



# TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP

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50th Anniversary  
Warwick Veteran and  
Vintage Motor Club

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**MEETINGS:** Held on the Third Thursday of each month at the Dr. Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba at 7:30pm.

**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.

**DISCLAIMER:** The Group and its Committee shall not be held responsible for any transaction begun through contacts made through the Group, its Newsletter or its Website. Material published is not necessarily the view of the Editor or the Committee.

## GROUP COORDINATOR REPORT

Welcome everyone to our March newsletter.

The last time I had to do one of these was 2006 so here goes. Well what a weekend has just passed. The 9th and 10th of March was a full on couple of days for the Downs region. Meatstock at the Showgrounds, Red Hot Summer Tour at Queen's Park, High Altitude Show & Shine at Cobb & Co, Dubs on the Hill at Crows Nest, Warwick Car Club weekend and Glennie Fete and that's just to name a few. I went to three of them, all good with plenty to see.

We had one run organised this month by John & Noelene Parker, a good run as usual going via Wellcamp to Pittsworth for smoko then onto Clifton for lunch at the Irish Pub where we were entertained by a group having a 90th birthday. Even Roy turned up, after saying his goodbyes at

the Feb meeting as he and Anne were heading off on a caravan trip. I haven't heard if they got away yet for their trip but I'm sure it will happen.

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It was good to hear some of the banter at the last meeting, especially Doug's version of his Major being "a chick magnet" you had to be there to get the full story.

We have a couple of future overnights coming up with the first being the Restored Vehicle Association Dalby on the 11th-12th May in Dalby, forms are out

now, this is always a good weekend. Michael Wells has now arranged the run to Boonah, June 7th to 9th, a two night stay. For both events, please book accommodation directly.

I didn't get to the Car Inc meeting in Miles but John & Noelene did so we might get a report at the March meeting.

Our next run is to the Bee Shed on the 24th March. Let's hope we get a good roll up and just remember, there is a lot of hard work to organise these runs, so please do support them. There is nothing more disappointing to an organiser with only having a few attend. On that note, if you have an fabulous place to visit, share it at a meeting.

Finally the registration forms are out for the next Morris Nationals in Western Australia in 2025. For those wanting a driving challenge, there is the short way or the long way. Either way, it will be a good road trip.

**MICK**



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Morris Minor Forum

# Parker's Country Drive



## SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

In my notes last month, I bravely said that Anne I would be heading off for a caravan trip to Victoria, South Australia and at last travel the Great Ocean Road.

Well, talk about famous last words! Friday morning, after last months meeting, Anne and I departed Toowoomba heading south and happy to be on our way, but roughly 20km before Stanthorpe I noticed a ticking sound from the engine and wondered what it was. Pulling over to investigate and once the bonnet was raised, the sound was a lot louder, so it was realised we had a problem. We gently continued on to Stanthorpe and got the advice of a mechanic who thought it might be injector related and strongly advised against us continuing on. We overnighted in Stanthorpe and the car was transported home by RACQ tilt tray.

After waiting a week to get the car into a workshop, the problem was diagnosed as a crook injector along with no compression on #2 which seems apparent as a hole has been burnt in the piston.

A decision was made to replace the engine and we are waiting for an exchange rebuilt unit to arrive and hopefully have the car back later next week. Our holiday plans will likely be revised and perhaps we'll be heading north instead.

A bonus from our van trip being curtailed was that Anne and I were able to go on John Parkers February run which was a good one.

After meeting at Wagner's Alderley St, we set off to Pittsworth for our morning tea stop. Once that was over we hit the road again and headed to Clifton for lunch at O'Shanley's Irish Bar where we had a great meal. Thanks to John and Noelene for a good run.

I don't expect to be home for the April and possibly May meetings so while I'm away, Maree Pitt will take care of Secretary matters and Mick Muller will look after Group Coordinator.

See you when we get back.

### ROY

FOR SALE

Late 1962 Morris Minor 1000

998cc engine, 4 door sedan

Queensland registered

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**HAPPY**  
*March*  
Noelene Parker, John Parker, Lindsay Morrison,  
Damian Dwyer & Tex Barrett

**Birthday**

## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP** **Held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.**

**OPENING:** Michael Muller opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone and advised members that as our Secretary, Roy, will be away for the next 2 to 3 months he will assume role as Group Coordinator and Maree will take over role as Secretary.

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** As per attendance book

**VISITORS:** Nil

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

Moved, John Parker, seconded Terry 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, Maree Pitt, seconded Jim Robertson that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Presented by Treasurer, Ray Safstrom.

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

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Roy Hall advised that he and Anne will be away for 2-3 months travelling through Victoria, South Australia and everywhere in between
- David Williams has purchased a rare 1953 PV Morris commercial (parcel van ) from Sydney which will require a full restoration
- Doug Tebbit advised that he has clocked up 2500 miles in his Morris Major since being registered and on the road, and it receives lots of interest when out and about. He is now back working on his Z Ute
- Jim Robertson advised he has sold his Series E, the vehicle is now in Sydney
- The Morris Marshal body has been stripped down to bare body and is ready to go to the sandblaster after which he will



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then apply the primer

- 9th and 10th March is the Warwick rally and they will be taking the Morris 8
- Jim also advised that Michael Wells is unwell tonight and details of the May weekend away in Boonah will be sent out by Secretary Roy, numbers will be required
- John Irvine has had to replace the rear oil seal on one side and the blinkers are not working and will be replaced with a universal unit
- Terry Hickey has given his Major a makeover, it now has been fitted with mag wheels, and he is selling 4 major rims (steel) so make an offer
- James Johnson has made another purchase, Emily's car will be painted towards the middle of the year
- Terry Brown advised he had been away camping at Cressbrook Dam for 2 days
- George Wilkinson spoke of the upcoming run on the 24th March to the Honey Shed at Gowrie Junction, this will include a demonstration, honey will be available for purchase at \$11 kilo bring your own container, other honey byproducts also available for purchase, soap, moisturiser and youth cream. Meet at McDonalds Bridge Street, Toowoomba at 9am, BYO morning tea and chairs, lunch Highfields Tavern, numbers required, tentative booking made for 22 members
- Dennis Smith asked if anyone had any information on a Morris Minor 1000 that is advertised for sale in Toowoomba; the vehicle has a 1200 Datsun motor and auto box. Dennis also has various Morris minor parts for sale as well as a Morris minor 1000, 1200 GX modified engine, twin SU's, 5 speed Celica gearbox, front disc brakes, steel wheels etc, will require painting and upholstery, vehicle has been fully registered in Sydney, runs well, price negotiable
- John Parker, this Sunday's run, meet at Wagner's 9am, Alderley Street, morning tea at Pittsworth, lunch in Clifton. After the wet weather issue John took the Morris to Allora and experienced no issues
- Debbie Smith let members know that Scott is in hospital having foot surgery and he will be off work for 6 weeks, therefore alternative arrangements will be required for printing of the newsletters, Mick Muller volunteered to look for an alternative
- Roy Hall, Car Inc meeting 3rd March, Anzac Park, Miles. John and Noelene Parker will attend.

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

Raffle winner: 1. Jim Robertson 2. Terry Hickey

## WANTED

Morris Marshal body and mechanical parts.

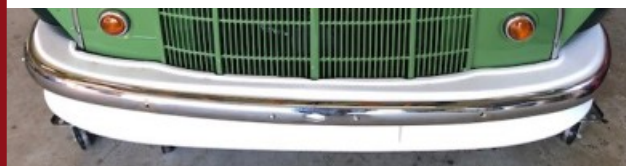
Please contact Jim on 0458 134 376

## MADE TO ORDER

Spoilers and valances to suit models Series II and Minor 1000. Gloveboxes suit all models.

Spoilers \$229, Valances \$130, Glove Boxes \$80 (each)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	George Wilkinson to Gowrie Junction Beehive. Meet on Bridge street (outside Aldi) 8:45am. BYO morning tea and chairs at Gowrie Junction then we'll proceed to the Honey Shed by 10:30am. We have a guided tour of shed and an opportunity to purchase some honey (cheaper if provide own container). Lunch will be at Highfields Tavern. Numbers required for lunch at the Tavern.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Terry & Brenda's run to the German Bake and Wurst House, Helidon Spa. Meet 10am at Reg Veacock Park, Harlaxton for a short run on the back roads to Peacehaven Botanic Park and a BYO morning tea. Then travelling via Murphys Creek to the German Bake and Wurst House for lunch (108 Postmans Ridge Rd). As a courtesy, numbers needed.
24 <sup>th</sup> to 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Morris Register 24th Nationals - Shepparton.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Lockyer Swap Meet, Laidley Showgrounds. Public entry (Cooper St) from 6:30am, \$5 entry.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	David Hack Classic Meet. Toowoomba Aerodrome, Spitfire Street. 8:30am to 2:30pm.
7 <sup>th</sup> to 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Michael Wells weekend run to Boonah. Friday BYO morning tea in Aratula then on to Boonah to check-in. Motel facilities include a BBQ and swimming pool. Numbers needed by the April meeting.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Combined run with the Morris Register to the Butterfly Farm, Grantham. Entry \$5 (cash only). Meet upper car park Kmart 9am. Lunch at the Floating Café.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Jumpers & Jazz in July, Warwick. Queensland's quirkiest yarn bombing and jazz winter festival! Grand Automobile Display, Sunday July 21, Leslie Park (Palmerin St) 9:30am-2:00pm. Registration required.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Miles From Anywhere Auto Show & Shine.

# PROJECT NODDY #3.99

...almost at #4 but you're gonna have to wait...



1951 Morris Oxford, green in colour, resprayed with the old lead paint

Bonnet has been replaced, seats reupholstered and seatbelts fitted

A few scratches need touching up and carpets need replacing. Engine needs a good tune up and the crankshaft pulley needs replacing (spare comes with the car)

Contact  
Bruce on  
0408 158 441



FOR SALE



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# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Warwick Veteran and Vintage Motor Club

Nine members from TDMG attended these celebrations on 9th and 10th March 2024 at Warwick and what a great weekend it was. Apart from the strong winds, the weather was near perfect.

Saturday's run took us around Leslie Dam with the drive taking us into an area I had never been before. Then it was on to Allora on the back way, for a delicious lunch at the Allora RSL but first stopping at a shed to view a collection of old cars. Some lovely machines here including old Buicks, Pierce Arrow, Cadillac, Pontiacs and Ford trucks, Chev. No bias was shown here. A wonderful scenic drive before arriving at the RSL.

With lunch done, we continued on to visit another shed and what a site to behold. The size of the shed for starters and an interesting collection of the most beautifully presented cars. These included GTHO Falcon, HK Monaro, Valiant Charger, Cadillac, Graham Paige, a 1926 Arrol Johnston (Scotland) and many more.

Sunday's run and the final day of the celebration, took us on a meandering drive through countryside to the east of Warwick almost making it to Killarney. To finish the day we stopped at Juneabee for lunch and windup before returning home.

What a wonderful weekend. Well done Warwick! Thank you for the invitation to join your 50th anniversary celebrations.

**GEORGE**



# Vintage Car Rally Heading to Allora

This Saturday 9th March the sound of forty six vintage cars driving into Allora will attract the attention of motoring and non-motoring enthusiasts alike.

The Warwick Vintage Veteran Vehicle Club is celebrating its 50th Anniversary Rally and Allora is fortunate enough to be on the agenda.

Vehicles, with some from the 1920s, will be travelling from Toowoomba, Brisbane, the North Coast and Maryborough to take

part in the Rally.

On Saturday the Rally will leave the Church of Christ in Dragon Street Warwick at 8.30am after registering and enjoying morning tea, before the drivers hit the road.

First stop is the Allora Sports Museum at about 11am however with the number of cars arriving some will be diverted to Bob Denny's hangout.

The eighty eight people who are part of the rally will enjoy lunch in town before being welcomed by

well-known local motoring guru Glenn Hentschel.

Sunday is Junabee's turn to enjoy the spectacle, with the rally leaving the Rodeo Monument in Queens Park Warwick at 8.30am before arriving at Junabee's Local Hall.

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## OPEN DAY

Saturday 23 March  
9.00am - 12.30pm

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Register HERE

The 50th Anniversary Warwick Veteran and Vintage Motor Club even made an appearance in **THE ALLORA ADVERTISER**.



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