



# 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 November newsletter.

To start, and on an annoying side of things for our Group, we have been unceremoniously dumped from our monthly Thursday night meeting timeslot in the Dr Price Rooms for 2025. We've been meeting on Thursday's for years, in fact Mick believes it's been 30+ years. Fortunately, we still have the venue but for the 2025 year it's now rescheduled to the third Wednesday night which I hope works out for us.

A busy past month for outings though the only group event I took part in was the run to Lake Broadwater for the CAR Inc meeting on 3rd November. We met up with Dennis and Jan, Mick and Merle who were in their Morris at the allotted time in Bridge Street and headed off

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towards the venue. There, we met up with members of the Miles Group and the Chinchilla Auto Group for the CAR Inc meeting chaired by President Eliza Eames. With the business out of the way we were treated to a BBQ put on by the Chinchilla Auto Group before heading home.

Late October I took part in a bus trip with the Vintage Car Club to the Brisbane Motor Museum at Banyo which had a great range of cars on display in the current theme of small

cars. Catching my eye was an absolutely beautiful 1929 Morris Minor and a twin brother to Terry Brown's Austin A30 Countryman. The museum display is regularly changing with different themes so if you ever get the chance, go and have a look.

November 9th saw the combined Xmas function in Esk and from all accounts this was a good event. Anne and I couldn't attend as we pre-booked a weekend run to Dorrigo NSW with the Triumph Club.

No change in my world, still not allowed behind the wheel—it's beyond a joke now. Suffice to say, I haven't driven my lovely Morris Minor for three months! For that matter, I haven't even laid eyes on it as it's been locked away in the rented storage shed.

That's it from me, see you at Thursday's meeting.

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Morris Minor Forum



# Around The Sheds

We met up at David's house at Vale View on the southern outskirts of Toowoomba at 9:30am. David has restored a LC 5 Morris truck previously but has taken on a mid '50's Morris PV (postal van) for his next restoration project. He has only had the van a couple of months but has stripped the body off and is ready to start on the chassis. After we had a look over his trucks and sheds, we had a lovely morning tea and eats made by his wife Christine and other club members.



Next we travelled the back roads on to Preston to see Michael's collection of old cars including an 40's Buick, 1960 Valiant, 68 Mustang, 48 Austin A40 Ute, A95 Westminster saloon and wagon, Morris Marshal saloon and the holy grail, a Traveller wagon.

We had a lovely BBQ here followed by the usual banter and Morris talk and solving the problems of the world. It was great to get out with other Morris enthusiasts and enjoying each other's company without travelling to far from home.

## JIM & TRICIA





## SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

Another month has flown by, club events included a visit to Dave and Michael's sheds, the Goombungee Jacaranda Festival, and the CAR Inc meeting at Lake Broadwater.

A strong turnout of 9 cars attended the shed run, Dave has a lot of work ahead of him to get the van back on the road. Michael had an impressive range of cars, including his Marshals and its derivatives. We finished off with a BBQ lunch put on by the Group.

A small crew headed out to the Jacaranda Festival. From the Facebook reports it looks like it was an enjoyable day out including Scott & Debbie winning a trophy for Best Restored (Ute).



The Zed has not progressed this month, due to finding an industrial walking foot sewing machine. The machine has been used to repair horse rugs for the last 6 odd years, so it needed a good clean out, what better way to do this than to completely dismantle the sewing machine. It turns out the sewing machine has little wear and seems mechanically sound considering little to no oil was getting to any of the moving parts. Now I just need to remember how it goes back together, what could go wrong! The plan is to start practicing for the Zed upholstery.

The QTS Xmas Party in Esk has come and gone. It's a great central location for the three clubs and the Esk Hotel has an excellent menu to choose from; your own fault if you went hungry! This years event was organised by Gail from the Southside Club so a big thank you from TDMG. It's back to us to organise the 2025 combined party and we'll kick that process off in the new year; watch this space!

**TADOMS,  
Oakey  
Showgrounds**



"Morris Magic in Goombungee" (Generated by AI)

*At the Jacaranda Festival's lively scene,  
Where blooms of violet softly preen,  
Jim and Tricia's Morris 8 arrives,  
A vintage spark where history thrives.*

*Nearby stands, with a vibrant hue,  
Debbie and Scott's Morris Ute, in glorious view.  
A steadfast companion on country ways,  
Echoing life from simpler days.*

*The streets are dressed in a purple glow,  
As laughter and music gently flow.  
These classic cars, with stories to share,  
Are threads in the festival's joyful air.*

*In Goombungee's glow, where memories align,  
The Morris cars roll, a tale to define.  
A bridge through time, both grand and fine,  
A festival's heart, where dreams entwine.*

**DOUG**



**HAPPY**  
*November*

Suzanne Parker, Merlene Muller,  
David Wagner, Frosty & George Wilkinson



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP**  
**Held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.**

**OPENING:** Roy Hall opened the meeting at 7:35pm and welcomed everyone

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** Scott Smith, Maree Pitt, Brenda and Terry Brown, Greg Hall

**VISITORS:** Nil

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

Moved, David Williams, 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
- DR Price Rooms renewal form

*Outwards:*

- Newsletters to members and other clubs
- Membership cards

Moved, John Parker, seconded Mick Muller that the correspondence inwards and outwards be accepted. Carried.

**TREASURERS REPORT:**

Presented by Treasurer, Maree Pitt

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

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Micheal Wells attended the LAMA Club rally.
- Jim Robertson also attended the LAMA Club rally with his 8. Reported that a Minor had lost a wheel.
- On the return trip the 8 had to be changed back into first gear on a couple of occasions due to the gradient of the Flagstone Creek Road.
- Dave Williams suggested to club members that it is good practice to check and tighten wheel nuts after a short run after they have been refitted.
- Dave also visited the Holden Day Out and reported that there was a Monaro from South Africa.
- Debbie and Scott have been away for a couple of weeks visiting Dubbo, they then travelled to Fraser Island for a holiday and a spot of fishing.



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- Debbie reported that the green Morris is having its hood liner fitted and hoping to have it on the road by Christmas.
- Dennis Smith is still cleaning out his shed and sorting his Morris parts.
- George Wilkinson reports that the Zed is running well.
- George indicated how small the world is, during a family reunion, he discovered that one of his second cousins sold his Marshal to Michael Wells.
- John Parker has been working on the Minor's brakes, now working better than ever, just needs to sort the hand brake.
- Roy Hall is still not allowed to drive but hoping to be cleared soon.

Roy Hall thanked all for attending and there being no further business Roy closed the meeting at 8:32pm.

Raffle winner: George Wilkinson

QTS  
Christmas Lunch,  
Esk



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	TDMG Christmas Party. Held at the Blue Mountain Hotel, 11:30am to 3pm.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup> January	Allora Heritage Festival.
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Toowoomba Swap 2025 at the Toowoomba Showgrounds. Hosted by the Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club.
13 <sup>th</sup> to 16 <sup>th</sup> February	2025 Chinchilla MelonFest. A little bit of something for everyone from street parades, markets, beach party, and an arena full of melon related activities such as melon skiing and melon bungee.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	CAR Inc Meeting. Hosted by TDMG. Further details to come.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
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 Group – Car Show.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.



# Graeme Frost—Cars I've Owned



I was indoctrinated to front wheel drive from an early age.

Growing up, the family had a few cars, the first was a 1949 Ford Prefect Ute, known as 'Little Toot' which I ultimately learnt to drive up and down the driveway and have lovely memories of us all holidaying in it as well—Mum, Dad, me and my 2 brothers and of course, my best mate Tiger, the dog (got him when I was 4 and he was run over when I was 21. Sad day to say the least!)



As a young fella now with a licence at 17, borrowing the VC Valiant became a bit of a chore as the old man obviously thought that I would be getting up to no good in the car (it did have a camping fold down front bench seat ) but I digress.

My 'first' own car was a lovely white 1965 Morris 1100 purchased in Mum's name (insurance) in February 1971. I thought I was the king of the road in the little beast, as I now had a local job and was getting down to Newcastle and environs, surfing, and a few 'laps' of the respective main streets.



Sadly, a couple of years later I wrote that off by falling asleep at the wheel coming back from a friends wedding in Newcastle. Luckily for the girlfriend at the time she was not injured, I wrapped it around a tree hitting just behind the passenger B pillar.

I moved to Sydney soon after and still had the wreck stored at home, not much changes, so 'found' another 1100 that was in good condition (no engine etc), brought the wreck to Sydney and did a swap over. I was then able to get rid of the FB Holden station wagon (fill up the oil and check the petrol!) that I think cost me \$150 as a stop gap car.



The new blue 1100 gave me faithful service until I left Australia in 1976 for a look see in the UK and Europe. When I returned in November 1977 I got a job with a wool broking firm in Sydney and lived in Surry Hills so did not get my next car until mid-late 1978 as one of the bosses was buying a new car so I bought his 1974 GC Galant.

The Chrysler brand impressed me, so the next one owned was a Chrysler Sigma wagon which I eventually traded on a brand new 1988 Mitsubishi Magna wagon—best car that I have owned.

We married in 1988, bought a house in Brisbane in December 1988, moved to Brisbane in March 1989 and the

Wikipedia image

# Graeme Frost—Cars I've Owned

Magna was eventually traded in on a Mitsubishi Triton 3L V6 double cab Ute.

It was around early 1990 that I started my run of owning Morris Minors of which there have been a couple.

1958 4 door restored and sold  
 1960 2 door 1000 'Gladys' - Deb's car  
 1955 Ute 'Basil' (not Fawltly) cream  
 1961 2 door 1000 yellow  
 1962 1000 van maroon 1275 + 5 speed  
 1959 2 door 1000 blue 'Morrx'

A few assorted shells still remain in the yard, perhaps a cars and yard sale soon?

After I got rid of the Triton, I bought a Hilux Ute - the first of the workmates which I sold with 225000k on the clock to a local nursery. We have now got a 2006 Holden Rodeo 3L diesel bought in 2016 with 99500k on the clock. The speedo has just turned over to 193200k and it is still going strong. Great truck!

Next will be a new car for Deb, a small SUV of some kind around March or so 2025. I will then sell the rodeo and just drive the Morris and the new one if Deb lets me.

## FROSTY





# Goombungee Jacaranda Festival

## We left

Toowoomba under cloudy skies in our Morris 8 tourer for the 40km drive via Meringandan to Goombungee where we were directed to park with the other old cars outside the museum. From here it was an easy stroll up and down the main street to see a variety of market stalls, about 60 of them, children doing dance routines, poets corner, a ukulele group, belly dance performance, boot scooting, kite and balloon flying and many more activities to watch. We went to the CWA hall where the women were preparing their traditional scones, with purple cream, and tea/coffee.



At 10:30 about 50 or more cars and tractors gathered at the northern end of town for a parade up and down the main street. Many people lined the street waving and clapping as we drove past, under the purple Jacaranda trees. We then drove back to park outside the museum and another walk back to the stalls. One stall trader, Janet, gave us a Morris wheel nut brace to suit our 8. The Jacaranda Festival organisers had done a magnificent job to get this event up and running this year, with so much to see and do for adults and children.

At about 1:30pm we set off, on a different route via Kingsthorpe. This road was better for our 8 as there were not so many hills to encounter but we did struggle driving into the Gusty easterly winds. Our 8 went well and we had a most enjoyable day at the Jacaranda Festival.

**JIM & TRICIA**





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& DOWNS MORRIS  
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## Jim's, Marshal Restoration

This is my progress so far. The top photo is of the underside of the boot floor that I've made up from a flat sheet of 18 gauge sheet metal. The ribs were formed on a bead roller, a very slow process but rewarding to see the final result. All the work is being done in the Vintage Clubs Workshop with the help and guidance from a panel beater who used to work for Charles Hope Body Makers in Brisbane. The body was stripped to a bare shell and sandblasted then placed on a rotisserie so I can comfortably work on it at any angle. I'm currently working on repairing the rusted metal at the bottom of the rear transmission tunnel and a box section under the rear seat and the inner sill so a new floor can be made. One of the rear doors was ok but the other suffered from rust and was not able to be used. It's an interesting process, but the club has all the necessary equipment like benders, folders and cutters I need.

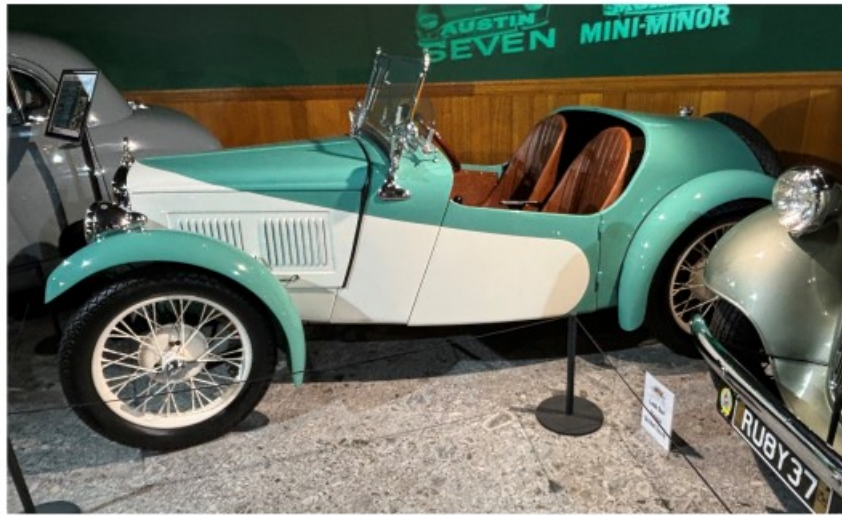
The second photo shows the section under the driver's floor and is what I've been working on. The 3 grey pieces all have to be welded in place. It's under the rear seat base. The final photo is taken from the front of a box section under the rear seat on the driver's side. I've have two small panels to make and fit before I can start the floor. The first 3 inches of metal up from the floor were all rusted and needed replacing.

**JIM**





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