



# TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP

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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 July newsletter.

Welcome back Roy, it was great to see you back and in good health.

A couple of reminders for members. First up. Memberships are now overdue so if you have not renewed your membership please do so immediately. This is also a timely reminder for SIVs registration, you must be a financial member of a club to receive this benefit.

Secondly, as mentioned in the June newsletter, David Wagner is compiling a register of SIVs cars owned by members. To help obtain this information, Greg Hall created an online form which really is dead easy to fill in. Of the 66 members only 22 have responded, thank you to those who have taken the time to provide details. For those who haven't, we need you to action this request and

**"...come up with a suitable date and organise a short run around Pittsworth..."**

that you provide details of your car regardless of the registration level, i.e., SIVs, full or not registered. TDMG has an obligation to record and retain this information with a particular emphasis on SIVs. This register is mandated by TMR. If you need assistance please contact David or Greg for help.

A quick thank you to Doug for his informative talk at the last meeting, and sharing your knowledge.

John Wagner's memorial service will be held Saturday 20th July at 1pm, St Patrick's Cathedral. All members are welcome. Please meet at John's shed at 43 Raff Street at 12pm. We'll travel to St Pats from here.

During the week I went out to Pittsworth to visit club member Terry Hickey. Sadly his cancer has returned and again he is going through treatment. He expressed his desire to go on a club run but it would have to be in the Pittsworth local area in the very near future. If members could give this some thought and come up with a suitable date and organise a short run around Pittsworth. Please keep Terry in your thoughts during this difficult period.

Some upcoming events for members are the Jumpers and Jazz in Warwick and the invitation to join the Qld Club run to the Gatton Museum.

See you all at the next meeting.

**MAREE**



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## SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Anne and I enjoyed the combined run with the Morris Register last month to the Grantham Butterfly Farm. These small creatures are certainly quite colourful. After the run, lunch at the Floating Café was a nice end before heading home.

I had planned to head out to Dalby for the CAR Inc meeting on the 7th July but unfortunately me contracting COVID got in the way which put a rather rapid end to those plans. I wish to thank Mick Muller for standing in for me and presenting our TDMG report to the meeting.

No sooner had I begun to recover from COVID when Anne came down with the same thing (which undoubtedly I passed on to her) and as it was for me it made her feel miserable for a few days.

Sunday 14th, I collected a friend of mine in my Triumph Stag and headed off together to the Caboolture Aerodrome to attend the 2024 Macs Bridge Classic Car and Aircraft Festival. This is the first time since 2021 this event has occurred as the previous 2022 and '23 events were cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

This year's event was organised by Triumph Sports Owners Association, The Mazda MX5 Club and the Caboolture Aero Club and is always very well attended by the various clubs and visitors.

There were many cars to be admired from Ferraris, Jaguars, Alfas, and of course the big contingents of Triumph Cars and Mazda MX5's, and the list goes on. The only disappointment on the day was that there wasn't a single Morris Minor or for that matter any Morris of any description to be seen at the event.

This was also the inaugural event which saw the inclusion of aircraft in the lineup. Despite only a handful of aeroplanes making an appearance, it worked well and it was nice to be able to get up close and personal. The organisers are hopeful that as news gets around a larger number of aircraft will be on display for next year's event. A very nice day out and we had a excellent run to Caboolture and back, an effortless journey in the lovely V8.

A reminder that membership renewals were due for payment by the 1st July. Currently, 65% of our members have already renewed to date. If you are yet to pay please do so quickly and before the July grace period expires and you become unfinancial.

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## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP** **Held on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2024 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.**

**OPENING:** Maree Pitt opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone and offered our Groups Condolences to David Wagner on the passing of his father and long term TDMG member John Wagner.

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** Dan & Sue Parker, Terry Hickey, Tricia Robertson

**VISITORS:** Nil

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** As per newsletter

Moved, John Parker, 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, Roy Hall, seconded Terry Brown that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

### **TREASURERS REPORT:**

Presented by Treasurer, Ray Safstrom.

Moved, Ray Safstrom, seconded Dennis Smith that the report be received and the accounts be paid. Carried.

### **GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- David Wagner brought home a Morris Commercial PV from Sydney for restoration. Presently down to chassis in a 1000 pieces and the motor is seized.
- David Wagner thanked members for their messages and prayers for Dad (John W.) and informed members there will be a celebration of John Wagner's life on Saturday 20th July 1pm at St Patricks Cathedral. Bring your Morries and park in front of Cathedral. To be followed by a gathering in the Glenvale Rooms at the show-grounds. All welcome.
- Paul Draper has had a call from Terry Hickey who has recently returned from Europe. Terry became ill whilst away and reports that unfortunately his cancer has returned.
- Steve Draheim spoke about organising a tour of Leslie Dam next year which may include a limited tour inside the dam wall. Details TBA.



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- Deb is considering organising a Toowoomba Murals Tour possibly for September which could include a lunch stop at Munch Café opposite the Harvey Norman Centre. Details TBA
- Scott Smith reports that he is now retired and all reference to his former work place, Western Truck Group should be deleted.
- Jim R spoke about progress on the restoration work he has been doing on his Morris Marshal and was having success with a silicon bronze welding wire.
- David W will do next month's presentation.
- Brett Tebbit gave a presentation on the work he has been doing towards designing hinges for the tray on his Z Ute.
- Membership Renewals due by 30th June.

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

Raffle winner: Mick Muller

## **C A R I N C , D A L B Y**

Ten members travelled to Dalby on Sunday 7th for the July meeting of CAR Inc. We met the other clubs at Thomas Jack Park in Dalby and settled down for a morning tea which was supplied by the DMAG group.

After morning tea CAR Inc meeting got under way which was then followed by the AGM. Happy to report that the existing office bearers were re-elected for the 2024/25 year with Eliza taking the reins again. Each group is to forward \$250 to her ASAP for the new financial year to assist with associated costs for running the Club. Eliza will forward banking details to each group.

With the meetings all out of the way, we headed off on a car run to Kaimkillenbun "Bun" for lunch at the aptly named Bun Hotel. We were also joined by the local Dalby Group making a great lineup of vehicles on display in front of the hotel.

The next meeting was our Groups choice and it was decided to hold it at Lake Broadwater near Dalby on the 3rd November at 10am. The Chinchilla Group will be supplying morning tea on the day with the meeting to follow at 11am. TDMG will be in charge of arranging lunch or a venue to have lunch at.

**MICK**

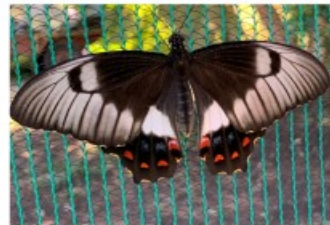


## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
18 <sup>th</sup> to 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Jumpers & Jazz in July, Warwick. Queensland's quirkiest yarn bombing and jazz winter festival! Grand Automobile Display, Sunday July 21, Leslie Park (Palmerin St) 9:30am–2pm. Registration required.
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	In celebration of John Wagner, 1pm at St Patrick's Cathedral. All welcome, drive your Morry and meet at 43 Raff St at 12pm, from here we'll drive to the Cathedral. Followed by a gathering in the Glenvale Rooms at the showgrounds.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Qld Club run to the Gatton Museum. Join the Qld Club on a day out at the Gatton's, Queensland Transport Museum. Followed by a BBQ lunch hosted by MMCCQ. TDMG members meet 8am at Withcott.
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Westbrook Wheels Show n Shine. Westbrook Sports oval from 8am to 2pm.
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Invitation from Qld Club join them at Plainlands Markets followed by lunch at the Plainlands Hotel. TDMG members meet 8am at Withcott.
Saturday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	Miles From Anywhere Auto Show & Shine.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	Annual General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
17 <sup>th</sup> & 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Historic Leyburn Sprints 2024. Cost \$25 for either day or \$35 for both days.
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	The Other Bird Café. Meet 9:30am for morning tea follow by a run set by John and Noelene Parker.
1 <sup>st</sup> to 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Toowoomba, Carnival of Flowers.
6 <sup>th</sup> to 8 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> September	Stanthorpe Monster Motor Show and Swap Meet.
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> 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.



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# Morris Marshal Restoration

Not to be outdone by **-MC** and the ongoing intrigue of "Project Noddy"; Jim has been quietly busy continuing with the restoration of the Marshal and has sent in a little progress update and photos for this newsletter.



The first series of photos show the before and after picture of the boot floor. Perhaps not so visible in the first photo but this shows the boot floor with a hundred or so rust holes. The second photo shows the nice shiny new floor which Jim fabricated, including the raised ribs on the bead roller.

It was a similar story for the rear beaver panel as the first photo below shows. Rust holes for this panel are quite noticeable and as with any rust this needed cutting out and replacing. Like the boot floor, a new rear beaver panel including the correct combined curved angles was fabricated using 18g steel, the English Wheel was used to form the panel.



The passenger side rear quarter panel also came in for attention and repair. The completion of this work needed about 2 inches of rusted panel to be removed and replaced. A new section was shaped and carefully welded into place, then ground back smooth and primed to



ensure a seamless finish.

The final photo shows the inside of the quarter panel and a small section of the floor which was also replaced at the same time.

**-ED**



# Mac's Bridge—Classic Car & Aircraft Festival





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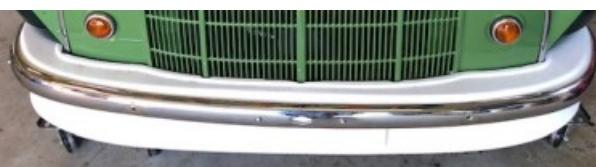
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