



# TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP

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Terry's Wish Run



-MC is back with  
Project Noddy #6

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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 September newsletter.

Another year has flown by and with it, another AGM. This year we've had a bit of a shuffle around for the Executive Committee with the Group Coordinator, Treasurer, Dating Officer, Catering Officer and Secretary all having new faces in their respective positions. I wish a very warm welcome to the new team and thank you to, Doug, Maree, Jim, & Debbie for taking on their new roles and Mick continuing as Vice Group Coordinator and Greg of course who remains as our newsletter editor and webmaster. Thanks also go out to the outgoing team and their contribution to the Group.

During the AGM the Proposal for "Amendments to TDMG Membership Requirements and SIVs Compliance" was voted on and largely accepted. The main point of change is aiming to outline obligations for prospective and new members including those members seeking SIVs registration. Second, it also aims to encourage greater member participation within the Group.

"...nice easy run and it was  
good get out in our Morries  
for a very pleasant day out..."

As far as the past month goes, I've had some frustrating health issues get in the way and I was not able to attend as many runs as I would have liked. I did manage to make the August double

run which was very enjoyable. The first half of this run was set by Jim and Tricia to the "Other Bird Café" for morning tea. Once we were all finished here it was off on a run set by the Parker's out to Oakey for lunch at the RSL. A nice easy run and it was good get out in our Morries for a very pleasant day out.

Terry's Wish Run was one that I wasn't able to attend but from what I hear it was also a good day out and well attended.

September is a special time for the City as it comes alive with the annual Carnival of Flowers. There are plenty of free and paid events from viewing the beautiful prize winning gardens to arts and craft festivals along with numerous foodie events and live entertainment.

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

Roy



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Morris Minor Forum

# TERRY'S WISH RUN



Wagner's in Alderley St was the meeting point for today's run and members Merle & Michael, Scott & Debbie, Denis & Jan, John & Noelene arrived in their Minors, George & Barbara decided on their FJ for the day and we were in the 1800. We headed off at 9:30 for a drive out past Wellcamp Airport to Biddeston where we then turned on to the connection road to the Gore Highway. Then it was a short drive to Pittsworth where we met up with Terry, Mary, Paul and Karen for morning tea and a natter.

Afterwards we proceeded out of town to see a solar farm and some lovely countryside followed by a nice drive back to Pittsworth for our lunch at the Bottlebrush Cafe in the main street. It was very busy here but our meals arrived in no time at all. After lunch we proceeded home along the highway after having spending some time in the delightful town of Pittsworth and district. Thanks to John and Noelene and whoever else set up this enjoyable morning outing for us all.

Until next time, Happy  
Morrising!

**JIM & TRICIA**



## SECRETARY & EDITOR NOTES

The Secretary baton has been passed over and I thank both Roy, who held this position for the past 10 odd years, and Greg for their assistance with the transition. Knowing Roy is on hand to answer questions that can only be answered by experience will make my transition easier.

So let's kick off with a few reminders.

- Please ensure you RSVP Gail of the Brisbane Southside Club, by the 18 Oct, for the combined Christmas lunch run in Esk. Refer flyer for details (page 9 –ED).
- The entry form for the Morris Minor 21st National Rally has been included in the newsletter mailout, registrations close mid-January 2025.
- Also this snippet in from Terry and Brenda for their run to the German Bake and Wurst House on 22 Sep. Meal prices range from \$10 - \$24.

After a brief hiatus, **-MC** has returned with instalment number 6 of the mysterious Project Noddy and is gracing the pages of this newsletter. I've been informed it's short and sweet but like everyone else I am waiting to know who the culprit behind this is!



The Zed restoration is progressing slowly, currently the tray is receiving all my attention. The hardwood for the tray was recovered from the original workbenches from the school, making the timber approximately 58 years old. Redesigning the tray to tilt has been an interesting process, the hinges were laser cut by a local business and allow the tray to lift 45 degrees, providing plenty of access to the spare wheel and underfloor storage.

A new addition to the shed is a car hoist, the hoist was a quick way to free up valuable real estate. The hard part was sourcing a car hoist that would accommodate the narrow wheel base of the 8's and Major.

To see out the report for this month, I leave you with a poem written through the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

### Ode To The Minor

*Alec Issigonis, with vision so bright,  
 Sketched out a dream that took to flight.  
 Born as the "Mosquito", but soon renamed,  
 The Morris Minor, was destined for fame.*

*Lord Nuffield stood proud, behind the wheel,  
 His name on a car with timeless appeal.  
 From workshops small, to roads far and wide,  
 1.6 million manufactured with pride.*

*In Toowoomba's town, where traditions bloom,  
 The Downs Morris Group keeps alive the tune.  
 With bells and steps, they celebrate the past,  
 As the Minor's legacy continues to last.*

*A car of the people, humble and fine,  
 Issigonis' creation, transcending time.  
 From the factory floor to the Morris dance song,  
 The Minor's story still drives along.*

**DOUG**



Debbie Smith, Brenda Brown, John McQuaid,  
 Greg Peters, John Oldham,  
 Paul Draper & Mary Flood



**MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF TOOWOOMBA & DOWNS MORRIS GROUP**  
**Held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, 2024 at Dr Price Rooms, Little Street, Toowoomba.**

**OPENING:** Maree Pitt opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone

**ATTENDANCE:** As per attendance book

**APOLOGIES:** Greg Hall, Tricia Robertson, Merle Muller, Ken & Linda Brooker

**VISITORS:** Nil

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

Moved, John Parker, seconded Brenda Brown 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 Jim Robertson that the report be received and the accounts be paid. Carried.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

- Jim Robertson thanked George Wilkinson for the excellent "Cars I've Owned" August Newsletter article and hoped that other members would contribute similar stories in future issues.
- George Wilkinson believes he has solved a problem with the "Z". He discovered that the carbon brush in the distributor was missing. With the help of David Wagner supplying a new brush, this was fitted and the "Z" now has a much stronger spark and is running considerably better.
- Scott Smith reported that the red Ute had to get a new radiator and the green Ute has been at Brakeland for the last three days getting attention to the brakes. Should be ready in the next day or two then off to the trim shop followed by work on the electricals.
- Debbie bought a van and has done a lot of work.
- Membership Renewals were due by 30th June and Roy Hall mentioned that while most members had renewed, there were still some stragglers. Roy will do some follow up with



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these people.

- Jim Robertson reported that work on the Marshal is continuing with a new boot floor having been fabricated and fitted. Car is on its side on rotisserie with further work continuing.
- Doug T wasn't prepared for his presentation set for tonight but in his absence, to follow up on David Williams July presentation Roy H showed the meeting a couple of Whitworth tools he has acquired over the years. First item was a 1-1/8"W open ender which is the right size for the rear axle nuts on Minor and other BMC vehicles of the time. The second tool was a 3/4" drive socket the same 1-1/8"W size which does an even better job on the axle nuts.
- Maree asked if someone could do an article the September newsletter on the "Cars I've Owned".
- Stories by Frosty and Terry B may be seen over the next couple newsletters.

Maree Pitt thanked all for attending and there being no further business Maree closed the meeting at 8:10pm.

## Crows Nest Koala Fest



Terry and Brenda took a run out to Crows Nest on Sunday 1st September to have a look around the Koala Festival. This was the inaugural festival for the Toowoomba Region Koala Habitat Project.

Lots of koala themed toys etc, beautiful gardens, pop-up stalls, artworks by local artists and a few vintage and classic cars were on display.

-ED

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One owner Morris Oxford

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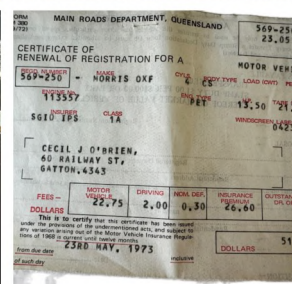
Needs new upholstery and mostly likely a new paint job

Appears to be in generally good condition

Last registered in 1972

Contact Rob on 0415 956 100

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

13 <sup>th</sup> September to 7 <sup>th</sup> October	Toowoomba, Carnival of Flowers. Grand Central Floral Parade Saturday 21 September, 10am to 12pm.
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Terry & Brenda's run to German Bake and Wurst House, Helidon. Meet 10am at Mt Kynoch. Then drive down to Murphys Creek to have morning tea and a wander round the Chilli Festival. From here it's off to the café for a 12pm lunch. Members may wish to drive direct and meet the Group at either venue.
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> September	Murphys Creek Chilli & Craft Carnival, 10am to 3pm. Try and buy the best chilli products from mild to wild as you celebrate Flavour and Fire. Enjoy a classic car display and over 60 chilli themed vendors and international food trucks serving fresh food. Charity event, \$2pp donation.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Symphony Under the Stars held in the Queens Park Amphitheatre 5:30pm – 8:30pm. Gates open 5:30pm for food and bar purchases, performance from 7pm. Priced from \$45 (lawn area) to \$195 (VIP seating). Purchase tickets from Oztix: <a href="#">Carnival of Flowers QSO</a> .
12 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> October	LAMA Annual Invitational Rally.
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.
Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	CAR Inc Meeting. Lake Broadwater Conservation Park for BYO morning tea followed by the meeting. Lunch provided by the Chinchilla Auto Motor Group.
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	The Q.T.S Clubs present a Merry Christmas Combine Lunch. Esk Grand Hotel at 11am. Self catering from the bar menu and drinks. RSVP by 18th October.
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Stanthorpe Berry Festival. Dive into a culinary extravaganza led by celebrity chef Matt Golinski or indulge in gourmet delights or simply relax, sip and savour with live music, craft beer, and wine tastings.
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.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	General Meeting 7:30pm Dr. Price Rooms, Little St. Toowoomba.

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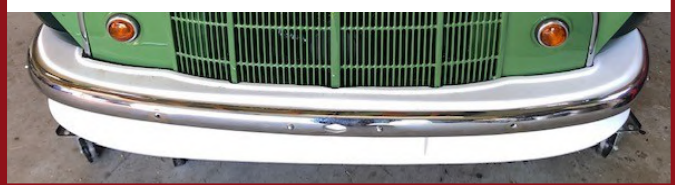
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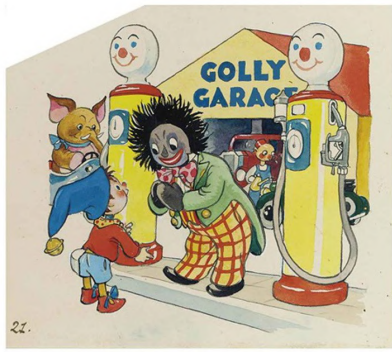
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# PROJECT NODDY #6



Good Golly....it's Noddy 6!

The cabin is now finished, so time for a bit of primer, stone guard and possible colour.

Then it was continuing on with a few odds and sods a few repairs and some more subtle touches.



I have decided to run with the all metal spoiler idea. And with a bit of hacking, whacking and welding here and there it came together quite nicely.

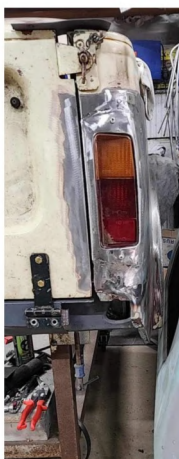
I had found several tail light combinations that I was going to use and thought perhaps the Suzuki Carry style would be it. Eventually I decided on the Escort Van style. No reverse lights however? No problem!



Suzuki



Escort



Time to place him back onto the chassis.

As mentioned previously, the Ute tub is a bit worse for wear and I was thinking of getting another one that had less rust and damage. Getting this one didn't pan out, so will take the plunge and fix the one I have.

Until the next instalment....

-MC

# The Other Bird Café + Country Drive

We met up at the Other Bird Café at the eastern end of Margaret St for morning tea. I underestimated the group size when booking but the helpful staff were able to cater to our needs.

From here we set off towards Harlaxton and on a lovely country drive through West Meringandan and past the Oakey Army Base to our lunch stop at the Oakey RSL. As we were a bit early, the ladies followed by the men had to check out the markets set up in the Railways carpark. Then a leisurely stroll back to the RSL and here we were met by the Vintage Buick Car Club who were on their way home after spending 3 days touring around Millmerran and Cecil Plains.



After lunch, we set off together back home via the 4AK Road, Kingsthorpe and Gowrie Junction. We found it was lovely that nobody was in a hurry and everyone was quite content to potter along at our Morris 8 speed. We couldn't have gone any faster if we tried.

Thanks John and Noelene for a lovely relaxing day out in the country.

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