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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 June newsletter.

Just a few thank you notes to members for this month's report.

First up, Greg Hall and Dave Wagner have set up a registry to record SIVs cars owned by members. An online form has been created to make life a whole lot easier for members to fill in the required details. It also makes it easy for us to track missing information and for members to update any future changes in registration details. For record keeping, a hard copy will be held by the Secretary for access by the committee if any questions are raised.

From our membership base of 67 only 17 members have so far responded. I want to remind everyone that your SIVs registration may be revoked if compliance with TMR and the SIVs scheme is not met.

"...plus the Parkers

renewing their vows done

by Father Robertson...

I am requesting all members who haven't yet submitted details to do so at your earliest. So get behind this scheme and fill in the blanks online or ask someone to do it for you; if I can do it, it must be dead easy. The Group has needed this and it should have been done properly years ago.

Second thank you goes out to Doug Tebbit who gave a group talk following our last meeting. An informative talk on an alternative to a machine press to form a beading in metal. The example used

was for the replacement of a rusted out battery tray. These talks are being well received, so if we have any knowledgeable members who would like to pass on their interests please come forward.

The final thank you also to Michael Wells for our weekend away at Boonah taking in the sights of the Scenic Rim in all it's glory. It was good to get out of Toowoomba on Friday as it was like a freezer on top of the hill. We had top class accommodation for two nights, great weather and well organised, I am sure there will be a report done with photos plus the Parkers renewing their vows done by Father Robertson. I believe a future weekend is in the pipeline.

On a sad note, John Wagner, our long-time friend and member passed away on the 12th June. He first joined TDMG in June 1999 and had been active within the Group joining in numerous runs and Nationals over the years. I know I speak for everyone when I say he will be missed. We also wish to advise that Christine Hamill sadly passed away on the 1st of June. She and husband Ian were former members, only ceasing membership within the last few years.



MICK

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MORRIS
DOWN UNDER



M O R R I S D O W N U N D E R . C O M

Morris Minor Forum

VALE: John Wagner

There's this jolly bloke we know
 With all these Morrie cars for show
 Not one or two or three or four
 From original to black four door
 And all the colours ranging through
 Like red and blue and 'primrose too'.

On Morry runs and camping trips
 He brings along some extra bits
 Like pie warmers and nav and sat
 Then we sit around and have-a-chat
 And when we have a drink or two
 We hear the words "what could I do"

And when it's time to eat gourmet
 Then chocolate ice cream will be OK
 If you're lucky he will show
 That lettuce leaves are all the go.
 While Mary sits and shakes her head
 He just trundles off to bed.

He's always there to give support
 We think you have a great rapport
 It's great to have you come our way
 Funny you just make 'the day'
 And so my friends it's no more gags,
 Let's give a cheer for good 'ole Wags!

DENNIS SMITH



SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

I write this with sadness having received the news of the passing of long standing member John Wagner. John was well known in the community for his love of Morris Minors. He restored a countless number of them over many years which are now scattered far and wide. When I first purchased my Morris Minor, John told me to drop into the shed so he could have a look, he then gave me advice on the things that needed to be done. When I needed parts all I had to do was give him a call and the answer was always I'll be at the shed "at this time" and he would have whatever part I needed waiting. John was also our Group Coordinator from 2006 to 2009. Sadly ill health over the last couple of years prevented him from participating on a regular basis. Our deepest sympathy to the Wagner family.

The past month we have had two car runs both organised by Michael Wells, first up was the run out to Gorman's Gap, unfortunately I was not able to attend this event and the second was a long weekend in Boonah. What a great weekend, all I can say about this is what happens in Boonah stays in Boonah. I would like to thank the members that attended for making my travelling companion Maree so welcome, she had a great time and wants to know when is the next. A huge thank you to Michael for organising these events and for the time he spent travelling to and from Boonah (several times) to ensure everything ran smoothly.

On a personal note, I've had a little work done on the 1100, new front tyres which I had to do a lot of phoning around for apparently 12" are not common and I was even asked if they were for a wheelbarrow, now I just have to wait to have the steering looked at.

Welcome back Roy and Anne, by all accounts they had a very enjoyable and relaxing time away, something for me to look forward to in retirement.

See you all at the next meeting.

MAREE

Thank you to those members who have already responded to David's request and submitted details of your cars. We still have 2/3 of our membership who are yet to provide details and we ask that you do so quickly. If you are unable to complete online form, please contact David directly to advise details of your vehicle(s). -ED

Attached is the current registration list of concessional members. This has been compiled by the Dating Officer, David Wagner.

It would be appreciated if all members would review the listing and update on any changes. It appears there are several members with concessional registration but no registration details have been recorded by the Group. Your assistance is required.

If you have any queries, please email me and I will assist you.

DAVID



Scott Smith, Dennis Allan, & Deb Frost



MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP **Held on Thursday 16th May, 2024 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.**

OPENING: Michael Muller opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone.

ATTENDANCE: As per attendance book

APOLOGIES: Scott and Debbie Smith, Linda Kelly, Jan and Dennis Smith, John Wagner, Merle Muller, George and Barbara Wilkinson, Roy and Anne Hall, David Williams, Terry Hick-ey, David Williams

VISITORS: Nil

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING: As per newsletter

Moved, Michael Muller, 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 Eliza Re: July Car Inc Meeting (General Business)

Outwards:

- Newsletters to members and other clubs

Moved, Maree Pitt, seconded Jim Robertson that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Presented by Treasurer, Ray Safstrom.

Moved, Ray Safstrom, seconded Brenda Brown that the report be received and the accounts be paid. Carried.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Jim Robertson gave members a brief report of the Morris Register Nationals held last month in Shepparton he also advised the Morris Register National Rally will be held in Toowoomba in 2026 and will be seeking volunteers
- Patrick Murray introduced his daughter Kathryn Gugich who recently became a member of TDMG
- David Snape has changed the polarity on his Morris from positive to negative earth, and has changed his oil filter from a paper filter to a more modern screw on filter
- David Wagner on behalf of the Wagner Family thanked members for their expressions of sympathy in the recent loss of his brother Peter. Peter and his wife Julia were past members of the club. David also advised members that Joe Wagner, John's brother, recently passed away unexpectedly.



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- David also spoke to members regarding the updating of member's vehicle details and why this is necessary, he encouraged members who experience difficulty completing details online to contact him for assistance
- Terry Brown, was disappointed that the run to the German Bakehouse had to be cancelled due to the wet weather, and thanked John Parker for his assistance in contacting members. This run will be kept for a future date
- John Oldham's oil leak in his vehicle has sealed itself up
- John Parker, gave report on the Dalby Rally
- Michael Wells went through the details for his run on 18th May, meet at Kmart upper car park 9am travelling out to Gorman's Gap for BYO picnic lunch
- Michael W. also gave members an update on the Boonah weekend away
- Discussion held on the email received from Eliza Re: 7th July CAR Inc Meeting, proposal was accepted by members present—morning tea in Dalby followed by meeting then drive out to The Bun Pub for lunch
- Brett Tebbit gave a presentation on sheet metal beading, having only ever worked with aluminium, he took members through the process of making a new sheet metal battery tray which required to be reinforced with beading for strength

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

Raffle winner: David Snape

Dennis's Shed Clean Out

A mix of free parts and parts for sale, all offers considered, until the 30 Jun 2024.

Parts summary

Body panels: Boot lids, bonnets, doors, chrome surrounds, bumper bars, new hub caps.

Electrical: Starter and wiper motors, generator, distributor, fuel pump, and starter cable.

Mechanical: Gas flowed 1000 head, carburettors, diffs, gearbox, clutch, speedo and handbrake cables and head, axles, air cleaner cartridge type, and heater.

Suspension and brakes: Bushes, rubber and Nolathane, wheel cylinders front and rear, including Major, master cylinders, 1000 pedals, and wheel cylinder rubbers.

Miscellaneous: Workshop manuals, hand books, automotive books, assortment of tools, including battery, hand, and power operated.

Corolla K series: Several heads, including 3k big port with exhaust manifold, starter motor, internally regulated Bosch alternator, disc and drum brakes.

My contact number is 0400 734 462.

DENNIS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 20 th June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 23 rd June	Combined run with the Morris Register to the Butterfly Farm, Grantham. Entry \$5 (cash only). Meet upper car park Kmart 9am. Lunch at the Floating Café.
Sunday 7 th July	CAR Inc Meeting, morning tea in Dalby followed by the meeting then drive out to The Bun Pub for lunch.
Thursday 18 th July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
18 th to 28 th July	Jumpers & Jazz in July, Warwick. Queensland's quirkiest yarn bombing & jazz winter festival! Grand Automobile Display, Sunday July 21, Leslie Park (Palmerin St) 9:30am–2:00pm. Registration required.
Sunday 21 st July	Qld Club run to the Gatton Museum. Join the Qld Club on a day out at the Gatton's, Queensland Transport Museum.
Saturday 3 rd August	Miles From Anywhere Auto Show & Shine.
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.
1 st to 30 th September	Toowoomba, Carnival of Flowers.
6 th to 8 th September	Laidley Spring Festival. Experience beautiful events including orchid and gem shows and Lockyer Valley's loveliest gardens. There's street parades, classic car displays and a quilt and craft fair, there's a twilight feast & fest to enjoy live music and a fabulous mix of local and international food vendors.
Thursday 19 th September	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 22 nd September	All British Day. St Joseph's Playing Fields, Vivian Avenue, Tennyson.
Thursday 17 th October	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

PROJECT NODDY #5

I missed the deadline for last month's magazine as it was too cold to type!...or I may, or may not have, simply forgotten as I was working on the cash-a-can project!

I'm having thoughts of acquiring another wellside tub....update later! A bit of work on the bottom of the doors to sort out the "extra" drain holes, apart from that they were in pretty good condition after a tickle up with the sand-blaster.



The gaps are looking good. Both doors done and dusted, or is that welded and primed.

Have upgraded to pendulum pedals using an AE93 Corolla as they had the shape I

needed to fit the respective master cylinders in to the position that I wanted and required, so that it will not (hopefully) interfere with the engine ancillaries when that time comes to fit the motor and box. I have done the MC set up different to others who install the big round booster and cylinder setup more to the cen-



tre. You will see the idea in the pics.



Master cylinder position and with battery box moved.

The battery box was removed mainly for aesthetics to give a cleaner look to the engine bay. Battery will now be fitted under the tub behind the cab and hopefully include a toolbox area, both accessible from the floor of the tub. That's work in progress

at the moment.

Further considerations are to "dress up" the front of the car to incorporate a metal spoiler that only who knows came from where, to obviously impress all and sundry who gaze upon Noddy.

Some front guard embellishments.

Well, my efforts on cash a can are going well, but gee, at 10 cents a go, this may get finished by Christmas!

-MC



Michael Wells—Picnic Run

Gorman's Gap was our destination for the Picnic Run on what was a mostly sunny day though the wind was on the chilly side.

Meeting at the Kmart upper car park and after a short chat to see who else would join, 7 members, the Oldham's, Parker's, Robertson's and myself set off from the car park in our little convey of 4 Morris's and headed towards the suburbs of South Toowoomba.

Making our way out of Toowoomba we continued to head south via Mt Rascal Road then down into Hodgson Vale via Freyling Road. Seems that quite a few people are looking for a more quiet lifestyle as there were lots of new houses being built in this area.

Continuing on our country run took us through Bunya Pine Drive and after a very pleasant journey we ended up at our destination, Walter Brunner Park at Gorman's Gap.

We all enjoyed the morning tea and admired the view out the east. The wind was still quite chilly but we all sat around and chatted and during our conversation it was decided to can the picnic and head back to my house where we could find a bit of relief from the southerly.

Arriving in Hodgson Vale turned out to be a good opportunity for me to show off my Marshal before we settled down for lunch. Good progress is being made on the Marshal which Jim was also able to compare with his car, but I must say, I had to check his pockets just to make sure he didn't have any parts in them. Lunch was had inside the house and enjoyed by all.

With lunch over it was time for goodbyes. Another enjoyable day out and a good drive around the top of the range including a few challenging hills for the older cars.

MICHAEL W.



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Boonah Weekend Away

The drive to Boonah on Friday was pleasant though a bit slow with the road works through the Gap. Lunch was in a lovely cafe in the busy township. We then settled into our Motel rooms, followed by happy hour warmed up by an open fire in the camp kitchen. Dinner was at the Golf Club, a little ways out of town.

Saturday morning markets were well patronized with plenty of stalls to keep us buying and busy. Afterwards we were off to the Moogerah Dam for morning tea, a walk over the dam wall, then lunch in the cafe. Dinner was at the Dugandan Hotel on the outskirts of town.

Sunday morning after a photo shoot at the Chapel with John and Noelene renewing their wedding vows, we drove to Bill's house to see his huge restored Pontiac and his unrestored Hillman Minx convertible. Morning tea was in Kalbar before we headed towards home.

Apart from John's, Kia, having problems with the tyre pressure dash lights, Mick having intermittent tail lights and Scotty having an ignition switch failure (the Prince of Darkness struck again), all cars behaved well. The weather was lovely, the nights were cool, the Motel was perfect in its bushland setting and the dam was full.

Michael put together, with a lot of planning and many trips to Boonah, a beaut weekend for us all to enjoy. We are looking forward to the next one.

JIM & TRICIA



WANTED

Morris Marshal's 1957 to 1960 or Austin A95's. Complete cars or parts.

Please contact Jim on 0458 134 376

Whispers ~ Morris Minor, that great southern racehorse has won again this time at Morphetville Park in Adelaide. You punters must be having a field day with this tip!

Morris Minor 1000 4 door. Un-registered.

Needs paint and upholstery.

Modified 1200 GX engine, 5sp Celica gearbox, 4.22 fine spline diff, updated suspension, new double core radiator with thermos controlled electric fan, disc front brakes, wide steel wheels.

Contact Dennis on 0400 734 462



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FOR SALE



TDMG stickers, external type.
i.e. adhesive on the back to stick on the outside of glass.

Available from the Secretary @ \$1.50 each.

TDMG REGALIA

Polo shirts with logo \$32.50 | Bucket Hat or Cap with logo \$16
Jacket with logo only \$55 | Jacket with name and logo \$60.50

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Toowoomba Embroidery Centre
581 Ruthven Street, Toowoomba, Ph (07) 4639 3255

FOR SALE

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1939 Morris 8 Series E.

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Contact Elizabeth Hawkins on 0411 051 570

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