



# TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP

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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.

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## GROUP COORDINATOR REPORT

Welcome everyone to our November newsletter.

Members have had the opportunity to take part in quite a number of interesting events over the past month. First up was the miniature Traction Engine and Road Steam Rally in Crows Nest which 5 cars attended, and it was great to see Mary and Terry there, followed by a lovely morning tea up the Main Street. There was also the TADOMS event out at Oakey which Jim attended but not sure if anyone else headed out to join him.

Unfortunately the Goombungee Jacaranda Festival was cancelled due to a request by Main Roads asking some \$2500 to block the road for the event. This was a fee the Rosalie Historical Society simply couldn't come up with in time. A huge loss for the township and I for one was very disappointed as the event is usually very well supported, hopefully next year.

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Our combined Xmas party at the Grand Hotel in Esk was again a great day with the opportunity to catch up with members from the other clubs. Many thanks to the Old Club for organising this years gathering. I believe the baton is handed over to the Brisbane Southside for the 2024 party.

Unless you happen to be living under a rock and managed to miss all the reminders that Greg has sent out for our 2nd of December, TDMG Christmas Party at the Blue Mountain Hotel. I will reiterate his request; numbers are required no later than 16th November, this is your last opportunity, so if you're going get your name down. A huge thank you to Merle for organising once again.

Sunday 24th December is Greg's "Park to Pub Run". It would be great to see as many members as possible to attend to finish off a great year.

My Morrie's are running great, the only odd issue is the speedo in the Ute needs some TLC (running backwards). The needle has jumped the pin, not sure how or why but I'm told it's an easy fix.

See you all at our next meeting.

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Morris Minor Forum



# Combined Clubs Christmas Party—Esk





## SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

The CAR Inc meeting held on the Sunday 5th November in Dalby was a bit quiet with attendance numbers down somewhat which was likely due to the early morning unpleasant weather putting members off from travelling. Late morning though it ended up being a rather nice sunny day with the meeting going quite well as planned by President Eliza. This was followed by the BBQ lunch drummed up by Terry Brown. Thanks to everyone who did come along and let's hope the next meeting will be better attended by all Clubs and better than the 7 people who attended this time around.

Saturday 11th saw a good number from our Group making their way to the combined clubs Christmas party held in Esk. Anne and I left home in IFFY and made our way to Mick and Merle's place to meet up with them and the Smiths to travel in a little convoy via Hampton.

We arrived in Esk a little after 11:00am and joined in with around 80 Morris enthusiasts to enjoy heaps of friendship, chat, and a great meal. There were a few plastics on the day but a good majority of us arrived in our classic cars. I grabbed myself a copy of the lovely Morris Minor 2024 calendar Jim Allen was selling and was delighted to find my IFFY and Mick Mullers car in the November picture included in the line up of Minors. It was then back home with IFFY performing very willingly up the Esk - Hampton road climb.

Debbie Smith has sent through a big Thank You certificate to the Toowoomba & Downs Morris Group and the donation made for the Caner Council Relay For Life 2023. Debbie, and the generosity of all businesses involved managed to raise \$10,800 for the Foundation. A phenomenal effort and well done!

Project wise on HAZ. The cylinder head is nicely painted and will be installed to the engine very soon. Now just waiting for a parts order to arrive so I can complete the reassembly and fit with gearbox to the car.

Will then get to work on tidying up the wiring loom and installing.

That's all from me.

### Roy

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A cheeky article from a mystery contributor (aka **-MC**) making its way into the pages of our newsletter (p9) with this month being the first of many instalments appearing every so often.

Join our veiled friend—or is that fiend—as we follow the progress of Project Noddy; morphing from a bugged bare metal shell into a little run-about, perhaps a monster, or perhaps an eye-popping street-legal crime fighting machine of some shape or description cleverly masquerading as a Morris Minor. What it is, will be revealed as the build goes on.....

Lana and I are heading northwards again to join family in Toowoomba for Christmas. I've set up an easy Park To Pub Run on 24th December so hope to see many of you on the day. I will need numbers for this event by the December meeting. Apologies in advance that I will be harassing and spamming everyone all over again via several emails.

**-ED**



Emily Johnson, Merlene Muller,  
David Wagner, Frosty & George Wilkinson



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP**  
**Held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, 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:** Nil

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

Moved, Debbie Smith, 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.
- TRC Dr Price Rooms – Expressions Of Interest
- Email from CAR Inc President, Eliza Eames – Notice of meeting 5th November
- Flyer Morris 1100 60th year in Australia

*Outwards:*

- Newsletters to members and other clubs

Moved, Terry Brown, seconded George Wilkinson that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Presented by Treasurer, Ray Safstrom.

Moved, Ray Safstrom, seconded John Parker that the report be received and the accounts be paid.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Info received from Jim Allen last Saturday 14th Oct. advises total numbers of 55 (22 from TDMG) for the combined clubs Christmas party on Saturday 11th November.
- Reminder received from Eliza Eames that the CAR Inc meeting is on Sunday 5th November. Our TDMG group is hosting the event in Dalby by providing a BBQ. Each group is to provide a financial statement and activities report which will be arranged by Secretary Roy Hall & Treasurer Ray Safstrom.
- John Parker asked if anyone recalled if there were tables at the Thomas Jack park in Dalby or should we take our own to



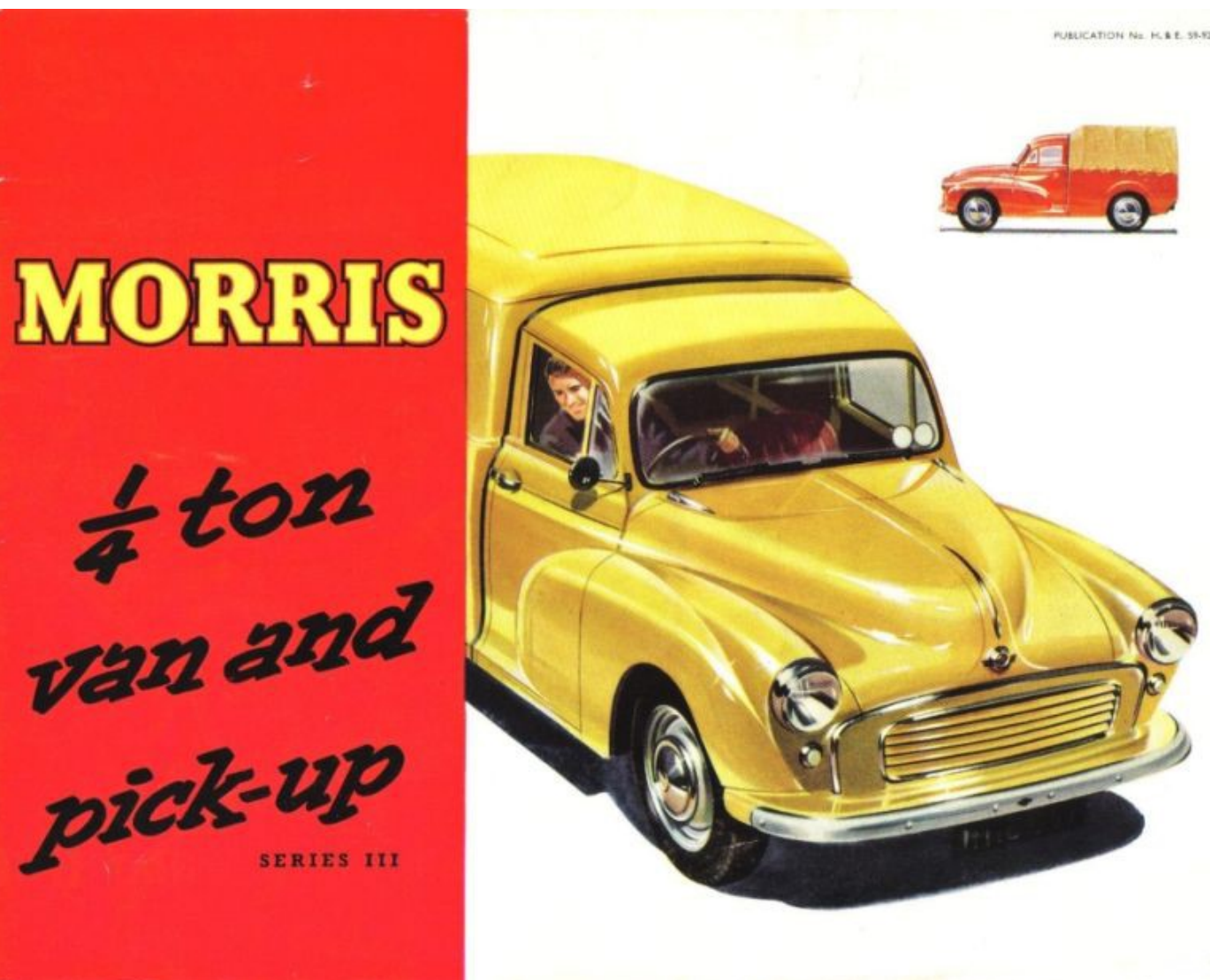
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be certain. It was agreed we would do that.

- Secretary Roy will complete the TRC expressions of interest 2024 form for the Dr Price meeting rooms and lodge it with council.
- Email received from Brett Huxtable of Melbourne regarding the 60th Anniversary of the release of the Morris 1100 in Australia on 17th February 1964. He has suggested that a Morris 1100 car show be held in a capital city.
- Doug Tebbit showed the steering wheel from his Morris Z which has been given a "Hydro Wrap" timber grain treatment and looks great.
- Roy Hall is busy reassembling the engine for his 59 M1000 project and is using a Mini Cooper 997 head which has bigger inlet valves. It is hoped the car will run well with this setup.

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

Raffle winner: John Parker



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Stanthorpe Berry Festival, Weeroona Park 9-3pm. Entry \$20pp. No set run. Members go at own choice.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	TDMG Christmas Party. Held at the Blue Mountain Hotel, 11:30am to 3pm.
December	Proposed shed restoration run. More details following November meeting.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup> 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

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
27 <sup>th</sup> & 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Allora Heritage Weekend. Entry \$10pp.
3 <sup>rd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Toowoomba Swap 2024 at the Toowoomba Showgrounds. Hosted by the Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
March	CAR Inc Meeting. Date and location TBC.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
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.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.



# PROJECT NODDY #1

I, sorry, SHMBO decided that I needed a new project to occupy my time and to get me out of the house and as it happened I managed to acquire a complete donor car which was looking for some much needed love, or in reality, a truckload of cash chucked at it to get it back on the road to make it 'better'. All monetary donations towards Project Noddy will not be tax deductible and will secretly be transferred to my Cayman Island bank account, so feel free to remortgage your home, sell your soul or just send cash at any time.

The car was just a rolling shell which had previously been (more like attempted) in the process of having a Datsun motor and other parts installed by someone who thought that they knew

what they were doing and that chopping out the centre crossmember back to the firewall was the way to go. That coupled with the welding (badly) of some mounts direct to the engine bay floor all needed to be undone.

No sooner after his arrival, all verbal comments about his condition

were ignored and work began with a complete strip out of the non existent interior and a sandblast back to bare metal for the shell with a quick primer for rust prevention.

Not that much thought had gone to the problem of rust prevention previously. Ha! The normal spots at the bottom of the A pillars usually associated with a Morris Minor overall weren't as bad as first thought.

Currently the floors and engine bay are being sorted as these components needed attention and some were bent or had rust in them. Some of these parts are being fabricated from scratch from 18 gauge sheet metal. From a structural point of view, some areas have added swages put in, so that there is a bit more strength and to help with the engine torque stress from the proposed engine change.

Next up is the drivers side which I am planning to start during (or even have it finished in) the following few months.

Stay tuned!

-MC





## Cancer Council Relay For Life 2023 Fundraiser



### *TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP*

This year, with your valuable support, our team "Staying Positive" raised \$10,800.00 through our Cancer Council Relay for Life Raffle/Fundraiser and that's worth a huge **THANK YOU!** This amount far exceeded our expectations and will be proudly donated to the Cancer Council to assist in their research efforts to help find a cure for cancer. We cannot thank you enough for your kindness and generosity in helping to make our fundraiser such an overwhelming success. 🎈

Sincerely, Debbie & Bev

# Thank You



**SATURDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> &  
SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JAN 2024**  
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