



# 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.

**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 October newsletter.

Toowoomba's main event, September's Carnival Of Flowers has now come to an end for another year. As it has over the last number of years now, the decision to hold the carnival for the entire month proves to be well received, which suits us perfectly too as we managed to enjoy some fantastic runs during that time.

Jim and Tricia organised an outing to Cabarlah Markets on Sunday 24th September which a handful of members enjoyed. A cold and windy day but off we went. Our cars drew lots of attention and it was good to see Doug and family arriving in their new Morris Major. Following the markets we headed to Williams Park in Highfields for a morning tea.

"...Conflict Island, truly  
beautiful and I can now cross  
this off my bucket list..."

We also had a morning tea run to David and Sandra Wagner's on 1st October and a walk through the Boyce Gardens and Rainforest. As everyone had already visited the gardens it was decided to skip the walk and enjoy the company instead. Thank you David and Sandra for opening your home.

A couple of upcoming runs are on the cards. There is an interesting run on 22nd October to Crows Nest for the Miniature Traction Engine and Road

Steam Rally. Two weeks later, Goombungee's, Rosalie Historical Society sees the 30th Goombungee Jacaranda Festival on 4th November. See the events pages for details.

To finish off. On a highly enjoyable, personal note, I have just returned from a 10 night P&O cruise to the islands of Papua New Guinea. Our cruise took us on day visits to Alotau, Kiriwina and Rabaul, though our visit to Rabaul was sadly cancelled due to a conflict. We then steamed on to Conflict (Island) Group—a stunning atoll. The first day here was cancelled due to 4 metre swells, then a medical emergency followed and we needed to return to Alotau for a medical evac to Australia. We finally made it back to Conflict Island, truly beautiful and I can now cross this off my bucket list.

See you all at our next meeting

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**SAVE THE DATE...**

## **Combined Clubs Pre-Christmas Lunch and Annual Get-Together**



**Saturday 11th NOVEMBER**  
**Esk Grand Hotel - from 11am**

***All Welcome - the more the merrier!***

**Due to the very successful Pre- Christmas Lunch organised by the Toowoomba & Towns Morris Group last year at this same venue, this event is now going to be a regular annual happening.**

**Note:** Event is self catering - orders taken from the Hotel menu as required

*The venue is booked for around 60 people*  
*The Esk Hotel requires numbers for catering purposes*

**It is IMPORTANT that we receive RSVP's by no later than Friday 20th October**

**Please contact Jim Allen - Mob: 0412 246 905  
or email Jim: [realizm@bigpond.net.au](mailto:realizm@bigpond.net.au)**

For those wishing to stay over, the Esk Caravan Park is just around the corner from the Hotel:  
16 Hassall Street, Esk - Ph: (07) 5424 1466  
[www.eskcaravanpark.com.au](http://www.eskcaravanpark.com.au)



## SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Terry's run to the Pioneer Village Highfields and the All British Day events weren't able to be included in last month's newsletter as they both missed the deadline. I wasn't able to make Terry's run as it coincided with the ABD which I had previously decided to attend. The members who did visit the Pioneer Village reported that it was an enjoyable day out.

The All British Day at St Joseph's Playing Fields, Tennyson always has an excellent crowd of motoring enthusiasts. I decided to drive the Triumph TR4 on the day and left home before 6am. At that time of the morning there wasn't much traffic so I had a great run to the event arriving about 7:45am to join up with fellow TSOAQ members in the designated area for Triumphs.

Overall there were several hundred cars of all British makes which made for quite a spectacle.



In the next row to our Triumphs the MMCCQ and Brisbane Southside Morris Club had a great display of Morris and I was able to catch up with some of our friends from those clubs.

Not much has happened on the HAZ body project but work on the engine, in particular the cylinder head continues.

As previously mentioned, the head is a later 12G202 type which I acquired some time ago and decided to use it on the project hopefully for improved performance. The valves all seemed to be in

good condition and only needing a quick regrind but on looking a bit closer it appeared that the inlet valves seemed to sit too low in the seat. Soon found that a previous owner had fitted valves of a smaller head diameter of 1-3/32" from an earlier engine where they should be 1-5/32". I managed to get some of the larger size which are now fitted and seating much better. The head is now ready to bolt to the block.

That's all from me.

**Roy**

A quick note from Merle. This year's TDMG Christmas Party is being held at the Blue Mountain Hotel, Harlaxton on Saturday 2nd December—flyer on back page. We will require numbers for this event no later than the November meeting. Please RSVP at a meeting or via email as soon as you can to assist tracking numbers.

**-ED**



Linda Kelly, Jim Robertson,  
Dennis Smith, & Ken Brooker



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP**  
**Held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September, 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, John Parker, seconded Linda Kelly that the minutes printed in the newsletter be accepted as read. Carried.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

*Inwards:*

- Heritage Bank Statement
- Email Newsletters from various clubs
- MMCCQ - Combined Xmas Party Bookings numbers required

*Outwards:*

- Newsletters to members and other clubs

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

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Presented by Treasurer, Ray Safstrom.

Moved, Ray Safstrom, seconded Linda Kelly that the report be received and the accounts be paid.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Group Coordinator Maree Pitt reminded members that numbers are required for the combined clubs Christmas party by the first of October and to reply to the email sent out earlier if attending.
- A call was made around the room for each member to give a brief update on what they have recently been up to.
- Jim Robertson has been working on his recently acquired Morris Marshall and is searching for parts.
- David Wagner gave an outline of his trip across the Nullarbor saying it was a good one.
- Steve says he has too many cars and needs to reduce the size of his collection.
- Darryl Bell had a great caravan trip for five weeks visiting Bro-





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ken Hill, Thargomindah and other spots.

- John Parker, after some issues and difficulties, now has seat belts in his Minor with help from Dennis Smith and Dave Wagner. Now has problems with the rear brakes to sort out.
- Deb Smith gave an update on the Relay. Has 74 sponsors to date and looking for more. Funds raised currently amount to \$8300.
- Merle Muller asked that a note be placed in the October Newsletter requesting numbers for TDMG Christmas party by the November Meeting. The event will be held at the Blue Mountain Hotel on Saturday the 2nd December.
- Moved by Deb Smith that we purchase 40 x \$10 meal vouchers (for the Christmas party) subject to attendance. Seconded. Terry Brown. Carried.
- Maree mentioned that Paul Draper took his car to the Pittsworth Sprints and is quite proud to have won a trophy which is second year in a row. Paul was apparently glad that Jim R was not there.

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

Raffle winner: George Wilkinson

## Run to Cabarlah Markets



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	Miniature Traction Engine and Road Steam Rally–Crow's Nest Tourist Park. Meet Mt. Kynoch 8:30am.
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	30th Goombungee Jacaranda Festival. The festival features an historic vehicle parade, outdoor public chalk art exhibition, steam engines and machinery display from Steaming on the Downs, markets and food stalls.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	CAR Inc Meeting at Thomas Jack Park, Dalby, hosted by TDMG. Commencing with a BYO morning tea at 10:30am followed by a sausage sizzle after the closure of the meeting. Leave Bridge St. MacDonalds at 9am.
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	2023 Combined Clubs Christmas Lunch @ Esk Grand Hotel from 11am. Booked and confirmed for 60+ people.
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. More discussion October meeting.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	TDMG Christmas Party. Blue Mountain Hotel, 11:30am to 3pm.
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.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.



# Pioneer Village, Highfields



## Maree's, P&O Cruise to Papua New Guinea





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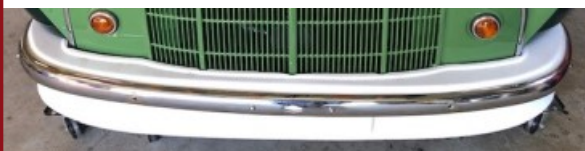
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