



# TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP

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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 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 June newsletter.

First up, we're just a couple of weeks away from the 30 June due date for our membership renewals. We have received payments from some members with around 60% still to go. In last month's newsletter our Editor included an informative article "Membership Renewal, Concessional Registration, and Insurance: Why You Should Pay Attention" covering the reasons why members with concessional registered vehicles should ensure their membership is paid prior to the renewal date. All members are encouraged to pay their dues on time.

Sunday 1st June was Cars, Coffee and Markets at Crows Nest followed by a pub lunch at the Grand Old Crow. Anne and I after being back from our trip for just a day, only made it to the lunch which was quite enjoyable.

**"...Coffee, Cars and Markets at  
Crows Nest followed by a pub  
lunch at the Grand Old Crow..."**

We have the CWA run on the 18th. For those joining, meet at Bridge Street Macca's 9am. Cost \$6pp.

We also have the CAR Inc meeting and AGM on the 6th July and on the same day there is the annual Macs Bridge event at Caboolture airfield. I am committed to the Macs Bridge event so will be looking for some members to represent our group at CAR Inc.

With our May caravan adventure over, Anne and I are settling back into life. As reported last month, after having enough of the wet weather on the NSW coast we migrated inland ending up at Copeton Northern Foreshores caravan park where we initially booked in for seven nights. The location, the nice weather and facilities were fantastic, all for \$20 a night, with power! Once the first seven days were over we decided to stay another six then head home.

We stopped one night at Wells Creek Crossing near Ashford then headed to Texas for a final stopover before home. The Prado however had other ideas with a severe loss of power, it was hard work keeping a reasonable speed on the flats, it was a nightmare on the hills. Next day, Texas Motors diagnosed a split vacuum hose on the turbo and once rectified the car had its old zing back and the rest of the run home was no problem.



ROY



# CARS & COFFEE, CROWS NEST

We went on another hours drive early on a Sunday morning heading out to Crows Nest for the Cars and Coffee. Our little Morris 8 is quite slow and there are a few steep hills on the way.

The local car enthusiasts organise a Show and Shine on the first Sunday of each month. On this day there were cars from Gatton as well as from Toowoomba and all around the district. It was the first time we had been there in a while and we managed to win the "Warren's Pick" Trophy. There were around 40 cars on display around the town square and here there were a number of market stalls for us to wander around.

TDMG club members gathered at the Old Crows Pub for a delicious lunch. After which we set off on the back roads via Pechey, Groomsville, Douglas, West Meringandan and Gowrie Junction and home. We are used to travelling by ourselves and the 8 is very reliable and these back roads see very little traffic. Until next time, happy Morrising.

**JIM & TRICIA**



**2025 MAC'S BRIDGE Classic Car & Aircraft Festival**

**SUNDAY JULY 6 | 2025 | CABOOLTURE AERO CLUB**  
Aerodrome Road, Caboolture  
(see reverse for location map and directions)

**101.5 Community Partner**

**TRIUMPH SPORTS OWNERS ASSOCIATION QLD, MX5 CLUB QLD and CABOOLTURE AERO CLUB** are organising the 2025 event with a larger display of classic aircraft and a new food court featuring an undercover seating area adjacent to vans offering a variety of menus and drinks.

Three awards for "Presidents Choice" will be presented at 11:00am.

**FURTHER ENQUIRIES**  
MURRAY CLARK - murrayclark1@bigpond.com  
PEARCE BOWMAN - pearcebowman@gmail.com

**ENTRANCE FEES**  
DISPLAY CAR - \$20 PER CAR  
VISITORS (INCLUDING PARKING) - \$15 PER CAR  
Payment is available at the gate via cash or eftpos. Tickets for entry via the express lane can be purchased from the link below.

**GATES OPEN**  
DISPLAY CARS - 7:00AM  
VISITORS - 9:00AM

**TICKETS**  
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More information available from <https://www.tsoaq.org.au/index.php/macleans-bridge>

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*Auto Show & Shine*

**WWW.MILESFROMANYWHERE.SQUARE.SITE**  
10AM - 3:00PM

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## SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

With 2025 already halfway through, Christmas party planning is in full swing. Since our last meeting, TDMG has been involved in a few events. First, there was the Blue Mountain Show and Shine, where I caught up with Debbie and Scott. It was a well-attended event, and I'm sure it raised much-needed funds for the Toowoomba Hospital. Next up was a laid-back Cars & Coffee run to Crows Nest, followed by a lunch at the Grand Old Crow Hotel. This turned out to be a great opportunity to relax in the park and chat with fellow club members. I also had the chance to catch up with James Johnson, and it was fantastic to see Jim take home the highly coveted "Warren's Pick".



As for the Zed Ute, there hasn't been much progress this month. Between working on school projects and tinkering with the 3D printer—mainly making number plates for the school's race car—I've had my hands full. On the home front, the house renovation has finally kicked off with the installation of new retaining walls around the shed. The project will add a new garage, with the existing one being converted into another quilting room for Mary-anne. So, I'll be busy putting up a Colorbond fence on top of the retaining wall.

In terms of club projects, I've also been focusing on the TDMG advertising signs. These will be laser engraved on 1.5mm

Perspex and inserted into a clear, hangable plastic sleeves that can easily be attached to the side windows. You'll be able to check them out at the next meeting.

### BRETT

Continuing on from our Group Coordinator report, TDMG membership fees are due by 30th June. For direct debit/credit, Heritage Building Society details as follows:

Account: **Toowoomba & Downs Morris Group**  
BSB No: **638070**  
Acc No: **9599355**

Your membership can also be paid with cash or cheque at the June meeting. Cheques can be posted if needed—postal details on the back page.

-ED



Scott Smith, Dennis Allan & Deb Frost



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP  
Held on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.**

**OPENING:** Mick Muller opened the meeting at 7:35pm and welcomed everyone

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** Merle Muller, Greg Hall, Roy Hall, Brain and Barbara Draper, Micheal Wells

**VISITORS:** Nil

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

Moved, Brett Tebbit, 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
- Email from Mark Pearson re membership

*Outwards:*

- Newsletters to members and other clubs

Moved, Brett Tebbit, seconded David Williams that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Presented by Treasurer, Maree Pitt

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Maree reported that she will be on holidays for the next few months and that Ray has agreed to take over the treasurer's role during that time.
- Members were asked to consider their preferred day for TDMG meetings. Whether TDMG continues with the current arrangement or seeks to move the meeting night back to the third Thursday of the month. This will be put to a members vote next meeting.
- CAR INC meeting will be held on 6 Jul. This Miles club will be providing catering for the event while the Chinchilla club will be setting the location.
- Jim Robertson attended David Hack with his M8 Tourer, Jim reported that the event was well attended.
- Members, especially those with SIV registrations, were reminded to ensure their club memberships are paid prior to the 30th June.
- Maree reported her recent trip with the Brisbane southside



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club to Longreach. Maree said the trip was thoroughly enjoyable and highly recommended.

- Mick Muller posed a question to the meeting about the shelf life of motor oil. The question generated considerable discussion and digressed to suitable oil weights for Morris'.
- Debbie Smith presented to the meeting her investigations into club signage suitable to be displayed in members vehicles. The options presented were:
  1. Office Works - Club details colour printed on A4 paper, 60 copies with 20 being laminated for \$80;
  2. Signs on Time - vinyl banners that cover the outside of the windscreen. The cost of these are \$385 x 10 or \$600 x 20. Debbie will organise a sample to be presented at the next meeting. Other options will also be further looked at.

### Around the Room

- David Williams reported that the van is progressing, albeit slowly.
- John Oldman has manufactured a tow bar for his minor. John is converting a trailer to tow his midget behind the minor.
- Jim Robertson's Marshall is finally heading home at 13months of welding repairs at the DDVVMC workshop.

Mick Muller thanked all for attending and there being no further business Mick closed the meeting at 8:45pm.

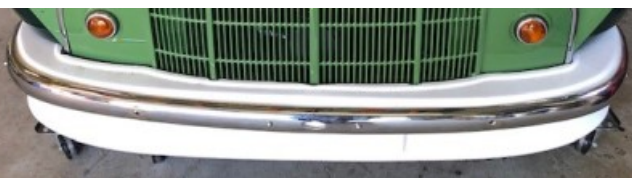
Raffle winner: Greg Peters.

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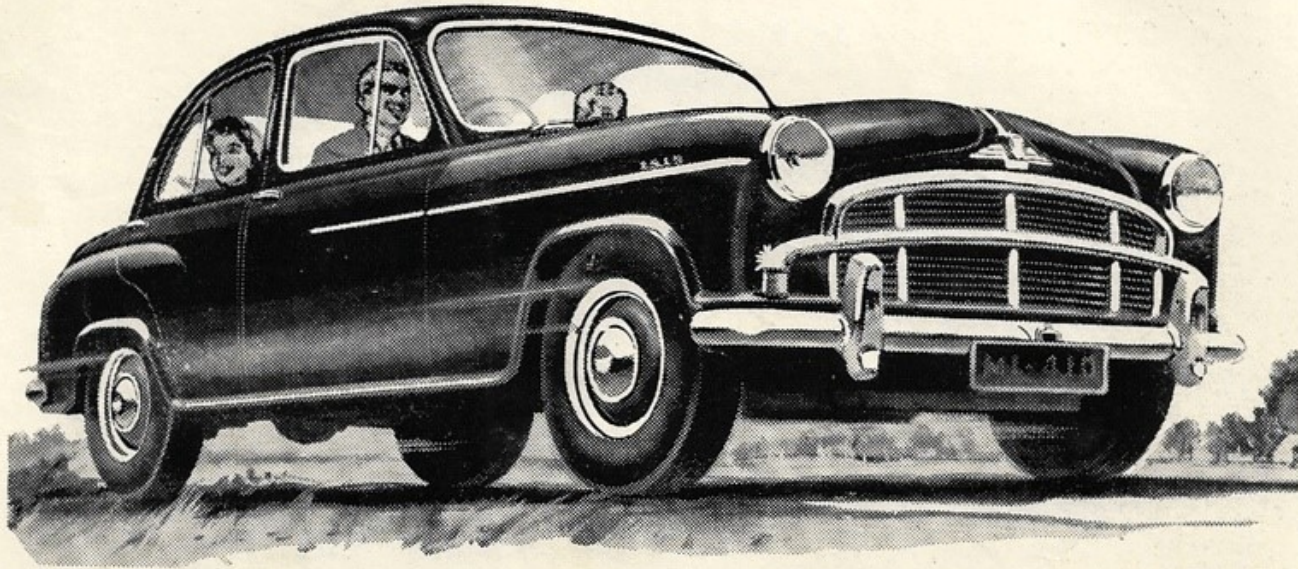


## UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June (TDMG Event)	CWA Tea and Scones - \$6/head for a scone, tea and coffee. Meet at Bridge Street Macca's 9am.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July (TDMG Event)	CAR Inc Meeting & AGM. Hosted and catered by the Miles Club. Chinchilla Club to set the location. Final details TBA.
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Macs Bridge, Classic Cars and Aircraft Festival. Held at the Caboolture Airfield.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
17 <sup>th</sup> to 27 <sup>th</sup> July	Jumpers & Jazz in July, Warwick. Queensland's quirkiest yarn bombing & jazz winter festival!
Sunday 20 <sup>th</sup> July (TDMG Event)	Coffee Run to Highfields Cafe 63. Meet 9:30am at Mt Kynoch and a run to Highfields for a morning tea.
Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Miles From Anywhere, Auto Show & Shine.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	Shift N Gears Show & Shine, Crows Nest. Come along to the second annual event together with a swap meet at the Crows Nest Showgrounds. To enter the show and shine, registration is required, email the <a href="#">Crows Nest Car Club</a> , entry is \$10, general public - gold coin.
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 Show. 7am to 2pm Chinchilla Primary School, cnr Middle and Colamba Sts. Entrants (from 7am) \$10, general public (from 8am) \$5.
23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup> August	The National Historical Machinery Association (NHMA) 19th NHMA National Rally at Kingsthorpe Park (FarmFest site), 9am to 4pm. Join in with Australia's largest display of working heritage equipment. Quite literally, it will be a massive exhibition of steam engines, trucks, cars, stationary engines, old trades and heritage displays. Presented by Steaming on the Downs, Toowoomba and District Old Machinery Society and Queensland Steam and Vintage Machinery Society. Tickets \$10pp at the gate or online: <a href="#">19th NHMA National Rally Tickets</a> , free entry for those in classic cars. Entry to the event is via Gowrie Mtn School Rd.



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# Easter Show & Shine, Cambooya

A quick snippet that I missed for the May newsletter. -Ed

Dave Williams took his LC5 to a Show and Shine on Easter Saturday at the Bull and Barley Inn at Cambooya. It was a good day out with lots of cars, trucks and motor bikes. There were helicopter joy flights, food and drink stalls and the pub was open of course for meals and drinks.

Dave entered his Morris LC5 in the truck section and walked away with a second place trophy for the Best Work Truck.

Well done, and well deserved!

**MICHAEL W.**



## TOOWOOMBA HOSPITAL FOUNDATION, SHOW & SHINE

A gorgeous day out at the Blue Mountain Hotel for everyone to be admiring classic cars and bikes. It was good to see so many makes and models on display for the Toowoomba Hospital Foundation, Cure for Cancer Show and Shine.

Doug and our vehicle represented our Group, the only two Morris there. It's surprising how many people used to own a Morry, quite a number came to talk with us. Perhaps some new members!

**DEBBIE**





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## AUTO SHOW

7 AM - 2.00 PM




**SATURDAY 23rd AUGUST, 2025**  
PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS - CNR MIDDLE & COLAMBA STREETS

**CAR - BIKE - 4X4**

**ADMISSION** - (from 8am) \$5.00 & \$10.00 Family  
**ENTRANTS** - (from 7am) \$10.00 each  

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## DAILY PROGRAM\* 23 - 31 AUGUST 2025

- 9AM ONWARDS**
- Ongoing earthmoving demonstrations
  - Stationary engine / steam engine / tractor / vehicle / ploughing displays
  - Playpen loop road driving & haulage displays
  - Food vendors & people mover
  - Blacksmithing / metal casting
- 9.30AM / 1.30PM**
- Steam stump pull with traction engine
- 10AM ONWARDS**
- Tractor pull / tractor games
  - Entertainment on main stage
  - Bar
  - Miniature railway rides
  - Steam shearing
- 10AM/12PM/2PM**
- Threshing - chaff cutting / baling demonstrations / well drilling / steam sawmilling
- 11AM**
- Tractor / vehicle grand parade
- 1PM**
- Steam grand parade
- 3PM**
- Traction engine on tractor pull



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### SPECIAL FEATURES

11.30AM Saturday 23 August - Grand opening NHMA National Rally  
Saturday 23 / Sunday 24 August - Horse drawn carriage rides from 10am daily  
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