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2023 Morris Minor National
Rally, Adelaide
—Double Feature

Photos—Another Life Café &
Highfields Falls



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Joining Fee: \$15 per family (once off)

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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 May newsletter.

Since our last meeting we have had our first taste of winter's icy blast, with the weather doing it's absolute best to get as close as possible to an overnight minimum of 0°! Fortunately it was very short lived and now we're back to reasonably balmy autumn weather; for a while I hope. Come to think of it, winter however is hovering very close by.

We've had a couple of great runs of late. Our trip to Millmerran went well. A pleasant long run to blow out the cobwebs in our cars. This was followed by a lovely lunch at the Mill Tavern. Thanks to Mick and Merle for organising a great outing. Thanks too to Ray for taking over my shift at an RSL memorabilia stall that day, which allowed me to go on the run.

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idea of heading down to
the bottom of the falls..."

Sunday 14th saw 24 people join in for a coffee morning at Another Life Café. Very well attended! It was also good to see John Wagner come along. David picked him up in grand style in his Morris 6. Somewhat bigger than a Morris Minor!

Following our café catch up, Jim had organised a short run out to Highfields Falls. It almost seems out of place so close to the rural acerages, but it's a very tranquil spot with a number of

winding paths which eventually join and lead down to the falls. Some of us braved the idea of heading down to the bottom of the falls. I think we were all in complete denial of having to walk back up again, it's steeper than it looks. For both Brenda and I, our legs were still hurting almost a week later!

Thanks Brenda for finding a new venue and thank you Jim for setting up the extended run to The Falls, well worth the trip and another great day to be out.

There are a couple of upcoming runs to keep us entertained. The David Hack Classic Meet is first up at the Toowoomba Aerodrome on the 21st. Some of us will also be going on the mid week run to Yukana. This is on the 25th and we'll have a little display our vehicles for the residents.



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Morris Minor Forum

Pittsworth Car Show



Run To The Millmerran Tavern

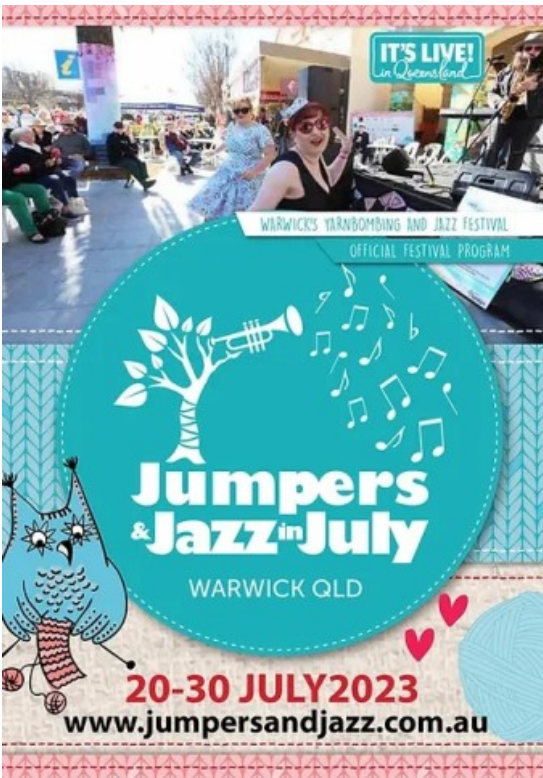


Peranga In The Park



SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

A few members headed to the Pittsworth Car Show which was hosted by Pittsworth & District Men's Shed. According to Karen Draper who also went it was a huge turn out that they had to turn cars away as there wasn't enough room to park. Jim and Trish were there in their lovely Morris 8 tourer and managed to score a win and take home a trophy (and a bottle of red). Great news and well done! I believe there were also a couple of Morrie's from Chinchilla.



Our intrepid explorers to the Nationals in Adelaide have a double feature for you. Both Mick and Maree have written 2 fun filled stories on their adventures to the Nationals and back.



My attention to the HAZ resto project has turned to the engine with further dismantling to remove the crankshaft. It has been surprising to find the big end and main journals standard size with no visible signs of wear to the journals or bearing shells. My DDVVMC friend Jeff Cox has taken micrometer measurements and found that wear is negligible against specs. Likewise, the cylinder bores also standard, measure up with only slight wear giving him the impression that the engine could go back together with new rings only. However, the advice of a reconditioning shop will be sought

to be sure as we want it to be right to enable us to do donuts! (I don't think). The engine is original for the car with matching numbers so has done really well, just had become a little smoky when I took it off the road 20 years ago.

The next scheduled meeting of CAR Inc is to be held at Chinchilla on Sunday 2nd July 2023. The Chinchilla Club will host this day with the venue for the meeting to be the Chinchilla weir. The Annual General Meeting with the election of Office Bearers for the 2023/2024 year will be held at the conclusion of the General Meeting. The meeting will take a similar format to previous meetings commencing with BYO morning tea at 10.30am followed by a sausage sizzle after the closure of the meeting.

Some of our members have indicated they will be attending and overnighing Chinchilla on the Saturday night.

ROY



Barbara Wilkinson, Douglas Tebbit,
Amanda Dwyer & Steve Draheim



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP
Held on Thursday 20th April, 2023 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.**

OPENING: Terry Brown opened the meeting at 7:35pm and welcomed everyone.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: John Wagner, Brian & Barbara Draper, Paul Draper, Linda Kelly

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: As per newsletter

Moved, Roy Hall, seconded Emily Johnson 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 Jim Robertson that the report be received and the accounts be paid.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- It was reported by our TDMG attendees at the Adelaide National Rally that WA will host the 2025 MM Nationals. A particularly impressive presentation won their case with vote of 7-2.
- It was reported that our Rally goers had a great time in Adelaide but Maree Pitt commented that the traffic made it difficult to get out of 1st/2nd gear in the city.
- With the three clubs in agreement, Jim Allen of the QMMCC has booked the Esk Grand Hotel for the combined clubs Christmas party on Saturday 11th November - they have pencilled in for 50 to 60 people. It was noted that the date is Remembrance Day but that shouldn't be any problem.
- The run to Millmerran this coming Saturday 22nd has been changed with the deletion of the Museum visit. As before, meet 9:00am at Drayton and travel to Pittsworth for morning tea then onto Millmerran Tavern for lunch. Roy to put out an email tonight to inform members not present at this meeting of the change.
- The Restored Vehicle Assoc Dalby rally is on in Dalby 13 & 14



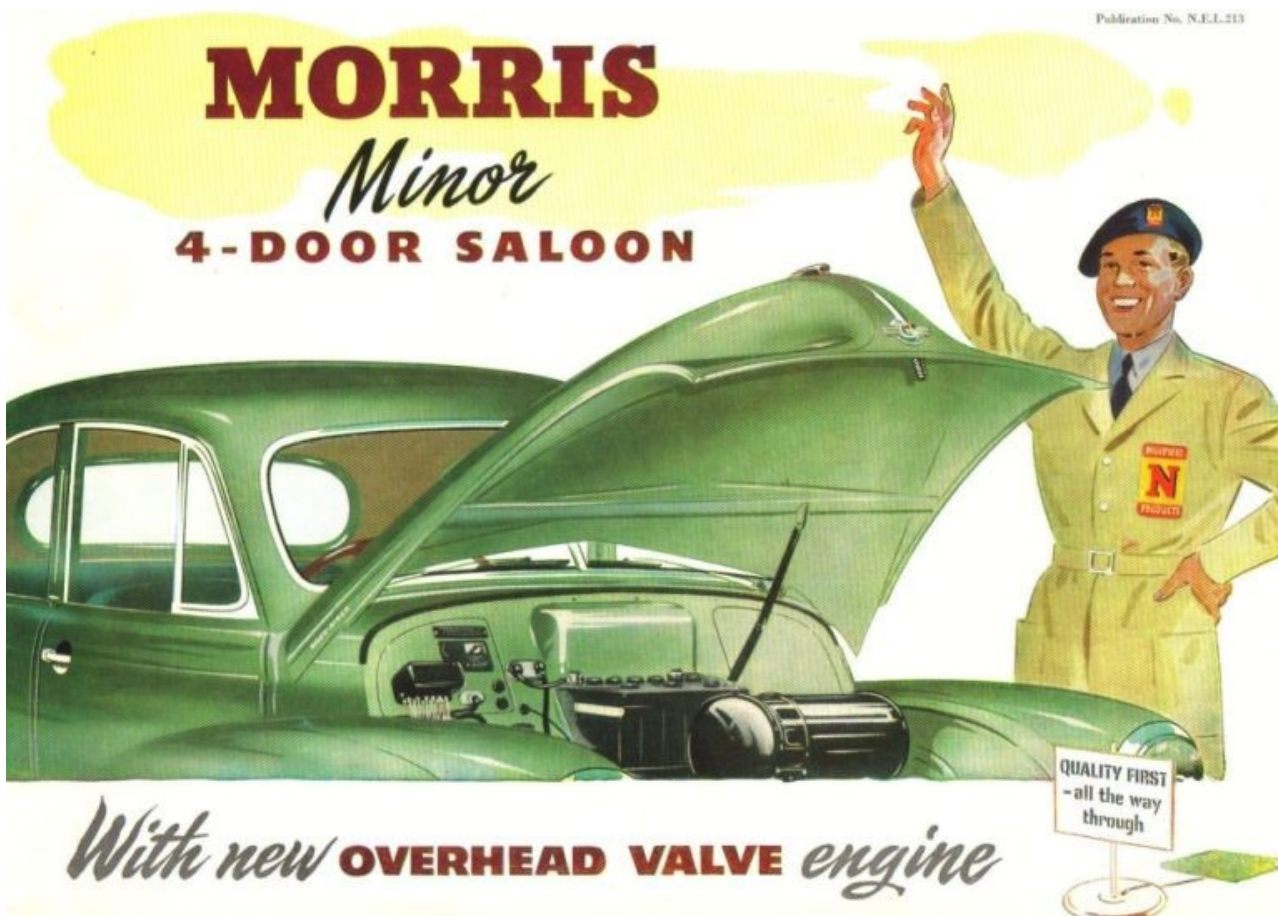
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May. Some of our members are going out for the weekend to take part.

- 7th May. Jim Robertson suggested an early month coffee run. Brenda Brown suggested a new place called "Another Life" in Bellevue St she had been to. Jim will organise a short run afterwards. Meet there at 9:30am.
- 17th June Royal Bulls Head Inn display. A band and stalls including a car display. Just turn up 9am on.
- 18th June RACQ Motorfest. It is also 75 years of the Morris Minor which will be promoted by Qld MMC with up to 50 cars. We have been invited to attend but a very early start and the distance to travel has discouraged our members.
- 25th June Bowenville State School 125-year celebration 9am - 4 pm. A few cars required for display.
- 23rd July. George Wilkinson will organise a shed visit at Cabarlah near the Army camp. A very extensive display of antiques and memorabilia, toys etc. A good roll up is needed to justify organising the event.
- Mick Muller gave a brief outline of the trip made by him and Merle along with Scott & Debbie to the Morris Nationals in Adelaide. Comprehensive stories from both Mick and Maree are anticipated to appear in the May Newsletter.
- Deb Smith is participating in this years "Relay for Life" in September. It was proposed by Mick M, seconded Jim R that we will donate \$50 to her fund-raising efforts. Carried.

Terry Brown thanked all for attending and there being no further business Terry closed the meeting at 8:26pm.

Raffle winners: James Johnson and George Wilkinson



UPCOMING EVENTS

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| 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. |
| Sunday 21 st 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: hamptonfestival.com |
| Thursday 25 th 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 th June | General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba. |
| Saturday 17 th June | Royal Bulls Head Inn are hosting a display day including a band, market stalls and a car display. Simply turn up 9am onwards. |
| Sunday 18 th June | RACQ MotorFest at the Brisbane Showgrounds. |
| Sunday 25 th June | Bowenville State School are celebrating 125 years. 9am - 4 pm. A few cars required for display. |
| Sunday 2 nd July | CAR Inc Annual General Meeting. Commencing at the Chinchilla Weir with a BYO morning tea at 10:30am followed by the meeting. Election of Office Bearers for the 2023/2024 year will be held at the conclusion of the General Meeting. A sausage sizzle will be provided by the Chinchilla Club following the closure of the meeting. |
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2023 Morris Minor National Rally, Adelaide

by Mick & Merle



March 18th was the start of a 3½ week journey for the Smith's and Muller's as we set out in two little cars called Morris Minors. Packed to the hilt with bags, eskies, food and spares, we were off and on our way to the Nationals in Adelaide.

We encountered numerous obstacles including heat, we recorded 43° inside the Morrie, Australia's Coat of Arms wanting to join us on the road and goats just grazing as close as possible to the passing traffic, I swear they were trying to play chicken. We also had a couple of minor hiccups, mechanically. A couple of phone calls to local clubs was all it took and it proves the Morry fraternity are a strong bunch who are willing to help out when we encounter problems. With the mechanical hiccups all sorted, we carried on.

Maree Pitt also took her very first long adventure in a Moggy together with her travelling companion, Joy, seems they enjoyed their trip as much as we did. I look forward to reading her story. Frosty and Deb also made it to the Nationals, maybe a story from them too, though I hope Deb writes it, it'll all be true that way.

Back to us. We travelled down the New England Highway on to the Golden Highway then the Monaro Highway to Cann River. Our overnights were at Tamworth, Cowra and Yass before making it to Cann River. From Cann River we travelled on the Princes Highway via Lakes Entrance and enjoyed this lovely part of the world to Traralgon. The Smith's have friends here, Kaye and Gary and they went all out to make our couple of days enjoyable. From wonderful lunches to meeting a couple of locals with huge collections of vehicles and china, a trip to the Holden museum at Traralgar and the demise of Morwell for coal mining.

Our next jaunt was to Sorrento where we caught the ferry to Queenscliff and spent the next few nights with friends and family. Plenty of lovely long lunches and plenty of chit chat, plus me watching an NRL game in an AFL household—unheard of! It did raise a few heckles—"what are they playing", "don't they know how to kick a ball", "all they have going for them are their thick necks" so we finished the night with a bottle of port which seemed to calm them down.

Back in the cars and on the road down the Western Highway, it was on to Nhill to check out silo and water tank artwork. Nhill Oasis Motel was our stop for the night and is adjacent to the Australian Pinball Muse-



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um—the biggest collection of pinball machines in Australia, in fact hundreds of them. We then drove to Bordertown to check out the white kangaroos and on to Mt. Gambier for a couple of nights. Plenty of lovely wineries and the underground caves and fossil tours at Naracoorte further north were well worth the visit. This leg of the trip was the only section where we encountered rain and of course I had a wiper malfunction, fixed that by removing it, it was on Merlene's side, that's OK.

It was relaxing to have a bit of time off and spend a few days sightseeing in and around Mt. Gambier but Adelaide was just on the horizon. Saying good day to Larry the Lobster in Kingston we started the final leg via the coast, a very enjoyable drive passing through all those lovely seaside villages.

We're here, welcome to Adelaide. Our accommodation for the week were newly built studio cabins at Levi Caravan Park. Very comfortable, which was good, as we were staying seven nights.

The South Australian Club went all out with their activities with each venue taking us North, South or East of the City. From BBQ's at the Air Museum, to the 160 Morris car display at the Birdwood Museum, a BBQ breakfast and photo shoot at Victoria Park, a drive to the Cube Winery in the McLaren Valley then an all inclusive National Rally Dinner with trophies for people's choices. To finish it off the Morries were invited to do 3 laps of the Adelaide Taillem Bend raceway circuit.

The run home would be a shorter trek stopping firstly at Steamtown Heritage Railway in Peterborough, then on to Broken Hill where we decided to spend a few nights to check out the local area. The FC & FE Holden Clubs were in town for their Nationals so we were outnumbered in the caravan park. Went to Silverton to check out the Silverton Hotel and the Mad Max Museum and back in Broken Hill to the Pro Hart Museum. The remainder of the trip was overnights at Cobar, Gilgandra and Moree. I can see why grey nomads become nomads, there sure is a lot to see and do. Incredible countryside, I think we barely scratched the surface.

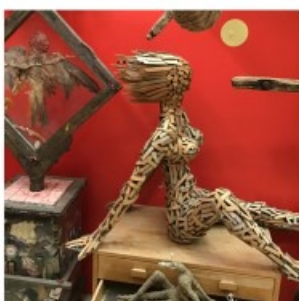
5800km later we pulled in our driveway. Thanks to Scott and Deb for their company and so many happy hours, and well done to a couple of little Morries.

MICK & MERLE



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by Maree



I was fortunate enough to join the Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club for the trip to the Morris Minor Nationals in Adelaide. Rally director Gayle had a very detailed itinerary which I had been studying for the last 6 months.

Having never been to a Nationals I did not know what to expect or if I would even make it. Putting my fears aside I left Meringandan at 5am on Sunday 26th March with enough spares to build another engine, and headed to Oakey to pick up Joy, a friend who was joining me on this adventure. We met the Southside Club in Warwick around 8am and after refuelling we were on our way.

By the time we reached our first stop in Inglewood, my fears had disappeared and I was ready to enjoy every minute. From here we were known as Thelma (Joy) and Louise (Maree). We averaged 450 - 500 Kms a day travelling at approx. 85 kms per hour. Just before Moree we came across water over the road in 2 sections which was quite deep and with no other option, I just held my breath and through I went. The cars and trucks coming in the other direction were courteous by waiting until we were through.

First night was spent in Narrabri then followed by Cobar. We had plenty of time in the afternoon in Cobar for a walk and to learn a bit of the local history. From here it was on to Broken Hill and our stop for 2 nights. I could have easily spent another 2 nights, so much to see. We took a trip out to Silverton, visiting the Silverton Coal Museum, Mad Max Museum and John Dynon Art Gallery. Back in Broken Hill it was off to the Miners Memorial which overlooks Broken Hill. I was left feeling quite sad after viewing the memorial plaques; so many lives lost. In the evening we travelled out to The Broken Hill Sculptures for a BBQ tea and to watch the sun go down. A stunning sunset in colours of red and orange. Leaving Broken Hill it was on to Adelaide, dodging a few emus and lots of goats, and I've never seen so many wind turbines or fallen down little brick houses. This area was originally a Cornish settlement and these crumbling brick houses are all that remain.

We arrived in Adelaide late afternoon and settled into our accommodation. Each day of the rally included lots of driving in heavy traffic. One afternoon while fuelling up I was approached by a local who asked what was going on as everywhere he looked there were Morris Minors. I explained that we were here for the MM Nationals. He asked how did I get my car

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down and of course I answered we drove, he was shocked (I can't repeat what he said). I said I just have to get home, he advised me that I would just have to peddle a bit harder, I laughed on the outside by his reply but on the inside I was thinking something completely different.

On Monday, and the last day of the rally we were off to Tailem Bend and The Bend Motorsport Park. Tailem Bend was also our first overnight stop for the journey home. Leaving Adelaide however we hit morning peak hour traffic, which seemed to take forever to get through, changing gears seemed to be a novelty, and changing lanes was another experience altogether, lots of 'F' words going through my mind. We had a great time at The Bend driving around the circuit and strolling around the museum. With the race track experience done, we headed to our accommodation for the night however on the way the Morry started to lose power - clearly too much excitement for the Morry on the racetrack. With no option we pulled over to the side of the road and in no time there were MM's surrounding us. Paul was able to locate the problem and with a quick adjustment to the position of the fuel filter, we were back on our way.

We left Tailem Bend at 7:30am Tuesday, heading to Balranald. A big long drive stopping for lunch at Big Mallee Stump and finally arriving at Balranald late afternoon. Wednesday it was on to Forbes and Thursday on to Moree stopping at Coonabarabran for lunch, arriving Moree late afternoon.

Friday and nearing the end of our journey was Moree to home with a stop in Warwick for lunch. It was here, Joy and I said our goodbyes to members of the Southside Club who went above and beyond to make us feel welcome and included. I really can't express my gratitude or begin to thank them enough. We had a wonderful time. Also, I would like to thank Mick, Merle, Scott and Debbie for their daily text messages checking up on us.

We travelled 4212 Kms and spent \$600.28 on fuel with Adelaide the most expensive at \$2.29 a litre. A fantastic event by the Morris Car Club of South Australia, well done. The 2025 National Rally is next being held in Fremantle WA, can't wait.

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