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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 February newsletter.

Last month we had our first meeting of the year in the new Wednesday time slot. For many years the monthly 3rd Thursday was our regular meeting night but became unavailable this year. It was strange to be holding it a day early, however the reaction from members in moving to the 3rd Wednesday was quite favourable.

I was unable to make it to either of the January Runs: On the 18th the Run to Cambooya, organised by Michael Wells to have a look at Tony and Michelle Buchanan's car collection. From what I hear this was a really good day out with everyone enjoying the old-time displays and demonstrations. A story appears elsewhere in this issue.

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We also had a couple of members head to Allora for the Allora Heritage Festival over the Australia Day long weekend.

The annual Toowoomba Swap was held on the 1st & 2nd February at the showgrounds and a number of our members performed various duties during this event, with Anne and I doing our usual stint working in the booking office. Early reports indicate that the event was quite successful

with a number of exhibitors reporting their sales were up on last and previous years.

John Parker will be chairing the meeting this month as I am booked into Greenslopes Hospital for a few days from Tuesday for the operation to replace my dicky heart valve. I'm looking forward to the outcome to hopefully restore some of my lost energy.

A reminder to all that the CAR Inc meeting on the 2nd March will be hosted by TDMG at Lake Broadwater and as many members as possible are encouraged to attend. I will be home by then so both Anne and I will be there. John will be discussing with members as to who organises sausages, bread and other items as required.

Roy



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Morris Minor Forum

PROJECT NODDY #7

I'm still alive and mostly kicking!

Big ears has been procrastinating. It's been a while as life etc gets in the way!

A few more bits done on the tub - well one side anyway (is that a pun?).

Have had a break on it, done some trips away, so will wait a bit longer until the weather starts to normalise a bit, and hopefully start back onto the other side.

I hope you are enjoying the (slow) progress - maybe by Christmas (I said that last year! HaHaHa).

-MC



SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Another Christmas has come and gone, and the Group has been active over January and February. The year kicked off with a visit to Tony and Michelle Buchanan's property, where we had the opportunity to explore their extensive collection of cars, machinery, motorbikes, and assorted paraphernalia. One of the highlights was the working steam engine baling hay—a great reminder of how much technology has evolved to make life easier. Of course, back then, they probably thought the same about their advancements!

Next on the calendar was Allora's Heritage Festival for Australia Day, which I believe Jim and Michael attended. As some of our members are also part of the DDVVMC, the Toowoomba Swap Meet was another busy time, with many lending a hand to ensure the weekend ran smoothly.

At the time of writing, Chinchilla's Melon Festival is in full swing, and a few members have mentioned they would be attending. We'll have to wait for their reports to hear all about it. Looking ahead, a date has been set for George's New Hope Coal Mine trip—Thursday, 16th October 2025. Confirmations will be required by the August meeting, so mark your calendars!



Zed Project Update

Despite the chaos of the new school year, progress on the Zed project has continued, albeit at a slower pace. I've finally put an end to my procrastination and fabricated the locking struts to support the tray in place of the gas struts. The storage boxes are essentially complete, and I've begun prepping the tray sides and seats for painting.

The plan is to have a local retired signwriter (if he's willing) recreate my father's original business sign on the tray sides—a task that may take some time, but one I'm looking forward to seeing completed.

BRETT



Patrick Murray, Jennifer Stuckey & Brian Draper



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP
Held on Wednesday 15th January 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, Brenda and Terry Brown, David Wagner, Linda and Ken Brooker

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: As per newsletter

Moved, Brett Tebbit, seconded Dennis Smith 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, Brett Tebbit, seconded Linda Kelly 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:

- Micheal Wells provided further explanation about the run to Cambooya
- Michael also sought expressions of interest for a proposed weekend getaway to the South Burnett
- Dave Williams expressed his and Chris's appreciation for the get-well card
- Jim Robertson has reported that he is making good progress on his Marshal
- Scott Smith let everyone know that the green Morrie is getting closer with the electricals nearly completed. Then it's back to the engine shop to fire up the engine
- The Smith's are also heading off to Chinchilla for their first adventure in their new caravan
- Dennis Smith has a Morris for sale - advertised on Facebook
- John Parker is still seeking more power for his Morris' engine, reporting the a compression test indicated that all cylinders were at 100PSI



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- John Oldman acquired two speedway vehicles, one on those being his original speedway midget
- Doug Tebbit is slowly progressing with the Ute restoration, going from using gas struts to support the tilting stray to mechanical stays
- Roy Hall described the issues he is having with his Morrie after being storage and not being driven for such a long time, mainly a flat battery

Roy Hall thanked all for attending and there being no further business Roy closed the meeting at 8:27pm.

Raffle winner: Debbie Smith

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Please contact Jim on 0458 134 376



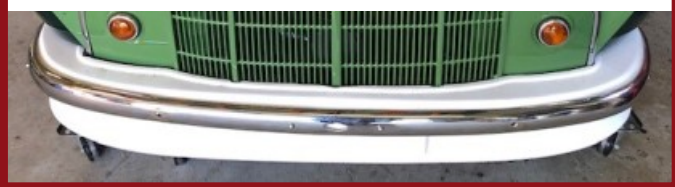
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Jim sent through a couple of photos for runs he attended. Above is the journey out to the Allora Festival where he met up with Michael Wells who in turn drove his Valiant (photo on the cover page). Below was Jim's solitary Morrie display at the recent Toowoomba Swap Meet. **-Ed**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 19 th February	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 2 nd March	CAR Inc Meeting. Hosted by TDMG at Lake Broadwater. Further details to come
Wednesday 19 th March	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
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.
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. Exhibitors \$20 per car; public entry \$15pp.
Wednesday 21 st May	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
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!
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.

Buchanan's Farm, Cambooya

Morris Group members enjoyed another interesting outing on Saturday 18th January 2025. This one was organised by Michael Wells. We assembled at the top Kmart car park and travelled to Tony and Michelle Buchanan's farm at Cambooya. The weather was pleasant for the 30 minute drive compared to the previous days which were extremely hot and uncomfortable.

Upon arrival, we viewed a fine collection of memorabilia from yesteryear. This included several old cars, trucks and bikes. Several displays including rope making drew the attention of everyone and all were glad that we can buy rope now and not have to make it. There was also a working display of bailing hay which only showed how very labour intensive it was back then. Pleased again that it doesn't need to be done that way.

The old pioneer hut also brought back memories. It didn't seem all that long ago, my mum and dad had a similar set up when they first got married. Progress is a wonderful thing.

A good lunch with a sausage sizzle was served by the Warwick club for a gold coin donation. The Morris Register was also in attendance. Many thanks to Tony and Michelle for a great day sharing many memories. I still can't work out how everything fitted in the sheds.

No reports of car problems on the run so that made it a great day out.

GEORGE



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

Family: \$40 (2 adults & teenagers)

Registration and entry available at the gate or online via Try Booking
<https://www.trybooking.com/CWLZT> or QR code



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