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Heritage Day

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MEETINGS: Held on the Third Wednesday 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 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.

Following the incessant rain we experienced , it was nice to finally have a sunny day to enjoy the March 30 run. As a bonus for me, now that my medical driving restriction of seven months has been lifted, it was my first run behind the wheel of my beloved "IFFY".

The plan was to head to Cressbrook Dam for lunch via Ravensbourne lookout. Five cars met at the Mt Kynock start point and set off towards Ravensbourne. Along the way we were joined by Maree in her Morris 1100 which increased our numbers to six. A refreshing morning tea stop was made at Ravensbourne then it was off to our intended lunch stop at Cressbrook.

Unfortunately the access road to the Dam was closed due to flooding, so following a quick discussion on alternatives, all agreed that Perseverance Dam would be our lunch stop.

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Our return journey saw the group stopping off at Mick and Merle's in Highfields and to see how Mick's recovering is going after his unfortunate accident.

Saturday 12th April saw the Historical Society Heritage Day in Laidley. The LAMA group had sent an invitation to our Group to join their car display at

the Laidley Pioneer Village. We only managed a few members for this event and they headed down the range to meet up at the Village with the LAMA group.

It's been quite some time since I've given an update on HAZ. For the last month I have been working on the restoration of the wiring loom, to say the least, it's been quite challenging. The original braiding had long rotted away leaving a spaghetti of loose wires which is taking some time to sort out and commence rewiring with new loom tape. At the same time, I'm incorporating the proper colour coded wiring for flashers (green with white trace RH, and green with red LH) so it will be all nice and neat. HAZ had flashers fitted previously but in a haphazard and crude fashion.

That's it from me, see you at Wednesday's meeting.

ROY



Rotary Club of Toowoomba North Inc

25th Anniversary meet

Sunday 18 May 2025

David Hack

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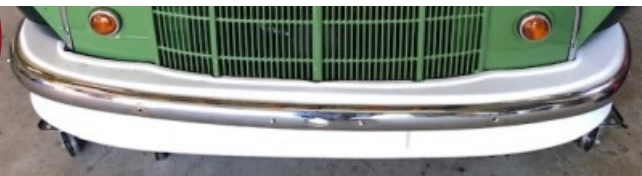
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SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

It's been a relatively quiet month for the Group, with just two events on the calendar. The first event was a convoy of six cars on a scenic drive to Ravensbourne Lookout for morning tea. During the outing, we encountered a young lad who was absolutely enthralled by the cars. After tea, the group headed down to Perseverance Dam for lunch since Cressbrook Dam was closed.

The second run was the Laidley Historical Society Heritage Day, attended by John and Denise Oldham and David Snape. We eagerly await their detailed reports at the next meeting (edit: thanks John, Denise and David for sending through the photos, I was able to include these on the back page -Ed).

Zed Project Update

Being on holiday has granted me the opportunity to make considerable strides on the Ute. I've completed the repair work on the rear guards using the vintage car club's equipment, and they're looking satisfactory—with only a touch of filler needed to perfect them. I also ventured into spray painting the side boards and the tray seat. However, my spray work will require the refined touch of someone more experienced, in the process, I scored a run record that Bradman would be proud of, so there's definitely room for improvement.



The next phase is to install the running boards, which will allow me to accurately position the rear guards and determine the precise mounting points on the tray's side timber. Notably, this Ute stands out as the only example I've encountered with running boards; all other similar Utes I've seen feature curved rocker panels. The only reference to running boards on a Zed Ute comes from an old advertisement from Howards LTD that David kindly provided.

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP
Held on Wednesday 19th March 2025 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.

OPENING: Roy Hall opened the meeting at 7:32pm and welcomed everyone

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: Greg Hall, Mick and Merle Muller, Scott Smith, Dennis Smith

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: As per newsletter

Moved, Brett Tebbit, 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
- Email from Merle Muller regarding Christmas party confirmation at The Mill Inn Tavern on 6 December 2025

Outwards:

- Newsletters to members and other clubs

Moved, Brett Tebbit, seconded David Williams that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Presented by Treasurer, Maree Pitt

Moved, Maree Pitt, seconded John Parker that the treasurers report be received and the accounts be paid. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Merle Muller has confirmed the booking for the 2025 Christmas Party, which will be held at the Mill Inn Tavern in Millmerran on Saturday, 6 December, starting at 11:30am. Final numbers will need to be confirmed following the November meeting.
- David Wagner suggested introducing a monthly Saturday afternoon workshop, giving club members the opportunity to work on their cars with support from others in the group. This would allow members to tap into the collective skills and knowledge within the club. The idea was well received by those present, and further details will be shared soon.
- Debbie Smith, in discussion with Greg, proposed creating a small A4-sized sign featuring the Group's contact details for display on club cars during runs. Additionally, Jim Robinson suggested printing the Group's details on windscreen sun visors. This proposal was well received by all present, and



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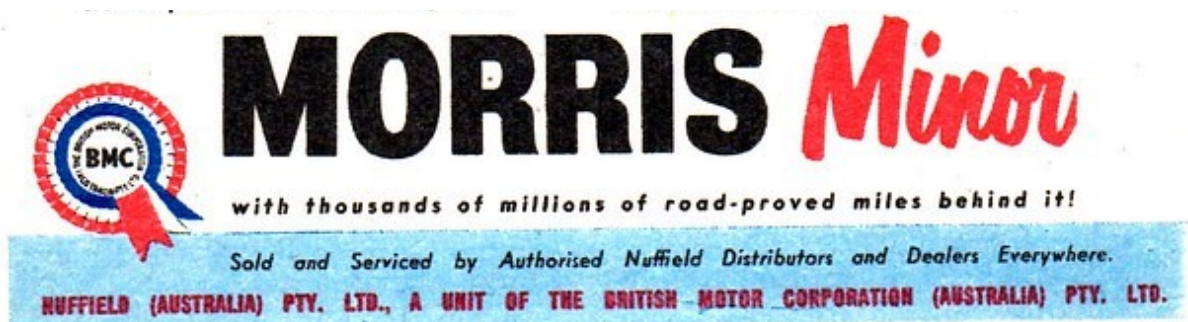
- Jim Robinson provided entry forms for the Morris Register National Rally, scheduled for 17-20 April 2026. The entry fee is \$150. Jim also gave a brief overview of the event and outlined some of the planned activities. Jim also provided an update on the Marshall's progress with floor repairs being completed.

Around the room

- Michael Wells has been a bit quiet this month. However, has been completing some house renovations.
- David Snape upgraded the lighting on his Morrie, including the addition of indicators. These have been wired to work in conjunction with the original trafficators.
- David Williams has begun stripping the engine from his PV van. The engine, a Morris LC3, appears to be in relatively good condition overall. However, wear in the white metal bearings has led to one piston making contact with the cylinder head.
- Darryl Bell donated his Zed Ute project to Jeff Cox (DDVVMC). These were the first vehicles that Jeff had worked on.
- John Oldham has started manufacturing the tow bar for his Morrie.
- David Wagner informed that the Zed's brakes have been leaking. Now that Brake Land is closed, the master cylinder was given to Parts for Cars, which in turn was sent to Underwood for reconditioning.
- John Parker recently had his Morrie professionally detailed and reported that the paintwork has been beautifully restored—looking just as good as the day it was first painted.
- Jan Smith shared that Dennis' brother still has his Morris for sale.
- Jan also informed that the Group has decided to switch to using paper cups for supper after meetings, making it easier by eliminating the need to carry the basket of coffee cups. The old coffee cups will be donated.
- Debbie Smith reported that the windscreen in Kermit is still in the process of being fitted. Once completed, the car will head to the mechanic for a final check-up before it's ready for registration.
- Marre Pitt took part in a run to Kingaroy in her 1100. The car performed well throughout the trip, though she noted that the vinyl seats became quite hot during the drive.
- Roy Hall following his recent medical events is back behind the wheel. He took the Stag out on a mid-week DDVVMC run, marking a welcome return to the road.

Roy Hall thanked all for attending and there being no further business Roy closed the meeting at 8:30pm.

Raffle winner: Bottle of Wine – Jan Smith, Club Raffle – Maree Pitt.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 16 th April	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 4 th May	Lockyer Swap. Hosted by the Lockyer Antique Motoring Association (LAMA) at the Laidley Showgrounds (Cooper St). Gates open at 6:30am, cost \$5pp.
17 th & 18 th May	Hampton Food Festival. The festival offers a wide variety of events and entertainment for visitors to enjoy, including local food vendors, wineries, cafes, artisan producers, art exhibitions and live music. Ticketed event, starting at \$25.76, buy tickets online: Hampton Food Festival .
Sunday 18 th May	David Hack Classic Meet - 25th Anniversary. For an unforgettable adventure, take to the skies with Brisbane Biplanes. Book online or speak with them on the day. Toowoomba Aerodrome, Spitfire Street. 8:30am to 2:30pm.
Wednesday 21 st May	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 15 th June	RACQ MotorFest 2025. Brisbane Showgrounds, 10am to 3pm.
Wednesday 18 th June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 6 th July	Macs Bridge, Classic Cars and Aircraft Festival. Held at the Caboolture Airfield.
Wednesday 16 th July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
17 th to 27 th July	Jumpers & Jazz in July, Warwick. Queensland's quirkiest yarn bombing & jazz winter festival!
Saturday 2 nd August	Miles From Anywhere, Auto Show & Shine.
Wednesday 20 th August	Annual General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Saturday 23 rd August	Chinchilla Auto Group – Car Show.
23 rd & 24 th August	Historic Leyburn Sprints 2025. Watch over 200 competitors take part in the sprints with cars from the 1920's to modern-day. Wander around Sunday's, Shannons Show 'n' Shine and the vintage caravan displays. Enjoy food and drinks prepared by local community organisations or meals from the Leyburn Hotel. Ticket prices TBA.

Run to Perseverance Dam

A quick phone around the night before confirmed that our planned run for Sunday was going ahead as the weather had been foul for the past few days. Anyway, we gathered at Mt Kynock at Harlaxton, 9am, and set off with everyone following us in our '8' till we got to the Hampton information centre in surprisingly good time. Our little 8 tourer went better than I expected. Here we met up with Maree in her lovely 1100.

From here we proceeded to the Shay loco, onward past Ravensbourne National Park and up the hill to the Gus Buetel Lookout and park. We lined up our cars for a beautiful photo shoot. A little boy named Romeo was intrigued by our unusual cars and kept us amused for a while.

We had morning tea in the shelter and a bit of banter, gossip and noggins was enjoyed by all. Then it was off for the short drive to Perseverance Dam and found a covered shelter to have our lunch under.

Afterwards I said I know of a different way home and everyone followed us to Pechey through the localities of Whichello, Groomsville, Douglas and onto West Meringandan. Then on through Meringandan township and Highfields to meet up with Michael and Merle, who we haven't seen for a while, because of Michael's near death experience, for a lovely get-together and afternoon tea. We've been on this same drive before but it's nice to drive it again, for us in a different Morris. Happy Morrising.

JIM & TRICIA



Sunday 18th May 2025

Rotary 
Club of Toowoomba North



8:30 am to 2:30 pm

**AEROTEC HANGAR Spitfire Street
TOOWOOMBA CITY AERODROME**

Exhibitors: \$20 per vehicle (gate open 7:00 am)

Public: Adults \$15, Children 12 and under FREE

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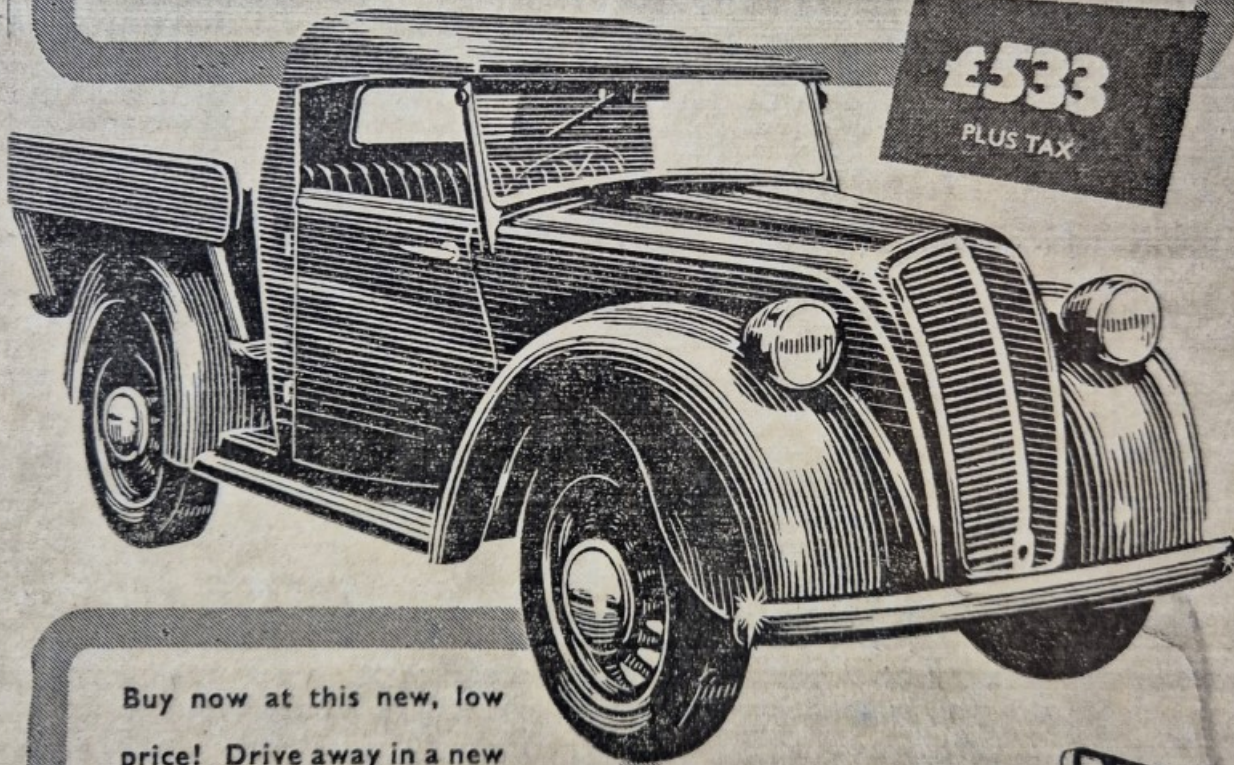


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Laidley Heritage Day

At 8am or there about, we made it to Laidley and the Laidley Pioneer Village and set up our cars with the LAMA group. It was a good turn out with a few others including a Morris 8 that was called Noddy. Some lovely older cars were there but only John and myself with Morris.

It was quite warm during the day with occasional rain squirts to cool us down but that didn't stop anyone enjoying the attractions which were very good. Displays like shearing and butter making and all the old -time things from blacksmithing and wood turning and also stationary engines there as well.

We both enjoyed the time spent there and the cars went well both on the way down and on the way home.

My daughter and family live in Laidley and they enjoyed the open day as well.

DAVID S.



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