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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 August newsletter.

It was great to see such a good roll up at the July meeting and now here we are with the August meeting and AGM only days away. All positions will be declared open and I would like to encourage members to think about nominating for any of them. I have thoroughly enjoyed my term as Group Coordinator and I would like to thank members for their support. On behalf of members I would also like to thank Roy and Ray for their many years dedicated to these positions.

Our main topic to be discussed at the AGM is the Amendment to our Charter, re: TDMG Membership Requirements. By the time you read this, an update of the proposal will have been distributed, all members are encouraged to read this before the meeting so an open discussion can be had, all members are encouraged to participate.

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would like to thank members..."

Again a couple of reminders for members. Roy will provide the devil in the detail but memberships are now overdue, please pay, this will be your last newsletter otherwise. Also, it's important for TDMG that everyone completes the online form detailing your vehicle's information. This is required for the clubs records and compliance to the SIVs scheme. Please contact David Wagner or Greg Hall to assist.

Thank you to David for an informative talk at the last meeting, these presentations have proved popular. If you have something to share with members please let us know so it can be included.

Jim has suggested the "Cars I've Owned" segment be reintroduce. I'd like to encourage members to write an article on the cars they've owned. So please put the proverbial pen to paper and send it to our editor, Greg, for inclusion in the newsletter.

Unfortunately I was not able to attend last month's combined club runs, I'm sure everyone had an enjoyable day. I would like to thank all the members who organise our monthly club runs, a lot of thought and preparation goes into these runs and it is very much appreciated. Our next run is to the Other Bird Café on 18th August.

See you all at the next meeting followed by the AGM

MAREE



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Morris Minor Forum

John Wagner—St Patrick's Cathedral



Jim & Tricia Lismore Weekend, Morris Register of Qld



SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Another month has gone by which brings us to that time of the year when we must finalise our membership renewals. At the time of writing, renewals stand at 86% which means that only a small number of members are still to pay. I've had indications that some of these will be settled at the AGM on Thursday.

The run for John Wagner's, Celebration of Life, was well attended with a good rollup of members in their Morris vehicles leaving Raff Street at the allotted time heading to St Patrick's Cathedral for the Service. It made a great sight to see our lovely cars displayed in front of St Pats and it equally drew a lot of attention. With the service over, we all made the trip to the Glenvale Rooms at the showgrounds for a gathering and refreshments. In all a lovely day was had by everyone who attended and it was a fitting send off for John.

Next was our July run to join the MMCCQ at Plainlands Markets for a show and shine and of course, explore the markets.

While I have been to the Plainlands Hotel a handful of times before, it has only ever been when heading West on the Warrego allowing a quick turnoff. Getting to the Hotel from the West was a first for me and without my lovely navigator—Anne, I successfully missed the turnoff for the flyover bridge and shot straight past. Heaven knows why I was made leader of the pack. After some back tracking and a phone call to Jan Smith for guidance, I made it to the other side of the Warrego and enjoyed the show and shine and the markets as well as catching up with our MMCCQ friends. Lunch followed at the Hattonvale Hotel which was nice and then home.

I wasn't able to make it to any of the other runs during the past month but I understand that the Warwick Jumpers n Jazz was attended by our Warwick member, Don Marriage who enjoyed the event.

RSVP's are now being requested by Gail of BSSMMC for the QTS (standing for, Queensland, Toowoomba and Southside) Christmas Party in Esk on 9th November. Now in its third year, it's proved to be a very popular event and a great way for members of all three clubs to get together and have a good time. This year's event has the Brisbane Southside in the drivers seat and Gail has requested that RSVP's be received by 18th October. Refer to the flyer for details (page 14—ED).

That's it from me.

ROY

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MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP

Held on Thursday 18th July, 2024 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: Dennis & Jan Smith, Mick & Merle Muller, Scott & Debbie Smith, Brian & Barbara Draper, Karen Draper, Terry Hickey, Tricia Robertson, Barbara Wilkinson

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: As per newsletter (Noted by John Parker. Correction to General Business to be made in that it was David Williams and not David Wagner who brought the Morris Commercial PV for restoration from Sydney).

Moved, John Parker, seconded Paul Draper 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 David Williams 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 reported steady progress on the Morris Marshal cutting out rust. He is using a new type of wire in the MIG welder a finding it very good to use.
- Terry Brown expressed his appreciation for the plaque that David Wagner had given him.
- Paul Draper informed the meeting that member Terry Hickey's cancer had returned and that he had commenced chemo treatment last week. Terry expressed to Paul his desire to do a last group run in his Major which would need to be set in the Pittsworth area.
- John Parker will set a Sunday run in Pittsworth for the benefit of Terry and it will be kept short.
- John Parker had problems with his car losing power on the run home after the group visit to the Butterfly Farm. He has



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removed the electronic ignition and reverted the car to conventional points ignition and after checking timing etc, the car is back to its normal self.

- David Wagner asked members attending the run for John Wagner Celebration of Life to meet 12 o'clock in Raff St which will make its way to St. Patricks Cathedral where the Morris cars will be on display. After the Church service all have been invited to the Glenvale room at the showgrounds to enjoy some refreshments.
- Maree Pitt outlined some of the Downs Steam train trips available with dates and pricing.
- David Wagner outlined possible constitution changes to be discussed at our August AGM to discourage applications to join TDMG purely to obtain concessional registration but not take active participation in group activities.
- Jim Robertson suggested we reintroduce monthly newsletter articles of cars previously owned by members. Had started it a couple of years ago but it's since faded out.
- David Williams gave an interesting presentation and explanation about Whitworth Spanners and what it means that they are often marked "W" and "BS".
- Doug Tebbit will do an August presentation.

Maree Pitt thanked all for attending and there being no further business Maree closed the meeting at 8:40pm.

Raffle winner: Paul Draper

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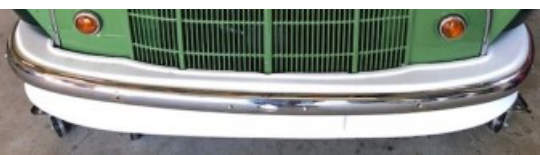
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 15 th August	Annual General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
17 th & 18 th August	Historic Leyburn Sprints 2024. Cost \$25 for either day or \$35 for both days.
Sunday 18 th August	The Other Bird Café. Meet 9:30am for morning tea follow by a run set by John and Noelene Parker.
Sunday 25 th August	Terry's Wish Run. BYO morning tea at Centenary Park Pittsworth followed by a run out to the solar farm. Lunch at Bottlebrush Cafe, Pittsworth. Meet 9am at Wagner's Alderley St.
6 th to 8 th September	Laidley Spring Festival. Experience beautiful events including orchid and gem shows and Lockyer Valley's loveliest gardens. There are street parades, classic car displays and a quilt and craft fair. Enjoy live music and a fabulous mix of local and international food vendors with Friday's "Twilight Feast & Fest".
Saturday 7 th September	Stanthorpe Monster Motor Show and Swap Meet.
13 th September to 7 th October	Toowoomba, Carnival of Flowers. Grand Central Floral Parade Saturday 21 September, 10am to 12pm.
Sunday 15 th September	All British Day. St Joseph's Playing Fields, 67 Vivian St, Tennyson. Gates open at 7:30am for exhibitors; 8:30am for public entry. Walk-ins \$2, parking \$5, display vehicles \$20.
Thursday 19 th September	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 22 nd September	Terry & Brenda's run to German Bakehouse, Helidon.
Sunday 22 nd September	Murphys Creek Chilli & Craft Carnival, 10am to 3pm. Try and buy the best chilli products from mild to wild as you celebrate Flavour and Fire. Enjoy a classic car display and over 60 chilli themed vendors and international food trucks serving fresh food. Charity event, \$2pp donation.
Sunday 22 nd September	All British Day. St Joseph's Playing Fields, Vivian Avenue, Tennyson.
Friday 4 th October	Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Under the Stars held in the Queens Park Amphitheatre 5:30pm - 8:30pm. Gates open 5:30pm for food and bar purchases, performance from 7pm. Priced from \$45 (lawn area) to \$195 (VIP seating). Purchase tickets from Oztix: Carnival of Flowers QSO
12 th & 13 th October	LAMA Annual Invitational Rally.

Jumpers n Jazz, Warwick

I was able to get along to Jumpers n Jazz over the weekend of 20th and 21st July and attend two venues to show off my Morris.

First up, on Saturday 20th I attended a line-up of vehicles at the open day at "The Wheat Shed" at Freestone. A bitterly cold and windy day but there were some lovely vehicles on display with Holden's clearly trying to hog the limelight. Other worthy contenders however being a beautiful 1928 Chev—I only know that as the number plate says so! You couldn't miss the outstanding Mustang also making the line-up, and of course there were some Morris, with 3 on show including a 1960 Morris Major (owner Tom Briggs), a 1957 Minor 1000 4 door (owner Eddie Marshall) and my '57 Minor 1000 2 door.



Sunday 9:30am saw the start of the Grand Automobile Display. Quite a range of makes and models as expected for a street line-up as this was the main event for the car display. For the Morrie fraternity, there were four on display this time around. A 1955 Minor Ute, my 2 door, a 1960 Mini Minor, and a (circa) 1934 Morris Tourer. Leslie Park also held an additional display with two Mini Mokes spotted.

The crowd seemed to enjoy the quirkiness of the event and it couldn't have been a better clear blue mid-winters day for the festival. Even better for me enjoying the chance to get the Morrie out over the couple of days.

Don

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP
HELD ON THURSDAY 17TH AUGUST, 2023 AT DR PRICE ROOMS, LITTLE STREET, TOOWOOMBA.**

OPENING: Terry Brown opened the meeting at 7:50p.m.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book.

MINUTES: Moved Roy Hall, seconded Jim Robertson that the minutes of AGM 18th August 2022 as printed in the newsletter be accepted as read. Carried.

CORRESPONDENCE: Nil.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ray Safstrom presented the Annual Financial Statement. Moved Ray Safstrom that the Treasurers report be accepted, seconded Brenda Brown. Carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

Terry Brown declared all positions vacant and asked Michael Muller to chair the meeting.

Michael Muller called for nominations for the following:

GROUP COORDINATOR: Maree Pitt nominated by John Parker, seconded by Jim Robertson. Accepted and elected.

VICE GROUP COORDINATOR: Mick Muller nominated by Roy Hall, seconded by Maree Pitt. Accepted and elected.

SECRETARY: Roy Hall nominated by Terry Brown, seconded by John Parker. Accepted and elected.

TREASURER: Ray Safstrom nominated by Brenda Brown, seconded by Merle Muller. Accepted and elected.

DATING OFFICER: David Wagner nominated by Terry Brown, seconded by Paul Draper. Accepted and elected.

CATERING: Brenda Brown nominated by Jim Robertson, seconded by Dennis Smith. Accepted and elected.

EDITOR AND WEBMASTER: Greg Hall nominated by Roy Hall, seconded by Ray Safstrom. Accepted and elected.

With the election of office bearers completed, Mick Muller handed the meeting over to Maree Pitt to continue.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

It was agreed that in the absence of David Wagner, the dating officer's duties would be taken up by Jim Robertson. Agreed by Jim Robertson.

Jan Smith moved that membership fees for the 2023-2024 year be set at \$10. Seconded by Dennis Smith.

- Jan Smith spoke for the motion that we are quite financial and can afford a reduction against the present \$20.
- Mick Muller spoke against the motion mentioning that fees should remain as they are as we don't know what the future holds with CAR Inc and it is nice to have money in the bank.

The motion was lost.

John Parker moved that our 2023-2024 fees be set at \$20 per member. Seconded Debbie Smith. Carried

Jan Smith moved we show our appreciation to the work done by Greg Hall on producing a great monthly newsletter by giving him a \$100 Dan Murphy gift voucher. Seconded by Jim Robertson. Carried

Discussion was held on the Group obtaining a defibrillator for emergency use on club runs. John Parker commented that it is necessary to have someone fully trained in its use and that person be in attendance all the time. It was agreed that we would not purchase at this time but to keep open for future discussion.

CLOSING: There being no further business, Maree Pitt closed the meeting at 8:20pm.



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George Wilkinson—Cars I've Owned

At the age of 17, I wanted to own my own car just like most of the guys I hung out with. My fathers advice was a 1952 Hillman. He said it would be the most suitable and safer because of its strength if it rolled over. I don't think he thought I was a bad driver just that my mates were buying FX and FJ Holden and wrecking them because they were having trouble keeping them on the dirt roads at that time.



So I continued to drive Dads old Hillman until I saved enough to buy a 1965 Holden HD (X2). What a vast improvement that was. This car took me through my courting years until I married and life's priorities change dramatically. If only I had kept the car.

Many more cars followed and each car was traded in order to upgrade the models. All Holdens of course.

When I retired in 2004, I soon found I needed a hobby. The neighbours were restoring cars so I watched what they were doing and this was about when my addiction for restoring old cars started.



In 2007, I saw a 2 door Monaro advertised for sale. It reminded me of the 1972 HQ SS Holden we had owned, so I bought it. It was a semi completed project so I set about finishing it. This took about 2 years.



Next came the 1954 FJ Holden we happened across in Townsville. The elderly lady who owned it hadn't driven it since her husband passed. It was well maintained and original as they had owned it since 1956 when it had approximately 20000 miles on the clock. We

George Wilkinson—Cars I've Owned

purchased it and had it trucked to Toowoomba in 2009. This car went through a full restoration and remains a pleasure to drive today.

Then in 2010 we attended John Wagner's auction and bought 1949 Morris Z. Why this you may well ask. Well it was sentimental reasons really. My father always told us stories of his adventures in his Morris Ute. He bought it in 1945 and drove it from Brisbane to Injune where he worked as a coal miner. Our car needed some restoration done before it could be registered. Dad would have loved to have seen it I'm sure. It remains one of our favourites.

After this, it was back to Holdens. At the DDVVMC swap in 2014, I spotted an FC Holden for sale and after some negotiations we purchased it. No restoration required so we could enjoy driving it immediately.

I still needed a project. So when our friends at Injune offered us an old FC Ute that was in his paddock we decided to restore it jointly with our son for him. This took 3 years to complete. Phew! At the time I was hoping I would still be married when I finished it.

In 2017, a 1932 Chev tourer was for sale in Victoria. No surprises here, we bought it and trailered it back to Queensland. We said this was to be our fun car as our friends had vintage cars mainly Ford Model A's. So a cat among the pigeons was good fun. The car did require minor maintenance repairs carried out to satisfy us.

To complete our collection of Holdens, in 2017 we bought one of the last Holdens made here in Australia, a VF 2 SS Commodore.

There's still space in the sheds but we think it really is time to enjoy life as we are not getting any younger.

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