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NEXT CLUB MEETING

13th August 2015 7.30pm for 8.00 pm at Horrie Watson Pavilion, Deepdene Park,
Whitehorse Road, DEEPDENE. 3103. (Melways Map 46 Ref. A8)
MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

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Graham Harper

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Phone 0407 994 642 or email: cpsregistrar@morrisminorvic.org.au

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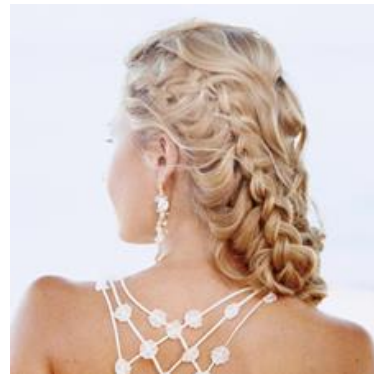
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President`s Report August 2015

Hi All

It was good to see so many of our club members and partners at the Mid-year lunch on such a cold and frosty, although sunny morning. The Hawaiian shirts brightened our day even more, well done to everyone that participated. Many thanks to Michael Dobson and Graham Harper for arranging the run and the venue for the lunch. (More in the Run report).

We have two runs on this month. First we are off on the train to Port Fairy for three days which should be a great trip (Seacombe House). I have been looking forward to this for a while, as it will be good to sit back and look at the scenery rather than keeping my eyes on the road all the time. I have never stayed in Port Fairy before so lots to explore. Our second run is Braidy`s Mystery Run which I cannot tell you too much about obviously, but with the amount of work Braidy has put in, I`m sure it will be a great day out.

July has been a quiet month for Sue and me, the first one in some time. So at long last I have been able to catch up on some service work on both of my Morrie`s. It is amazing that once one starts looking around the cars how much there is to do apart from a good clean, grease and oil change. I have found a number of nuts and bolts needed tightening up and in one case a nut and bolt on an engine mount was completely missing. A front wheel bearing needed replacing, plus the seals on a rear axle, and replacement of the odd suspension rubber that was worn out. I`m also checking that the brakes are all adjusted and working correctly. This is not a bad time of year to get these jobs done, as when the warmer months come along we have trouble finding the time and we all need to make sure our Morrisies are roadworthy. If you don`t feel able to do the service work yourself, there are plenty of club members that can advise you of suitable service people.

Keep on Morrying

Mark

Club Captain`s Report August 2015

Hi everyone,

It was great to see so many members join us for the Mid-Year Lunch at Alfred`s Homestead in Warrandyte. After quite a chilly start, the sun broke through to make it a very pleasant day.

The food was great and it was excellent to see so many Hawaiian shirts being worn.

This month we have a trip down to Port Fairy for 3 nights and the Vice President`s Mystery Run which sounds like it is going to be a fantastic day out. You will need to bring a camera so you can provide some evidence and your best Sherlock Holmes brain for those tricky clues.

All the details are in the Generator.

Hope to see you all there.

Keep On Morrying

Stewart

AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

Thursday, 13th August 2015 at Horrie Watson Pavilion Deepdene Park, Deepdene 3103.

1. Apologies
2. No. of Members Present (Quorum)
3. Confirmation of last minutes
4. President`s Report
5. Treasurers Report
6. General Business
7. Close of Meeting

UP COMING EVENTS 2015

August 3-5 (3 nights) Seacombe House (circa 1847) Port Fairy

Travel free and relaxed by train using your free seniors voucher and stay for 3 nights in this very historical and iconic former hotel in Port Fairy for 3 nights from Mon 3 August. Mention Secretary's name and MMCCV for discounted accommodation from \$85 per double room per night including continental breakfast for two (2).

Phone 55681082 for bookings. For those travelling by car there is ample off-street parking at the premises. Queries contact Michael Dobson on 0400 273 328 or Stewart Carr mob 0409 215 907 ah 5626 6383

Those going to Port Fairy by train to Warrnambool then coach are requested to complete their seniors train vouchers and give to Barbara at the July meeting and she will book the seating so that the members will be sitting together. Barbara will distribute the train tickets at the mid-year lunch

Sunday 23rd August

Vice Presidents Mystery Run

Meeting at Ringwood McDonalds 9.00am for 9.30 departure

This is a lovely run through the countryside with very CLEAR instructions on where to go.

The trick is to observe your surroundings, take some photos and collect the treasure hunt items. It is not a time trial but you will need to leave certain check points by certain times to get to lunch by 12.30. You will have time to browse and collect things. The winner will be announce at the end of lunch and there is a generous budget for prizes. You will be able to purchase lunch at the lunch stop.



OVERKILL!

Saturday 12th September

Diamond Creek Town Fair

More details to come closer to the date.

Sunday 18th October

Yan Yean Picnic Run

Meet at McDonalds in Diamond Creek at 10am for a 10:30am departure
This will be a pleasant drive in the country before a nice spot of lunch at Yan Yean Reservoir.
Come along and enjoy the company of your fellow Morris Minor friends.

Tuesday 3rd November

Melbourne Cup Day

This event is being hosted by Wayne Cunningham & Lyn Waites at their home in Ballarat.

4 Cullinan Crt, Ballarat North VIC 3350

5c's run to Paynesville

Morris Minor Car Cabin Camping Caravan Club

Paynesville Camp 15th to 20th November.

We plan to stay at Resthaven Caravan Park, 4-14 Gilsenan St, Paynesville. Phone 03 5156 6342. For tariffs of cabins and caravan sites go to their web site.

www.resthavenpaynesville.com There will be 10% discount if you say you are with the Morris Minor Car Club.

We are planning a number of activities over the five days:

- A lunch cruise on the lakes
- BBQ on Raymond Island with our club members that live at Paynesville
- Run to the historic town of Bruthen and then on to Buchan to see the caves.

If you require any further details please contact Mark Parritt. Phone. 0403 194 021 email president@morrisminorvic.org.au

Thursday 10th December

Christmas Party

Box Hill Golf Club, Riversdale Rd, Box Hill.
More details to come closer to the date.

Sunday 20th March 2016

Dahlia Festival

Come and enjoy the wonderland of colour, and country hospitality at Country Dahlias, 195 Mathison Road, Winchelsea. Australia's largest dahlia collection, of approximately 20,000 bushes spread over 2.5 acres.

Country Stalls, Lions Club BBQ, Devonshire teas, Vintage tractors and machinery etc.

Proceeds go to our local hospital and other charities.

Admission is \$7.00 per adult, Children free. Wheelchair friendly.

Meet at McDonalds 1-9 Lunn Crt Altona Meadows (take Point Cook Exit) at 9.30am for 10am departure.

For more information, please contact Graham Dines on 9836 7415 or 0400893483

Please think of runs you would like to do this year.

Other Events

Cranksters Cruise Nagambie
18th – 20th Sep 2015

The 6th Melbourne to Maffra Rally
Sat 10th Oct 2015

Australian National Show & Shine, Euroa
Sun 4th Oct 2015

Festival of Cars
Cruden Farm
22nd Nov 2015

RUN REPORTS

MID- WINTER LUNCH RUN TO “ALFRED’S HOMESTEAD” WARRANDYTE JULY 19th 2015

Not even the coldest day for 18 years could stop club members from attending the mid- winter lunch run. Most of us met at the Diamond Creek Golden Arches, and from there we were led by Graham and Rosalee Harper on a delightful scenic tour along winding roads through Hurstbridge, St Andrews, Panton Hills, and down through Warrandyte and onto “Alfred’s Homestead”, where we met more Morry members.

Several group photos were taken of everyone decked out in their Hawaiian refinery, before going inside to fill our stomachs with the array of food which was set out before us. There was plenty to choose from, soups, roast beef and pork, cold meats, vegetables, a variety of salads, prawns oysters, and the list goes on. You could then rock up for a huge variety of sweets, cheese biscuits, tea and coffee. Boy! There was so much to eat, I think I over did it, as I couldn’t fit anything in for dinner Sunday night.

During the luncheon, Braidy awarded prizes for the best Hawaiian outfit, with first prize of a bottle of wine going to, Tim Lengyel for his Authentic Hawaiian Shirt, authenticated by looking it up in the “Authentic Hawaiian Shirt Bible”. Who would have thought such a book existed, well it does, and Braidy just happened to have it with her. 2nd prize, also a bottle of wine went to Mark Powell for his Faux Grass Skirt. I’m glad to say, he did have a pair of shorts underneath, and Hawaiian shirt on top.

Later on other people scored some freebies in the form of scarves and shrugs etc. all made and kindly donated by Marlene Edwards. I have never seen a basket of knitted goods disappear so fast. Ladies and gents were modelling their newly acquired garments, but I am not sure about John Druery’s choice of a pale pink fluffy scarf, it didn’t quite go with his complexion. Many thanks Marlene for your generosity, and keep on knitting.



I have inserted below, a piece written by Julie Stanyer, on her thoughts of how the luncheon went. As you all know, Julie is undergoing medical treatment, which is not very pleasant, to say the least, and it was so good that her and Jeff were able to come all the way from Numurkah, to attend.

On Sunday we all went to Warrandyte for the Morris Minor Club annual winter dinner, so good to catch up with so many long-time friends. We joined the car club when Jessica was 14 months old, she just turned 33. Jeff said I sure got lots of cuddles, somewhere in there I also found time to eat. Oh my goodness, if any of you ever have the chance to go to Alfred's homestead at Warrandyte for the Sunday smorgasbord, please go you will not be disappointed, even if you skip the soup, salads, seafood buffet and the roast and go straight to dessert. I think there would have been 20 choices for dessert, chocolate mousse, tiramisu, cheesecake, pavlova, crème caramel, trifle, ice cream and flavouring, jelly, and fruit salad, I could go on and on. I wish I was hungrier, but did enjoy what I managed to get through. Great and tiring day out.

Attendees: Mark & Sue Parritt, Wayne Cunningham, Lyn Waites, Ann & John Druery, Ken & Barb Urquhart, Graham & Rosalee Harper, Jack Harper, Gail & Roger Chartens, Braidy Davies, Peter Walker, Trish & Rob Smith, Michael & Veronica Dobson, Jan Loughman, Anne Ridsdale, John Mason, Nikki Brnjak, Steph & Stewart Carr, Jim & Helen Gourlay, Graham & Lesley Dines, Jeff & Julie Stanyer, Chris & Jennie Daly, Tim Lengyel, Cathy Emery, Henry & Marlene Edwards, Sue & Neil Cheney, Gwen & Stephen Coleman, Judith, Andrew, Hudson, Mitchell & Lucas Park, Mark & Therese Powell, Maeve and Jeremy Rodseth and Cheryl & Percy Scicluna. Apologies if I have missed any names.

KEEP ON MORRYING

Cheryl Scicluna.

IMPROMPTU "POP UP" RUN TO HEPBURN SPRINGS HOTEL FOR LUNCH **26/07/2015**

Wayne Cunningham and Lyn Waites along with Chris and Jennie Daly took up the last minute challenge to head to the Hepburn Springs Hotel to join the Geelong Morris Minor and BMC Car Club for the John Whelan Memorial Rally Run.

They caught up with lots of members and friends from the Geelong Club as well as the Central Victoria Morris Minor Club. Our past members, Bill Zahra and Greg Brown were there also. Bill picked up the People's Choice Award for his ute.





TRADING PLACES
August 2015

Contact: Graham Dines : 0400 893 483

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FOR SALE 1952 Morris Minor.

It has done about 64,000 miles, is a side valve 2 door sedan with original Gascoyne grey. Chassis No. is 159418/23020, is unregistered, interior original, condition good, no rust. Garaged at Euroa. Price. ~~\$4000~~ now \$3500.

Contact Richard Day. Ph: 0407877296 Email: raday3666@hotmail.com



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For Sale

Probably for parts: needs to be cleared. Roof-chopped Minor 1000 sedan, year not known. Has some Convertible fitments such as hood bows, but believed not strengthened in the floor/sills. Engine runs and car drives. Owner says he has bought some seals and rubbers for the car, but body panels may be tatty.

For more details and price contact Robert Usher, Yarra Glen, 03 9730 1441.



FOR SALE

Hi I have a Morris 1100 and I would like to sell it as it is going to waste, have had it going but it can be cantankerous to start. I have driven it and I don't have any use for it as I live on a farm near Swan Hill. It is a shame to see the little car going to waste. It has been out in the weather but we put a tarp over it when it is not windy. If you like to contact me on 0428303101 or 03 50376754



MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership statistics as July 28th are as follows:-

Posted 44 Email 117 a total of 161 members plus 8 Life members

77 cars registered with the Club Permit Scheme.

If any member would like a membership card sent to them, please send a stamped self-addressed envelope to the PO Box. Should you have any Membership queries or suggestions do not hesitate to contact me at 9817 5385, or email - membership@morrisminorvic.org.au

Club Name Badges:- are available for \$8.00 per person, contact me to order a badge. Wear your badge to a meeting & be in the running to choose a prize from the raffle table.

NEW MEMBERS

Joanne & Tim Scanlon, member # 1680, owners of a restored cream 1961 sedan reg # RVI 111
Douglass & Leiani Dickins member # 1681, owners of a modified yellow 1956 2 door sedan reg # RVI 111

Clyde & Patricia Oldis, member # 1682 no car as yet. We welcome you to the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria & hope you have a long & Enjoyable association with the Club.

WELFARE



Bryce Jurgens member # 1637 Grandson of Henry Edwards has a major knee problem playing school footy.

Sympathy to Ann Rasmussen, partner of Bruce Kerr, member 1578 in the sad passing of her mother.

To those members of our Club who are not well, we wish you the best & hope you recover quickly. If you know of any member/s who are on the sick list, please let me know.

*****MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST***



Joanne Hawkesworth	03	Anne Ripper	03	Margaret Hender	04	Graham Bulluss	06
Bev O'Donnell	08	Robert Bruce	11	Ian Polkinghorne	11	Colin Files	11
Richard Milligan	12	Anna Clark	13	Margaret Lawson	15	Karen Williams	15
Ann Rasmussen	15	Tom Milligan	15	Kim Shearman	17	Coralie Bell	21
Delia Tobin	24	Caroline Milligan	24	Marcus Ball	27	Robyn Wright	29
Peter Bowes	28	Gladys Brumhead	28	Neville Miller	29	Diana Dearie	30
John Solomon	31						



Barbara Urquhart

Membership Officer

**MINUTES OF MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC. GENERAL MEETING
HELD AT THE HORRIE WATSON HALL, DEEPDENE ON THURS 09th JULY 2015**

Meeting opening 8.00pm

- **Apologies:** Michael and Veronica Dobson, Graham and Lesley Dines, Christine and Peter Gabe, Ross and Ann Carr,
- **Welcome Visitors & New members:**
 - Clyde Oldis who has a 2 door 1960 MM and is looking for a 4 door 1000
 - David Vears son of long term member Jack Vears who owned a lowlight convertible - Doug Dickins who has a 1956 2 door.
- **Acceptance of minutes.** As in the Generator by Cheryl Scicluna and David St George
- **President`s Report:** As per the Generator with the addition of his invitation from the RACV to the Ian Potter gallery display of *Shifting Gear: Design, Innovation and the Australian Car* which has examples of significant cars in Australia`s history.
- **Vice President`s Report:** All ready for the Mystery run. Meeting at the Ringwood McDonalds on Sunday 23rd August at 9.00 for 9.30 departure. There is a budget for prizes.
- **Secretary`s Report:**
 - Midyear lunch has 42 bookings with payments to the Alfred Homestead
 - Port Fairy trip has 16 members booked and I have obtained permission to use the conference room for gathering and eating
 - Thankyou letter to Hamilton and District VVC for and enjoyable Queens birthday weekend from Barbara Urquhart
- **Treasurer`s Report:** \$5250.99 as of tonight. Enquires were made to Bendigo Bank regarding the woeful interest rate for the term deposit and feel the current term deposit is as good as we can get. I has been reinvested for future use.
- **Membership Committee Members Report:** 157 members, 42 posted and 115 emailed, 78 club plates for 54 people
- **Club Captain`s Report. :** As per the generator. The 5C is on 15th to 20th November with a camp Paynesville, Midyear Lunch bookings coming on well. Mystery run in August
- **Regalia Committee Members Report:** A new grill badge will be designed for the MMCCV`s 40th next year
- **Editors Report:** All going well
- **AOMC. Report** The seminar organised was booked out before the MMCCV meeting
- **National Rally Report.** Should the National rally be run as a part of the DOMM in 2017? The committee voted for this and Richard was to send a proposal around the clubs. A pared back National Rally is proposed with little or no concourse and a people`s choice award system.
- **Touring Club Report:** Assistant representative Wayne Cunningham reported the registration for the trip next year to South Australia for 21 days in August and September 2016. There is an itinerary confirmed. Its \$80 for registration
- **General Business.**

-Barbara Urquhart has bought is a bag of old regalia and Morris clothes to give away.
Some historic items in the next meeting there will be old films and photos from the archives from our club historian Jim Gourlay

- **Tips & hints**
 - David St. George mentioned that there are LED lights that flash to fit trafficators available online at <http://www.dynamoregulatorconversions.com/festoon-bulbs.php>
 - Clyde Oldis reports that a mixture of gear box oil and acetone is better than rust preventers and good at loosening nuts
 - David Vears reports Jack Vears made brass trunnions which he has for sale.
 - Clyde Oldis wanted to know if a B series engine can go into a 1000 and wondered about strengthening
 - Graham Harper reports that a Subaru thermostat fits onto a side valve
 - **For Sale** -Richard McKellar knows a lady looking for a very early 1948 Morris. The earlier the better.
 - **Close Meeting at 8.45**
 - **Raffle Draw.**
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TREASURER'S REPORT

30/06/2015

01/06/2015 to
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Opening Balance

MMCCV Cheque
A/C \$5,495.40

Income

Advertising	\$0.00	\$150.00
Club Raffle	\$67.00	\$421.00
Events	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest Earned	\$0.00	\$0.00
Membership Dues	\$25.00	\$3,255.00
Regalia Sales	\$0.00	\$215.00
Badges	\$0.00	\$8.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$145.00
Library fees	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refunds	\$0.00	\$0.00
<u>Total Income</u>	\$92.00	\$4,194.00

Closing Balance

Undeposited Funds \$0.00
MMCCV Chq Acc \$5,240.99

Expenditure

Bendigo Term
Deposit \$8,320.00

Total Balance \$13,560.99

Bank Service Charges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hall Hire	\$0.00	\$414.00
Club Events	\$0.00	\$500.00
Licence & Permits	\$0.00	\$0.00
Newsletter costs	\$224.22	\$814.05
Office supplies	\$36.60	\$106.92

LIABILITIES

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Postage	\$14.00	\$130.80
Professional fees	\$0.00	\$120.00
Regalia	\$0.00	\$0.00
Badges	\$10.00	\$254.00
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Suppers	\$61.59	\$217.06
Trophies	\$0.00	\$250.20
Post office box rental	\$0.00	\$115.00
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Webpage Hosting	\$0.00	\$0.00
AOMC	\$0.00	\$0.00
Insurance	\$0.00	\$0.00
Refunds	\$0.00	\$70.00
Donations	\$0.00	\$243.00
<u>Total Expenditure</u>	\$346.41	\$3,453.53
<u>Net Income/Deficit</u>	\$254.41	\$740.47

A man who had a talent for restoration and applied it to rebuilding old Morris Minors.



Charles Ware with his son Zac

Charlie Ware, who has died aged 79, was the founder of the Morris Minor Centre in Bath, a home where much-loved “moggies” went to be restored, reconditioned and repaired.

Tapping into a very English vein of nostalgia, Ware held surgeries for his “patients”, many of whom were regular visitors and had names such as Molly or Gertrude. He also rescued them from scrapheaps, farmyards and garages, carefully restoring and finding new homes for them.

The Morris, with its curved wings and bonnet, was designed by Sir Alec Issigonis and had been a mainstay of family motoring since 1948. By 1972, when British Leyland stopped production, some 1.3 million had been built. But when Ware started in business four years later their numbers were falling rapidly and spares were hard to find.

Ware had been a millionaire property restorer in Bath in the 1960s, one of the campaigners against the “sack of Bath”. He enjoyed the good life, financed the early days of Roxy Music and was dubbed “champagne Charlie” by the News of the World for his parties. After the property crash he was declared bankrupt in 1975.

Within months he picked himself up, borrowed £200 and was visiting car auctions to try to make some quick cash. Morris Minors and Travellers, he noticed, were being treated in the same way as Georgian houses: discarded when they had the potential to be restored. “I noticed that whenever I got one it always sold very quickly,” he told The Sun, “and I realised that I had tapped a very English thing.”

The Morris Minor Centre opened beneath a railway arch in Bath in 1976 and owners were soon flocking from around the world to admire Ware’s craftsmanship. The cars came from many different sources, including barn finds, auctions and tips. Ware recalled how on one occasion a senior Army officer was in tears as he handed over his beloved Morris Minor.

In his book *Durable Car Ownership* (1982), Ware described how the cars’ mechanical simplicity means that they lack the built-in obsolescence of modern vehicles. “Treat the car like a house, like a long-term investment, and there’s no reason why it can’t last 40 years,” he said.

Almost everything could be replaced or repaired: panels were cut out and reinstated; five-speed gear boxes were installed; the steering was made lighter and more comfortable; and alternators were put in, allowing owners to add radios and later iPod docks.

Ware was a great believer in the value of skilled labour; he also declared that he never again wanted to be a millionaire: “Money puts a ju-ju on everything – business, friendship, even the way people react in the street.”

Charles Fabian Ware was born in Edinburgh on November 8 1935. His grandfather was Major General Sir Fabian Ware, founder of the War Graves Commission; his parents were artists and conscientious objectors. Young Charlie was educated at a Rudolph Steiner school, after which “National Service [in Cyprus, largely playing cricket] was a pretty surreal experience”.

He studied art at the Slade in London, before moving to Wiltshire to teach at Corsham Art College. By then he had been working on small housing conversions in north London, helping to save Victorian terraces in Islington and Camden.

His attention turned to Bath, where he bought up derelict houses, restored them and sold them on. He lived in one in the Royal Crescent, which he bought for £5,000. “At that time no one wanted to live in old, dirty, black and crumbling buildings,” he said. For a while he owned the Theatre Royal in the city where, on one occasion, Roxy Music gave a free gig as a thank you to him for guaranteeing the payments on their first van. After his bankruptcy he lived in a damp basement.

Ware recalled how the company began with only three cars, while working capital was hard to come by. “If you are starting up a business with nearly nothing, you become totally aware of cash flow,” he told the Financial Times in 1983. For many years his only marketing was a fortnightly advertisement in Exchange and Mart and press publicity, which he had a knack for attracting.

In 1991 he went into partnership with Dhanapala Samarasekara, a Sri Lankan businessman, who set up the Durable Car Company, making spares for the Morris. They made a short film , The Businessman, the Buddhist and the Morris Minor.

In 2007 the Morris Minor Centre moved to Bristol. Illness led to Ware’s retirement in 2009, but he was able to resume his painting and still be a regular visitor to the workshop.

Charlie Ware married Helen Robinson in 1960 and Veronica “Bunny” Sheppard in 1967; both marriages were dissolved. In 1995 he married, thirdly, Helena Harding, who survives him with their daughter, a son from his first marriage and two sons from his second, one of whom, Zac, now runs the Morris Minor Centre with his partner Lucy.

Charlie Ware, born November 8 1935, died July 4 2015

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Proposed tour for 2016:-

I have bought this tour forward as to avoid both Victoria and South Australia school holidays.

27th August overnight at Geelong Vic

28th and 29th August Warrnambool Vic

30th and 31st August Mount Gambier SA

1st 2nd 3rd September Glenelg SA

4th and 5th September Port Augusta SA

6th and 7th September Streaky Bay SA

8th and 9th September will be either Port Lincoln SA or Tumby Bay SA

10th 11th and 12th September Hawker SA

13th and 14th September Renmark SA

15th and 16th September Robinvale Vic

17th September Bendigo Vic

I am hoping that I can get accommodation for these dates or I may have to change some of the locations.

Regards Heather

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A registration fee of \$80 (non refundable) is applicable for this tour and payment of this fee is requested with the registration form.

Please complete and forward the registration form to Heather Jarman.
Thank you and I look forward to meeting with you on our tour of South Australia.

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Please print names and provide signature for all participants in your group

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