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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 April newsletter.

The subject of concessional registration was raised during our last meeting with the majority in attendance in favour of change. The change is around owners of SIV registered vehicles maintaining their membership via participation in monthly meetings and sanctioned events. The change favoured a possibility that membership may be revoked if these conditions are not met. To have a concessional registered vehicle, it is a requirement of QLD Transport and Main Roads that members be financially viable with a Group or Club.

As a reference, I was reading the Hunter Region newsletter and they have a requirement in place where you are to attend one meeting and two designated club runs per financial year. Not a big ask! Our dating officer is drawing up recommendations which will be submitted to the Group for consideration.

"...after he's done the deed, he dies; it's not much fun being a boy bee!..."

Our run this month was to the Bee Shed at Gowrie Junction followed by lunch at the Highfields Tavern. The Bee Shed owners Jim and Louise gave us a very informative talk and display from the paddock to your piece of toast in the morning, which everyone enjoyed. The Queen bee is the boss followed by all her workers and drones. The drones job isn't much but to keep the Queen happy and pregnant but after he's done

the deed, he dies; it's not much fun being a boy bee! I think everyone sampled the wonderful products on hand and bought a bottle or container full to try at home.

On a sad note, Lindsay Few, a past member of TDMG passed away on the 13th March. He was a member from April 2000 up until 2016. Our condolences go out to his wife, Patrica and family.

We need more input from you, the members. "Around The Sheds" and "Car's I've Owned" are great topics and Greg would be pleased to get a hold of these to include in the newsletter.

Dave Wagner may give a informative talk on preparation and products to use when painting fibreglass at the next meeting.

Morris Minor, the racehorse, ran at Oakbank in SA last week and ran a promising 4th. I'm thinking he might need a little more horsepower for his next race.

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SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Since the last meeting, Greg and I along with other members of TDMG enjoyed a wonderful weekend in Warwick joining the Warwick Car Club for their 50 Anniversary car rally. On Saturday we travelled to Allora via Leslie Dam, where we had the privilege of viewing 2 private car collections. I cannot believe what people have collected over many years, these vehicles are in mint condition, truly amazing. On Sunday we travelled out to Junabee to a little hall in the middle of nowhere for a lovely lunch which was catered by the hall committee. This hall has been lovingly restored by the community which was funded through donations, and functions.

George and Barbara's run to the Honey Shed at Gowrie Junction was a very informative run. There is a lot more involved in keeping bees than I had thought, many members purchased honey as well as other products on offer. Lunch was enjoyed at the Highfields Tavern.

As I write this, I have just arrived home from Cobb and Co Museum where the MX5 National Rally held their car display. I had only heard about this on Friday. David was there with John's immaculate MX5. This rally was supported with entrants from each state, although it must have

been very disappointing for some from WA who had their vehicles transported over. Due to flooding the roads were cut so their cars only arrived Sunday morning at 3am. The Rally was a five day event with the final day being today.

Sunday 21st April sees Jim, Trish and I heading off to Shepparton for the Morris Register 24th Nationals. I will again be travelling with the Brisbane Southside Morris Club, meeting them in Warwick Sunday morning, our average distance travelling per day will be 500 km arriving in Shepparton on Tuesday afternoon. The past few

weeks has been busy getting the Ute mechanically ready, this week will be spent on presentation, mainly cleaning the engine bay (that's what I took away from the Nationals last year, you must be able to see your reflection when you lift that bonnet). I have been checking the weather report for Shepparton and I'm seeing the morning temperatures are around 6°C warming up to around 23°C during the day, not sure how the Ute is going to handle the 6°C.

The Brisbane Southside Club have let us and the Qld Club know that the Esk Grand Hotel for the combined club Christmas Party is now booked for 60 people from 11:30am on Saturday 9th November. It's been hugely popular between the 3 clubs so mark it in your calendar and we'll let you know all the details closer to the date.

Looking forward to seeing all at Thursday's meeting

MAREE



Jan Smith, Anne Hall, Bob Hitchener,
James Johnson, Anne Draheim,
Helen Cooper, Yvonne Bell & Darryl Bell

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP Held on Thursday 21st March, 2024 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.

OPENING: Michael Muller opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: Merle Muller, Tricia Robertson, John Wagner, Doug Tebbit

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: Amendment made by George Wilkinson, meeting point for this Sunday run is between Aldi and Ambulance Station in Bridge Street.

Moved, Debbie Smith, seconded Jim Robertson 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 Dennis Smith 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. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Jim Robertson spoke on the upcoming 24th Morris Register National Rally, and gave members an update on the Morris Marshal restoration
- Roy Hall advised that he is hoping to have the Prado back on the road next week after 5 weeks, he's been relying heavily on his 67 year old Morry which never failed but hoping to resume their travel plans soon
- Membership Application received for Don Marriage, proposed by Roy, seconded by Jim that Don be accepted as a member. Carried
- Steve Draheim has offered to provide transport for Don to the next meeting due to Don not confident with night driving, Roy will make contact
- David Williams is hoping to pick up the 1953 PV Morris commercial (parcel van) in the next couple of months
- Michael Wells gave members an update on the Boonah week-end away and advised he will be travelling to Boonah over



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Easter to set some runs. Eight of the Eleven rooms have been booked by members and if the motel is booked out, alternatives were given

- Michael offered to organise a Group run on Saturday 18th May, travelling out through Top Camp BYO picnic lunch Gorman's Gap, meet at Kmart top car park 9am. Also advised that he has pulled the front end out of his Marshal
- Steve Draheim mentioned that there is a swap meet on 4th May at Morgan Park Raceway, Warwick
- Darryl Bell has now finished his Morris 8 and he is heading to Tasmania for a holiday
- David Wagner while in Sydney visited S.U. Midel and purchased a 6 volt fuel pump and was impressed with the stock available
- Mick asked David if he was interested in a small presentation on panel beating and spray painting of fibreglass, David agreed
- Mick requested members to think about what the criteria of being a member of TDMG means. David suggested that prospective members wanting concessional registration be invited on a short casual run, all members present agreed, David to organise
- Concessional registration, David Wagner will put notice in the next newsletter Re: membership and Qld Transport rules for concessional registration
- Dennis Smith advised he is continuing to sort through his shed and gave members an update on a Morris Minor 1000 that was recently advertised for sale
- Terry Brown updated members on the Group run to the German Bake & Wurst House, Helidon on the 21st April, morning tea at Peacehaven Park, Highfields. Terry also encouraged members to have a CB radio in their cars. Numbers required next meeting
- George Wilkinson advised that he and Barbara will be away for the April meeting as they are attending the Chev Nationals in Stanthorpe. He spoke of the upcoming field day at John Reis property at Lilydale on the 18th and 19th May
- George updated members on this Sunday's run to the Honey Farm at Gowrie Junction
- John and Noelene attended the Car Inc meeting, advised there was an average role up, as yet no minutes have been received, next meeting 7th July at Chinchilla Weir
- John informed members that he would like to do the second half of country run he had organised, will update at the next meeting
- Scott Smith advised he has been recovering well over the last 5 weeks
- Linda Brooker continuing to source parts but finds it hard to do any work on vehicle due to work commitments
- Mick advised members if they are thinking of attending the Dalby rally to book accommodation quickly as there are not many options available
- Maree Pitt asked members if they hear of any events happening in the area to send details to editor, Greg, so he can include them in the newsletters events page
- Project Noddy remains a mystery
- Printing of newsletter and number of copies required, Scott agreed to print copies for the next 2 months until an alternative can be agreed upon
- Roy Hall thanked Mick and Maree for temporary filling the Group Coordinator and Secretary positions

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

Raffle winner: Terry Hickey

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 18 th April	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 21 st April	Terry & Brenda's run to the German Bake and Wurst House, Helidon Spa. Meet 10:30am at Reg Veacock Park, Harlaxton for a BYO morning tea. Then travelling on the back roads to Woolmer, rejoin the New England Highway then head via Murphys Creek to the German Bake and Wurst House for lunch (108 Postmans Ridge Rd). As a courtesy, numbers needed.
24 th to 29 th April	Morris Register 24th Nationals - Shepparton.
Sunday 5 th May	Lockyer Swap Meet, Laidley Showgrounds. Public entry (Cooper St) from 6:30am, \$5 entry.
Sunday 5 th May	Warwick Swap Meet Warwick. Hosted by the Cruze Inn Club at Morgan Park Raceway. Open to the public from 7:30am, free entry.
11th & 12th May	RVAD Invitation Rally, "Anything Goes".
Thursday 16 th May	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Saturday 18 th May	Picnic Run. Meet 9am Kmart upper car park then head out via Top Camp and on to Gorman's Gap for a BYO picnic lunch.
Sunday 19 th May	David Hack Classic Meet. Toowoomba Aerodrome, Spitfire Street. 8:30am to 2:30pm.
Sunday 7 th July	CAR Inc Meeting, Chinchilla Weir.
7 th to 9 th 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.
Sunday 16 th June	RACQ Motorfest.
Thursday 20 th June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 23 rd 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 th July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

PROJECT NODDY #4

I had to hold over this little missive from the last issue, as there was lots of stuff to put into the magazine already. Great to see everyone enjoying the runs and having fun.

Now, from the teaser in the last magazine, I think we were up to giving the diff a bit of a haircut so that it will fit in nicely. And just like your old school haircut ... a short back and sides, with a bit off the top ;-)

Need something to fit it on? No problem (love those Christmas gifts)

Had a play, and, lock it in Eddie. And now to measure the angle of the dangle (hopefully) correct. Need to source some U bolts and bump stops as well, which is currently happening.

With the diff now positioned, work on the hand-brake can progress as they are both from the same donor. The planets aligned, and from this...

Quite a lot of head scratching and thought, and the conclusion was, the new tunnel that was made and welded in, would have to be sacrificed and another way explored so that the donor car cables and handbrake unit worked.

The cables are connected underneath the floor above the tailshaft, unlike the Minor setup.

we got to this...

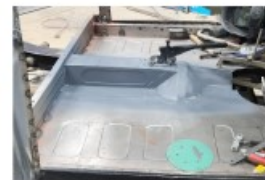
Unfortunately, work needs to progress on some more bodywork on the tub, which is a bit of a disappointment ~ I thought it was in better condition than it is. Oh well, it's only money!

On other progress, the chassis has been completed, sandblasted and painted Yeehah!

There is still lots and lots to do on the mechanicals and other stuff, so it will be a while yet !

See you around, like the rissoles at Rudd's Pub!

-MC



THE HONEY SHED



FOR SALE

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

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