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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 May newsletter.

News of Terry Hickey's passing was tremendously sad and the thoughts from our TDMG members are extended to Mary and Terry's family. A number of our members headed out to Pittsworth to attend his funeral for a lovely service in his remembrance.

John and Noelene's mystery run on 21st April was a rather enjoyable event. Seven cars comprising 5 Minors and 2 older Morris models met at our usual Bridge St start point, and following the Parkers instructions, we made our way to the morning tea stop at Cambooya where we had a cuppa and a natter. After that we made the lengthy 50km trek to Oakey for an enjoyable lunch at the RSL.

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Membership renewal is coming up. We're about a month and a half out before they are due—30th June. Our Editor has included an informative article *"Membership Renewal, Concessional Registration, and Insurance: Why You Should Pay Attention"*. It's especially important for members with SIVs registration as it details the reasons why your membership should be paid prior to the renewal date. All members of course are encouraged to pay their dues on time.

I'm still restoring the wiring loom for HAZ and pleased that it's now not far from completion. It's been a journey! I've rewired it to include not only modern flashers but also working semaphore indicators. A big thank you here to Michael Wells who provided a working semaphore as one of mine was kaput.

Anne and I set off for our caravan trip late April and headed towards Iluka NSW. We arrived there and set up in favourable weather but the next day the rain set in and save for a couple of fine days, the following eight days we were there were pretty wet. We decided to head inland in the hope of better weather and we are now at Copeton North Shores Campground a few K's from Inverell. The weather is a bit less rainy than the coast with today (Sunday) being particularly nice.



ROY



Vale: Terry Hickey

It was a time of mixed emotions for our Group as we recently said goodbye to our good friend, Terry, who sadly lost his battle with cancer. His funeral was held on Thursday, 15th May, at St Stephen's Catholic Church in Pittsworth, and it was lovely to see members there to honour him. A few members drove their Morris along, which created a small line-up at the church, including Terry's own black Morris Major. A touching tribute and one he would have liked.

Terry was the kind of person who made you feel welcome and he enjoyed the company of TDMG members. He absolutely loved his Morris Major and his support for the Group was always heartfelt.

Throughout his illness, even when things were tough, he kept his spirits up and never lost his gentle, good natured way. He deeply appreciated everyone staying in touch and faced every challenge with a positive attitude. He left a lasting impression on everyone who knew him.

The warmth of Terry will remain with us, and though we'll miss him dearly, he will always be part of the Toowoomba & Downs Morris Group.



SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Since April's meeting, the calendar has looked a bit healthier with a number of outings on offer. Late in April, the Oakey RSL Mystery Run—organised by Noelene and John—took place. I'm yet to hear how it went, so I look forward to the report at this month's meeting.

Jim and I managed to clock up a few kilometres attending several events. One highlight was the Toowoomba Concours d'Elegance car show at the showgrounds. It was a well attended event with a great turnout of both cars and people. The presence of two M8 tourers side by side drew some interest.

With high hopes, I had planned to "Meet the Mullers" – and even had some muffins ready for the occasion (thanks to Mary-Anne's baking!). Fortunately, I checked my emails, something I don't always remember to do, and found out about a change of plans. While the muffins didn't make it to the event, they certainly didn't go to waste!



On short notice, Mary-Anne and I decided to take the Major down to the Allora Autumn Festival and the Vintage, Classic, and Custom Vehicle Display. Not long after we arrived, a "Mazda Red" M8 Tourer parked right next to us—so we enjoyed a lovely morning in great company.

Dad made a late call to take a couple of his model engines to Another Day in the Park at Peranga, so I headed out to meet up with Jim and Tricia. It had been a couple of years since the last event there. While it wasn't as heavily attended by car clubs this time, it was still an enjoyable morning catching up with Dad and a few of his mates.

Zed Project Update

There's been a lot of work—though not much visible progress! I've been focusing on fitting the rear guards and running boards. This has involved making adjustments and fabricating filler panels. Positioning the rear guards has been a real challenge. Interestingly, the left-side running board is around 40mm shorter than the right—and I still haven't figured out where that discrepancy is coming from. Some things you just have to accept!

The tray end is now just about complete, and it's time to start moving forward. Look out, David—I'll be coming to you for more expert advice soon!

BRETT



Michael Wells, Barbara Wilkinson, Douglas Tebbit,
Amanda Dwyer & Steve Draheim



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP
Held on Wednesday 16th April 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, Scott Smith, David Snape, Darryl Bell, Greg Peters

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 Jim Robertson that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Presented by Treasurer, Maree Pitt

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

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- Combined Clubs Christmas Party. Debbie Smith proposed a new venue for the combined Christmas party on 8 November 2025 at the Bottletree Hotel in Glamorgan Vale. Debbie indicated she would investigate the venue's suitability for the event.
- The Mullers proposed a run to their home for morning tea on 26 April 2025. This event will be added to the club's calendar.
- John Parker proposed a mystery run on 21 April 2025, finishing at the Oakey RSL for lunch. This run will also be added to the events calendar.
- Michael Wells informed the meeting of the Show and Shine at the Bull and Barley Inn on 20 April 2025. This event will be included in the club calendar.
- Jan Smith moved that TDMG donate \$200 to the Queensland Morris Register in support of the 2026 National Rally. The motion was seconded by Dave Williams and carried unanimously.



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Around the room

- David Williams & Michael Wells travelled to Tiaro to inspect a 1949 Morris 6, which impressively only has 16,450 miles on the clock.
- Michael Wells had to rewire his A10 Ute after discovering a short circuit.
- Jim Robinson reported steady progress on his Marshal restoration, now 12 months into the project.
- David Wagner has his Morris Zed back on the road following a brake system refurbishment.
- Dennis Smith repaired the brakes on Wendy's car after discovering a leaking master cylinder. He also noted that he has several stainless-steel sleeved master cylinders available for sale.
- John Parker is fitting a modified cylinder head to his Morrie to achieve improved torque.
- Debbie Smith shared that the green Morris bus is finally home after a three-month windscreen replacement. She also reported that the cream Morris has been sold.
- Roy Hall has been restoring the wiring harness on his Morris project, including wiring for indicators. During the work, he discovered burnt wiring hidden in a protective sleeve. Roy also shared that Terry Brown has sold his Morris Van.

Roy Hall thanked all for attending and there being no further business Roy closed the meeting at 8:50pm.

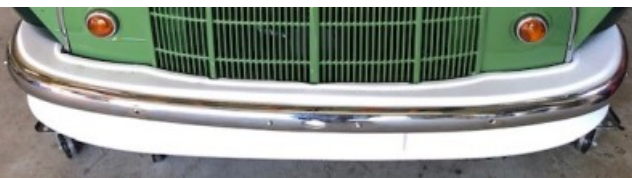
Raffle winner: Michael Wells.

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Spoilers \$229, Valances \$130, Glove Boxes \$80 (each).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday 21 st May	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 15 th June	RACQ MotorFest 2025.
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!
Saturday 2 nd August	Miles From Anywhere, Auto Show & Shine.
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.
12th September to 6th October	Toowoomba Carnival Of Flowers. Plenty of free and paid activities during the month long festival—public gardens, live entertainment, wine and food. View the Carnival Of Flowers website for the Grand Central Floral Parade details.
Wednesday 17 th September	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 15 th October	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Thursday 16 th October	Acland Coal Mine Tour.
Wednesday 19 th November	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Saturday 6 th December	TDMG Christmas Party. Mill Inn Tavern in Millmerran, 11:30am to 3pm.
Wednesday 17 th December	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

Adventure To Allora

In a spur-of-the-moment decision, Mary-Anne and I left the comforts of Lauren Court and took the Major for a run down to Allora for the Allora Autumn Festival and the Vintage, Classic, and Custom Vehicle Display. Thankfully, the Major behaved beautifully the entire trip, seems like all the gremlins have been worked out, and it's now running reliably and smoothly.

We did have one hairy moment on the highway thanks to a couple of reckless P-platers, but we arrived safely at Dalrymple Park. Apparently, one of the event organisers had been chasing us around the car park trying to direct us—we never saw him—but we eventually found our allocated spot and parked the Major.

Not long after, a familiar red M8 Tourer pulled in right beside us—couldn't have timed it better if we tried. The event was well attended by car enthusiasts, with a solid turnout of vehicles on display. A good selection of food and market stalls added to the atmosphere and appeared to be well supported by the general public.



We hadn't planned to stay too long, as Mary-Anne and I had other commitments for the afternoon. After a few laps around the markets, the obligatory public school sausage sizzle, and a good chinwag with Jim about all things Morris, we headed for home.



Fortunately, the return trip was far less eventful—though an impatient caravan tower did decide to overtake in a questionable spot, forcing oncoming traffic to slow down. All in all, a great morning out with the Major and good company!

BRETT



John & Noelene's - A Mystery Run

Members of the TDMG went on a mystery run on Easter Monday from Toowoomba to the Cambooya Memorial Park for morning tea and a chat.

It was lovely to see Brian and Barbara along with Amanda and Damian also join in. We hadn't seen them on a outing for a while and it was good to catch up on all the news.

From Cambooya we headed through Wyreema, Southbrook, onto the Gore Highway, bypassing Pittsworth and Mt Tyson to our lunch stop at the Oakey RSL. A good run of about 70 miles for our 8's and Minors. The Minors were quite content sitting behind us, travelling at our speed which included quite a lot of hills along the way.

JIM & TRICIA



David Hack Classic Meet





RACQ MOTORFEST

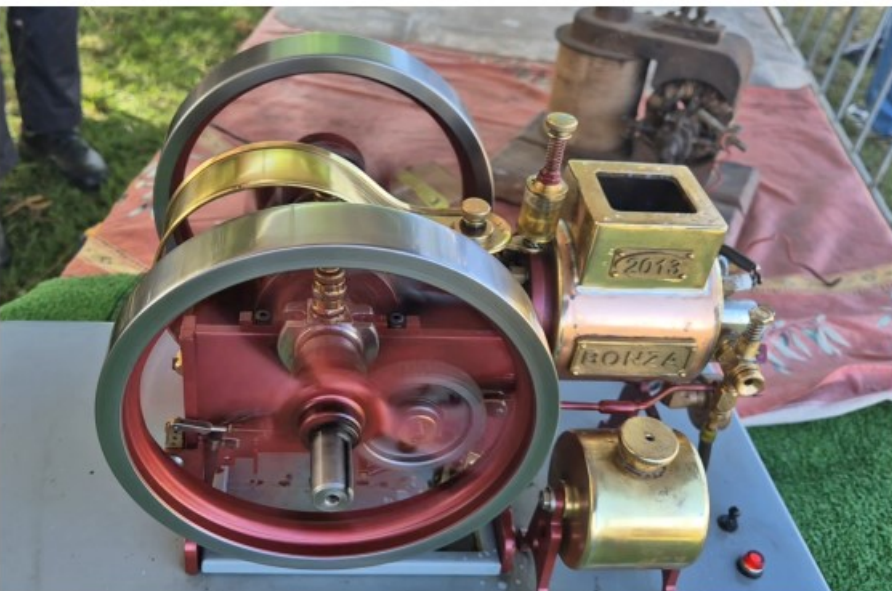
A CELEBRATION OF MOTORING

Sunday 15th June 2025
Brisbane Showgrounds | 10am to 3pm

Another Day In The Park, Peranga

Off to another car show at Peranga about 40 klms north of Oakey. We picked up the Official Guests (the Mayor, Mr McDonald and local member of parliament Mr Shine) Choice Award and Peoples Choice Award with our Morris '8'. We had a good drive out there and it took us about an hour and a quarter. Unfortunately there were only 6 old cars, 2 trucks and a couple of tractors and farm machinery on display. It was disappointing for the organisers with the small number of the people supporting such a lovely community event. We enjoyed our time there. The next one will be in 2 years time.

JIM & TRICIA



Membership Renewal, Concessional Registration, and Insurance: Why You Should Pay Attention

We are coming up to that time of the year again and I thought I'd jump in early with a reminder to all members that your membership fees will soon be due. The Toowoomba and Downs Morris Group financial year ends 30th June and it is especially crucial for members with concession registered vehicles to stay on top of your renewal for the new financial year starting 1st July. This will ensure that your vehicle's registration and insurance remain valid under Queensland's Special Interest Vehicle Scheme (SIVs). Please take a moment to read the information below to avoid any unexpected issues or risks.

We are all aware that insurance companies are quick to find reasons to deny a claim, and failing to renew your membership on time could be one reason they do. Under Queensland's Special Interest Vehicle Scheme (SIVs), concessional registration depends on being a financial member of an approved car club. If your membership lapses, your vehicle may no longer be considered legally registered, potentially voiding your insurance, including compulsory third-party (CTP) cover.

Worst case scenario: You're driving your SIVs registered vehicle on 10th July, and your membership renewal, due prior to 1st July, has not been paid. In the event of an accident, you would be in breach of the SIVs scheme conditions, as maintaining current membership is a requirement for concessional registration. According to the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR), failure to comply with these conditions can result in your vehicle being considered unregistered from the date your membership lapsed.

TMR also cautions that using your vehicle outside the scheme's conditions may result in your insurance, including compulsory third party (CTP) and comprehensive cover being rendered null and void. This means your insurer may refuse to cover any damages, leaving you personally liable for repairs, property damage, and medical costs.

The best way to avoid any issues is to pay your membership fees before 30th June and ensure your vehicle details, especially for SIV registered vehicles, are submitted to the Dating Officer. For Toowoomba and Downs Morris Group members, renewing early with up-to-date information ensures a smooth transition, protecting you from unnecessary stress, financial risk, and possible penalties.

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