NSW, Victoria and South Australia. We'll be heading south to take in such wonders as the Great Ocean Road and the townships dotted along the route. While I'm away, Maree Pitt will take care of Secretary matters and Mick Muller will look after Group Coordinator duties.

See you when we get back.

ROY

FOR SALE

Late 1962 Morris Minor 1000

998cc engine, 4 door sedan

Queensland registered

Bill Meadowcroft is selling on behalf of the owner, contact Bill on 0438 359 658

\$14,000

Patrick Murray,
Jennifer Stuckey & Brian Draper

**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP
Held on Thursday 18th January, 2024 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.**

OPENING: Maree Pitt opened the meeting at 7:33pm and welcomed everyone.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: As per attendance book

VISITORS: John and Denise Oldham (prospective members)

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: As per newsletter

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

TREASURERS REPORT:

Presented by Treasurer, Ray Safstrom.

Moved, Ray Safstrom, seconded Terry Brown that the report be received and the accounts be paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- David Wagner thanked Debbie Smith for arranging the very enjoyable visit to OZCARE.
- Michael Wells has a proposal for a Friday/Saturday overnight run to Boonah in May. Friday rest stop in Aratula is suggested before making our way to Boonah for accommodation check in. The motel being considered has a BBQ area and a swimming pool. More details should appear elsewhere in this newsletter and numbers will be needed by the February meeting.
- Jim Robertson spoke about the Butterfly Farm at Grantham as being a good place to visit particularly on a sunny day. A run could include Helidon for morning tea stop and after a visit to the farm, head onto the Floating Café for lunch. Possibly a June run.
- George Wilkinson run for 24th March. BYO chairs and morn-



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ing tea. Hoping to arrange a guided tour of the Gowrie Junction Beehive then onto the Highfield Tavern for lunch. Details TBA.

- John Parker will shorten his February 18th run which will now start outside Wagners at 9am then onto Pittsworth for lunch. Numbers will be required at the February meeting.
- Debbie Smith thanked members who attended the OZCARE run on the 17th January. The residents loved seeing the cars.
- An application for membership has been lodged by John and Denise Oldham. They have a 57 Minor with a 120Y engine and Celica gearbox. They have paid their fees and Roy Hall proposed that we accept their application. Carried. They were welcomed to the group by acclamation.
- It was agreed by members that Greg's Park to Pub run on 24th December turned out to be disastrous with the appalling weather encountered on the day. Jim Robertson commented we've been doing Sunday runs for the last 40-50 years and have never experienced conditions like that.

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

Raffle winner: Mick Muller

TOOWOOMBA SWAP MEET DISPLAY



UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 15 th February	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 18 th February	John Parker Country Drive. Meet 9am outside Wagner's Alderley St. Then onto Pittsworth for lunch. Numbers will be required at the February meeting.
March	CAR Inc Meeting. Date and location TBC.
Thursday 21 st March	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 24 th March	George Wilkinson run to Gowrie Junction Beehive and possible guided tour. BYO chairs and morning tea, lunch at the Highfield Tavern. Details TBA.
Thursday 18 th April	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
24 th to 29 th April	Morris Register 24th Nationals - Shepparton.
May	Michael Wells proposal for a Friday/Saturday overnight run to Boonah. Friday BYO morning tea in Aratula then on to Boonah to check-in. Motel has a BBQ and swimming pool. Numbers needed at the February meeting. More details to come.
Sunday 5 th May	Lockyer Swap Meet, Laidley Showgrounds. Public entry (Cooper St) from 6:30am, \$5 entry.
Thursday 16 th May	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 19 th May	David Hack Classic Meet. Toowoomba Aerodrome, Spitfire Street. 8:30am to 2:30pm.
June	Proposed run to the Butterfly Farm, Grantham. BYO morning tea Helidon. Lunch at the Floating Café.
Thursday 20 th June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Thursday 18 th July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
18 th to 28 th July	Jumpers & Jazz in July, Warwick. Queensland's quirkiest yarn bombing & jazz winter festival! Grand Automobile Display, Sunday 21 st July, Leslie Park (Palmerin St) 9:30am-2pm. Registration required.
Saturday 3 rd August	Miles From Anywhere Auto Show & Shine.
Thursday 15 th August	Annual General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

ALLORA HERITAGE FESTIVAL



PROJECT NODDY #3



All about the house, things were quiet as a mouse....

Until Santa put his sled into the backyard shed
And left the gift that just keeps on gifting



'twas the new year with new things to do,
So here is the next instalment, just for you



Had way too much cheer at the end of the year,
And I became horizontal instead of vertical,
A little confused as to which way to go
East, west or north, south it's all to-and-fro
So flipped the coin and just went go, go, GO



Had a good stiff drink, for a jolly good rethink,
Then back to the shed and do some more
As B pillars were needed, for a nice restore,
And we happened to have some traveller ones
lying right there on the floor,
For that little extra flair, they were perfect for
repair

...a thought then, yes,let's add the door

Until next time grind on!

-MC

Whispers

~ Twenty years ago the club had a night at the local horse race meeting and at that meeting there was a race horse called Morris Minor running. It didn't get out of first gear so the Morris punters did their funds. Well low and behold a new Morris Minor has come to light in Adelaide, it has had two starts both reasonable runs so watch this space for an update on its progress

~ The 2024 Christmas Lunch at the Blue Mountain Hotel has been booked for 7th December. Mark it on your calendar so you know when it is if asked, and the members who never attend may surprise us

FOR SALE

1947 Morris 8 Coupe

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Good tyres, new brake linings, upholstery in good nick, Drives very well.

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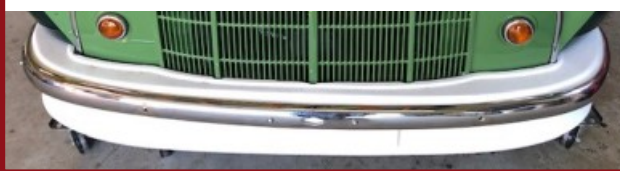
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