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*Merry  
Christmas!*

TDMG Christmas Party



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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 December newsletter.

Here we are for our last meeting of the year and hoping that we don't face the same confusion as we did last month with another group occupying the Dr Price meeting room on the night which is usually allocated to us. Our secretary, Brett, checked with Toowoomba RC the next morning which revealed that there was a mistake in our booking made by TRC a year ago with our time wrongly recorded as "AM" instead of "PM" resulting in us losing our usual slot.

Happily, the situation was resolved by David Wagner who made his Raff St premises available, allowing us to quickly migrate there and hold our meeting. We thank David very much for this.

**"...a lovely event organised by  
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a good time and company..."**

On the group activity side, with the Glengallan run being cancelled due to the terrible weather, the only thing left to report on is our Christmas party held at Blue Mountain Hotel on December 7th. This was a lovely event organised by Merle with everyone enjoying a good time and company. It was just a shame that our indicated attendance numbers fell significantly on the day with so many members pulling out at the last minute.

I'm still not driving but last week I finally got to my Drayton storage shed to check on my beloved IFFY and found that the battery was stone flat with not even enough volts to turn the ignition light on, let alone start the engine. Being as smart as I am, I had taken the precaution of bringing the jump start with me, so I quickly connected it up and after some winding managed to get the engine started and running. Backed it out of the shed into the open and left it running for a good 15 minutes then proceeded to nose it back into the shed. However in doing so, it stalled and once again was unable to restart on battery. I wasn't able to use the jump start by this stage as it was also exhausted from the initial jumping of IFFY. The only option I had to get the car back in the shed was to give it a push. This took some effort as there was a slight uphill rise to contend with.

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

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## SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Only 11 days remain until Christmas as I write this. Where does the time go?

November was relatively quiet in terms of events and I know I'll be paraphrasing Roy to some

extent for my report. Our Glengallan run was cancelled last minute due to the weather, obviously would have been like a quagmire for the market stall holders. Not very pleasant at all!. The Christmas markets have now been rescheduled to the 5th January, and aptly renamed to the New Year Markets. We can revisit and discuss this as a possible run at our December meeting. Our editor has included this updated date change in the Events Page.

The Christmas party was our only event in the end and proceeded as planned, not a hint of rain on the

day! It was well attended by club members, and the delicious food provided by the Blue Mountains Hotel added to the enjoyment of the occasion. A big thank you to Merle and Jan for their excellent organisation of the lunch.

Not much has been happening in the shed this month, apart from restoring the sewing machine. If anyone ever considers dismantling a sewing machine, I would strongly advise rethinking that decision. The machine is gradually being reassembled, but getting the assembly order correct has proven to be quite the challenge.

**Doug**

And here we are, another year done and dusted, and a short (and sweet) newsletter to see the year out!

First and foremost, thank you to everyone who has made a contribution over the year. We've had some excellent stories including the continuing saga of Project Noddy. Please keep them coming.

During the past month I managed to set up our new website address. If you haven't already, please change your bookmarks to: [www.tdmg.club](http://www.tdmg.club)

Merry Christmas everyone and wherever you happen to be, either here in Australia or abroad, keep safe this festive season. We'll be taking a short break from the rigors of newsletter production. We'll return in 2025 so keep a look out in February for our next one.

**GREG**



## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP**

### **Held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2024 at Wagner's Shed, Raff Street, Toowoomba.**

**OPENING:** Roy Hall opened the meeting at 7:48pm and welcomed everyone

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** Greg Hall, Michael Wells, Dave Williams, Debbie and Scott Smith, Brenda and Terry Brown

**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
- Confirmation from TRC for DR Price Rooms 2025

*Outwards:*

- Newsletters to members and other clubs
- Various e-mails to TRC re DR Price Meeting Room

Moved, Brett Tebbit, seconded Ray Safstrom that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

#### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Presented by Treasurer, Maree Pitt

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

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Secretary reported the current status of the DR Price Meeting Room booking. TRC confirmed that TDMG has the room booked for the 3rd Wednesday of the month for 2025
- Post the double booking of the Dr Price Rooms - 21 Nov - Secretary requested TRC to confirm that TDMG has the room booked for the 19 Dec 24. The DDVVMC club house was suggested as an alternative venue; however, this facility would require a fee. The general consensus from the members present indicated that the new meeting time would be suitable
- Group Coordinator indicated that the Morris Down Under website was being closed down and that Greg Hall had



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researched alternative arrangements for the domain name registration and web hosting. Several options had been tabled, the preferred option was via Domain Central - Domain Name Registration - 10years - \$282, hosting - 2 years-\$159.46 making an initial out layout of \$441.94. A motion to use the preferred supplier was moved by John Parker and seconded by Linda Kelly

- Car Inc. Meeting, no significant outcomes were reported. TDMG will be hosting the next CAR Inc meeting on the 2 March 25, location will be confirmed at the December meeting. TDMG is responsible for providing the catering for this meeting
- Dave Wagner reported that he had been back on the tools in Millmerran
- Jim Robertson - made a call for a volunteer to submit the next "Cars I've Owned" article, nil volunteers
- Darryl Bell - Highlighted the issues he was having with the MYGOV digital identity when he was attempting to renew his electrical licence.
- Tricia Robertson - reported that she has had her drivers licence reinstated; however, it has restrictions
- Mick and Merle Muller- confirmed the cost of the raffles - 5 raffles at \$50 each - for the Christmas party and that each member will receive a \$10 gift voucher towards the cost of the meal. 37 members have indicated their intent to attend the function
- Mick added that his Morris had fuel issues returning from the 'Shed Run' and required a lift by the RACQ. The fuel issue was found to be due to a faulty fuel pump valve and rectified with the assistance from Dennis Smith
- John Parker - His Morrie is going really well, but down a little on power, John will do a compression check
- George Wilkinson - Had fuel vaporising issues with his Zed Ute. To rectify this a heat shield was employed between the carby and exhaust manifold.
- George proposed a mid-week mystery run, starting in Toowoomba, going to Oakey RSL for morning tea followed by a 2 hour tour of the Acland coal mine and back to the RSL for lunch. Booking TBC
- Linda Kelly - Work has commenced on her Morrie, Linda has removed the radiator, fuel pump and thermostat
- Roy Hall - Replaced the points in his Triumph with electronic points and the car ran like a "bag of bolts". Refitting the points didn't fix the issue. The fault ended up being caused by the No. 1 spark plug
- Marree Pit - Took her Morris 1100 of the DDVVMC club run and reported that it just "floated" for a 100kms
- Doug Tebbit - Is in the process of restoring a walking foot sewing machine in preparation for the Z Ute's upholstery

Roy Hall thanked all for attending and there being no further business Roy closed the meeting at 9:23pm.

*Merry*  
 CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY  
*New Year*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Glengallan Homestead, New Year Markets.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Allora Heritage Festival.
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Toowoomba Swap 2025 at the Toowoomba Showgrounds. Hosted by the Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club.
13 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> February	2025 Chinchilla MelonFest. A little bit of something for everyone from street parades, markets, beach party, and an arena full of melon related activities such as melon skiing and melon bungee.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	CAR Inc Meeting. Hosted by TDMG. Further details to come.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	Annual General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	Chinchilla Auto Group - Car Show.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.



# TDMG CHRISTMAS PARTY



We had 39 starters though only 28 turned up to enjoy the day. It seems 11 folks got sick Friday night, leaving us with an empty table! There were 4 hampers up for grabs with the winners: Noelene Parker, Anne Hall, Ray Safstrom and Darryl Bell enjoying the spoils. The 2 Coles Vouchers of \$40 each went to: Yvonne Bell and Sandra Wagner. Finally, the lucky chair prize was won by Doug Tebbit.

## MICK & MERLE





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and a Happy  
New Year!



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