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Australia Day Club Picnic Day at Westerfolds Park



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Club meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month

NEXT MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE HORRIE WATSON PAVILION

Deepdene Park, Whitehorse Road, Deepdene. 3103
(Melways Map 46/A8) On the 11th February 2021 at 8:00 pm.

Preceded by a Pizza Fest in the carpark at 7:00 pm

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New Permits:

You must be a paid-up club member for 6 months or more before you can apply for a new permit and you must include \$20 in cash or cheque, payable to the MMCCV.

When applying for a Permit for a...

Morris Minor. Please Send a Current RWC, with Proof of ownership, VicRoads Club Permit application, Vehicle eligibility and standard declaration for club permit vehicle.

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In addition to the above, 6 recent photos 1: Front, 2: Rear, 3: Driver's side, 4: Driving position (side-on with driver's door open), 5: Chassis number or ID plate, 6: Engine Bay.

You must clearly sign and date the rear side of each of the 6 photos.

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Do not forget to sign your renewal application.

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Please send a stamped self-addressed envelope plus VicRoads Forms. No Photos needed.

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Mobile 0400 273 328 or email

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Long Line Jacket \$75	Reversible Vest \$45	Long Sleeve Rugby \$40	Short Sleeve Polo \$35
			
Club Badge Keyring \$5	Club Cloth Patch \$12	Club Mug \$10	Club Logo Cap \$15

Apparel available to order...

Chambray shirts (pale blue) with club logo. \$39.

Navy Scarf with logo. \$17.

Club lapel badge. \$10.

Various 2017 National Rally badges.

This forum is the common portal to link all the clubs together and where Morris Minor owners



from all over the country can swap information, search for parts, and make new friends.

<http://www.morrisdownunder.com/forum/index.php>

President's Report – February 2021

Hi all,

At last, the future is looking a bit more cheerful with lots of good things to look forward to.

The first thing on the calendar is the February meeting – it's going to be on at the club rooms! Yes those in Deepdene. We may have to have a bit of a clean out of the biscuit cupboard but that's where we will be on the second Thursday of the month of February. We are planning to celebrate this momentous occasion with pizza in the car park starting at 7pm on the 11th. At this point in time, we should all be able to congregate within the confines of the four walls of the hall however we are keeping an eye on the Covid restrictions and will comply with the rules of the day. The MMCCV is very keen on not being a vector for this miserable virus.

The February meeting will have something for everyone. Stewart will give a run down on carburettors so bring your troubles along for him to give pointers about. We have also had a donation of die cast models of Morris Minor 1000's donated by Jeff Stanyer. There are five OO scale models of a woody, a van, a convertible and a two door and a four-door version. They are Springside models and are around 20 years old we think. They require assembling and some of the packets are opened so there may be bits missing but they look pretty good. We will be auctioning them at the February meeting so those who want them most will get them. They sell for around £10 online and are amazingly cute.

The February meeting will also be on Zoom starting at 8pm and may require a bit of playing around to make it work. I'm planning on having a Zoom monitor so that the Zoom attendees can communicate with the room. They will also be able to bid on the models, but I am not sure how they will participate in the raffle as we will revert to the time tested method of donations being raffled off at \$1 a ticket.

The Australia Day breakfast / brunch / lunch was a great success with the rain not dampening any spirits as we were all so relieved it wasn't 40 degrees. We had 9 Morries turn up and nearly 40 people - a great morning with many thanks to Michael Dobson who reserved our area around 6am! I would like to point out to any potential Club Captain volunteers that that level of dedication is appreciated but not essential for the position – and yes, we still need someone to step into the position.

I noticed in the last Generator our calendar was looking a bit light on, but the truth is that there are a number of events coming up that haven't been advertised as yet. The February run on the 21st is a Teddy Bears picnic in Melbourne and there will be a note about it in this newsletter. The March run is to Ballarat to help celebrate their 41st Anniversary as their 40th was well and truly knocked-out by Covid. I will be going up on the Saturday and will organise a meal for us at a restaurant and then we can join the Ballarat crew on the Sunday. We will need to register with Ballarat Club by the 5th of March but its only \$10 per head so should be a fun weekend. I actual turned up last year for the 40th but Happy to go back to Ballarat again. Happy to be allowed!

Hope to see everyone's smiling faces at the February meeting. Please RSVP for catering when I send the email.

Happy Morrying
Braidy El Presidente



Please think of any additional runs you would like to do this year.
Consider the following suggestion...

Impromptu Runs or Pop-up Runs on a Weekday

The Committee would like to encourage members to welcome other members to join them on their private Morry runs during the week, or whenever, to increase social interaction of members in-between Club meetings and the monthly weekend runs. This has been difficult to arrange previously when relying on either the Generator or the monthly meeting to broadcast run arrangements but with almost everyone on the internet these days it should be possible to get this happening immediately following the simple procedure outlined below.

As soon as you have a run in mind, preferably at least with 48 hours notice, send an email to the Editor headed "Pop-up Run" giving details of date, time & place of meeting. (McDonalds are good mustering places for coffee and initial toilet visit) and details of intended destination and suggestions of BYO food or café etc. and your name and mobile phone number. The Editor will then immediately forward your e-mail to all Club members listed on the Club database. All you have to do then is turn up at the selected meeting point by the appointed time and a good time can be had by all. Feedback to the Club via any of the Committee members would be appreciated after such runs or at the next Club meeting. Please note that Pop-up runs are not intended to replace the monthly weekend run but be an additional Club activity.

Run Report — February 2021

Australia Day Sunday 26 January 2021

Another great Australia Day celebration at Westerfolds Park Templestowe.

I secured our usual undercover spot around 6:10am after weathering a full-on storm at Diamond Creek and heavy rain most of the way. As I drove along, I wondered how many would be attending due to the bad weather. I then began to worry that there would be a very poor turn-out. I needn't have worried as the total count of 38 members attending on the day exceeded last year's total by 4 members. Most arrived well before lunch including Graham Harper, Phil Plumbe, Ron Roney and Trevor Sarbach who joined me in a healthy egg and bacon breakfast between 7:20am and 8am. I think the egg and bacon breakfast has now become a fixture of the day for some!

Whilst the weather, in contrast to last year, was wet and a little chilly it did improve a little by the afternoon and everyone mixed well and had a very relaxed day.

All in all, a great day out!

Attendees : Stewart, Steph & William Carr, Phil Plumbe & Liz Sambell, Barbara & Ken Urquhart, Michael & Veronica Dobson, Jeff Brumhead, David Cain & Janis Luke, Jillian & Robert Thorpe, Braidy Davies & Peter Walker, Mark & Therese Powell, Henry & Marlene Edwards, Ron Roney, Graham & Rosalee Harper, Rob & Trish Smith, Mark & Sue Parritt, Riley & Gullay Davies, Allan Todd, Scott & Melanie Anderson, Mal & Marg Baker, Katie Hamilton, Trevor Sarbach and Jim & Helen Gourlay.

Vehicles: 10 Morries and 16 Moderns

Michael Dobson

MMCCV Treasurer's Report January 2021

1/01/21 - 31/01/21			CM	YTD 2020-2021
MMCCV Cheque A/C				
Opening Balance	\$4,003.05	Income		
		Term Deposit Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Net Income/Deficit	\$157.00	Club Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Events	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$4,160.05	Membership Dues	\$117.00	\$2,091.00
		CPS / AOMC Book Sales	\$40.00	\$220.00
		Regalia Sales	\$0.00	\$30.00
MMCCV Term Deposit A/C		Badges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Opening Balance	\$8,445.60	Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	Rally Badges/Merch	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Bank Payment in Error	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$8,445.60	Library	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Total Income	\$157.00	\$2,341.00
MMCCV ACCOUNTS		Expenditure		
Cheque A/C	\$4,160.05	"Generator" costs	\$0.00	\$1,012.00
Term Deposit	\$8,445.60	Regalia	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Postage	\$0.00	\$33.00
Total Balance	\$12,605.65	Badges	\$0.00	\$129.25
		Suppers	\$0.00	\$0.00
		AOMC Handbooks	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Trophies	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Auditor Fee	\$0.00	\$170.00
		Stationary	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Refunds	\$0.00	\$125.00
Unpresented Cheques		BMC Experience subs	\$0.00	\$20.00
		CAV annual fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
Nil		Rent	\$0.00	\$38.00
		AOMC	\$0.00	\$200.00
		Events	\$0.00	\$0.00
	\$0.00	Computer software	\$0.00	\$449.94
		Bank reversal	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Web site hosting	\$0.00	\$184.87
		Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,253.54
		Presentations/Prizes	\$0.00	\$575.00
		PO Box Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Total Expenditure	\$0.00	\$4,190.40
		Net Income/Deficit	\$157.00	-\$1,849.40

IT'S ON AGAIN - TAKE 2



**THE 40th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF
THE BALLARAT MORRIS MINOR CLUB IS ON
SUNDAY 21ST MARCH 2021**

FORMAT WILL BE SUBJECT TO COVID-SAFE rules at the time

8:30 am	Registration at the BMMC Clubrooms until 9:45am Hut 56, Airport Rd, Mitchell Park Raffle tickets for sale- GREAT PRIZES Tea/Coffee available, Special mugs for sale \$8
10:00 am	Outdoor video then Group Photo with cars Voting for People's Choice (1st, 2nd, 3rd) Historical Questionnaire Morning Tea-slices, biscuits
12:15 pm	Drive to Lunch destination (~ 45 mins)
1:00 pm	Lunch interspersed with presentations and raffle draw

Contact Event Director Glen Whitbourne for details on 0458 343 792
or email him at bmmceventdirector@gmail.com
or check the website at www.bmmc.org.au

Cost will be \$10 per person, children under 12 free, Sunday lunch will be your own cost (vegan, gluten-free meals are available)

COME ALONG to REMINISCE and have FUN

The Ballarat Morris Minor Club Inc is making a second attempt to celebrate its 40th Anniversary in conjunction with our Invitation Weekend in 2021. Fancy that, from a small group starting in April 1980, we have grown to an ageing, but still vibrant club today, as have many other MM Clubs. Note entries close on Fri 5th March 2021.

Enclosed is a poster to advertise the event with your members. Your Club members are invited to attend and be part of our celebrations, to be held on Sunday 21 March 2021. The format will be arrival early Sunday at the BMMC Clubrooms, Video and Group Morry photo, Voting for People's Choice, Historical Questionnaire, Morning Tea, Drive to Lunch venue, Lunch interspersed with presentations and the raffle draw, finishing about 3:30pm.

Entry forms will be available on the website www.bmmc.org.au or members can copy the form provided, fill out the entry section and post to the Secretary, BMMC Inc, P.O. Box 1278, Wendouree Village 3355. Payment is preferred by direct deposit but a cheque or money order is accepted with the entry. See bank details on the form. Any queries can be directed to the event director Glen Whitbourne at bmmceventdirector@gmail.com or phone 0458 343 792.

The BMMC members look forward to seeing you and your members to finally celebrate our 40th Anniversary. Remember that any Covid-safe rules current at the time will apply.

[Marlene Barrow \(President BMMC Inc\)](#)

The Registration Form is available on the BMMC Website within the Current Newsletter

Membership Report – February 2021

Membership statistics are as follows...

There are 173 Financial Members plus 7 Life members.

94 Cars are registered on the Club Permit Scheme.

Should you have any Membership queries or suggestions do not hesitate to

Contact me on - 0419 517 363 or email - membership@morrisminorvic.org.au

Club Name Badges:

These are available for **\$11.00 per person**, contact me to order a badge.

Come to a meeting in your Morrie, wearing your badge, and be in the running to choose a prize from the raffle table.

We have three new members this month.

David Linsell : Member 1577, is re-joining the club. David first joined in 2011 and has a 1971 Teal Blue Traveller which is being re-registered to go back on the road.

Hugh Freeman-Rice : Member 1790 who has a Blue 1954 Series 2 Convertible named Betty.

Greg Hughes : Member 1791 who has a Murlong Grey 3, 1954 Series 2 Pickup which is about to be registered.

We welcome David, Hugh and Greg to the club.

Feel Better & Get Well Soon

To any members of our Club who are unwell or recuperating, we hope you are back with us soon.
If you know of any member/s who are on the sick list, please let me know.

*** **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** ***

February Birthday Bunch

Les Bradd
Cheryl White
Dawn Irving
Annette Precht
Craig Ellis

Bob McGrath
Larissa Daddo
Geoff O'Donnell
Richard Squire
Olivia Winfield

Rhonda Roberts
Libby Franke
Stephen Dynes
Margaret Bradd
Helen Sedgley

Dianne Sarbach
Peter Hogan
Stewart Carr
Max Cooper



Jim Gourlay - Membership Officer

Acting Club Captain's Report – February 2021

Hi everyone,

Hoping you are all fit and well.

What a great day 38 of us had on Australia Day at Westerfolds Park despite the weather! Full details of that event are in the run report elsewhere in this Generator.

Hope to see you at the next run being organised by Jim Gourlay to the Canterbury Gardens Teddy Bears Picnic on Sunday 21st February (full details in Coming Events Calendar) and at the Club General Meeting on Thursday 11th February with free pizza.

Cheers to all

Michael Dobson

PS. Keep those Stories-of-interest coming people.



Coming Events Calendar 2021

February – Sunday 21st

Teddy Bears Picnic In The Park

Please come and join us for a pleasant drive along the Yarra Boulevard where you will enjoy a spectacular view of the city.

We will meet at Balwyn McDonalds (Melways map 64 E8) at 9:45am for 10:30 departure.

From the Boulevard we will loop around to the picturesque Canterbury Gardens for a picnic lunch under the many shade trees.

Then it is only a short stroll to historical Maling Road village with its numerous coffee houses and large antique market. Also admire the railway station murals depicting the area in the 1880's. Enjoy an ice-cream in Theatre Place under the shady Plane trees.

Ample parking available in the adjacent Canterbury Railway Station carpark. (Melways map 64 D11)

Bring a picnic, chairs/picnic rug and don't forget your Teddy Bear!

March – Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st

Ballarat MMC 40th Anniversary

Ballarat Morris Minor Club 40th Anniversary with Saturday night dinner with Braidy.

April 2021 **(Volunteer sought to arrange run)**

May 2021 **(Volunteer sought to arrange run)**

June 2021 **(Volunteer sought to arrange run)**

July - Sunday 18th

Midyear Lunch

Mid-Winter lunch venue TBA

August 2021 **(Volunteer sought to arrange run)**

September 2021 **(Volunteer sought to arrange run)**

October 2021 **(Volunteer sought to arrange run)**

November – Tuesday 2nd

Melbourne Cup Day Gathering

Cup day at Henry and Marlene's in Whittlesea.

December – Thursday 2nd

Christmas Party

Christmas Dinner at the Veneto Club in Bulleen.

Funny place Myanmar... full of contrasts. Primitive beauty, burgeoning development. Peace, war. History, future.

I confess, my wife Katie's new Morris Minor hobby was far from my mind as the car slowed toward a KNU militia boom gate. A dodgy old barrier hinged onto the top of a battered 44-gallon drum. I smirked at its haphazard authoritarian message. The smirk quickly turned to a body clench when I saw the guns. The stop was manned by a group of teenagers wearing Nike T shirts, Adidas runners, camouflage pants, Heineken baseball caps and loaded machine guns. These guys, not the government, are the law up here.

Earlier, my business associate and I had flown from Bangkok to Mae Sot in Northern Thailand. It's a convenient Thai border town crossing into Myanmar's Myawaddy state. And now beginning our climb into the dark, brooding Dawna Range in South Eastern Myanmar was KNU checkpoint 1. Being my first journey to Hpa An in Karen State, it wasn't until my earlier approach to the Thai border bridge over the Moei river, that I felt some trepidation. Had I been too rash in placing so much trust in my Norwegian counterpart? Hpa An is a 3 hour drive into Karen state's interior. A long way if something goes wrong. What if the farmers don't like us? More realistically – what if the KNU don't like us? Exiting the Thai border control into no man's land, it was a hot crowded walk over the apex of the bridge into Myawaddy. The narrow pedestrian walkway petered into nothingness. So, we walked around cars, darting motorbikes and belching overloaded lorries, blind to what may be on their other flank. Local drivers hung out of their windows, languishing in the familiarity of this snail speed transit, and eyed my lanky, silver-haired companion with curiosity. I trundled behind him overtly calm, absorbing the humidity, cigarette smoke, exhaust and screaming 2 stroke motors, for the slightest sign of trouble. As we approached the opposite riverbank, I needn't have worried. Just another chaotic trade crossing.

Looking downstream at a peasant-piloted small barge carting way too many people from one side of the Moei to the other, I pondered whether I really needed to bother with the immigration formalities. A handsome donation to the river-man would have made a faster transition. Judging from the number of people on and queued for the barge, the pilot was no doubt richer than me. Oh well, it pays to dress the part and pay your dues to border control no doubt.

Sure ...I *had* been thinking about Katie back at home. Delightful Katie. With our kids entering their late teens, the definition of motherhood she had lived and breathed for 18 years was on the cusp. Now their daily dependencies upon her reducing, and me still embedded in our small business. Leading up to my departure I had been enjoying her foray into a new, well-deserved hobby. To

realise her long held passion for the earliest car she drove...a Morris Minor. I was delighted at her willingness to finally spend some money on herself. All the years we had gone without – she had been at the helm of “without-ness” for our benefit. Her suddenly fanatical research and scouring of the Morrie market was very bemusing. Would it be a Ute? Sedan? Panel Van? Sidewinder motor? Woody? AHA... Convertible! Colour? “Lordy” I thought as we sat on the couch ensconced in her iPad for the third evening running. “This is looking like serious Morrie business. Is she really going to do it? I mean, I have to be supportive here, but is this a little crazy?” A very practical wifey she is, but I’d not seen her lift a spanner, oil funnel, or tyre pump in our lovely 23 years together.

Contemplating such Morrie mysteries, my associate and I had navigated the lowly financed and officious border control on Myanmar side, and then waited for Joseph - our guide. Dressed in traditional longyi and business shirt, Joseph presented as a quietly spoken, well connected, intelligent young man. Typically, slim build, medium height, dark haired and kind eyes, Joseph is unimposing. But I soon discovered, that while part-time employed by my associate, he is also clearly versed in navigating the middle road between his beloved countrymen, and our ideas.

I sighed as I clambered into the back seat of Joseph’s car. The usual damn it: saggy rear end, dusty windows, air con long ago capitulated to the climate. A shining example of the gulf between Nissan’s maintenance schedule and local incomes. Joseph proudly explained this was just one of the family’s cars. Vehicle registration is so expensive in Myanmar that rego plates are shared across vehicles in the family...uncles, cousins, siblings, parents. Typically, one set of plates to six cars. A lesson in booking the car ahead of need! It was going to be a long 3-hour journey.

My meandering memories and observations jolted back to the present as Mr “Just Do It” sauntered over to Joseph’s window. Observed closely by his compatriots, of whom I estimated one-in-four were bearing arms. I decided at some point in my life I should have learnt more about firearms, so I would at least know what I was about to die from. No wonder Viking didn’t tell me these little travel interludes would be part of the adventure. Joseph calmly wound-down his window, pointed at the Norwegian and me, quietly stating whatever was required in the local lingo. Royalty. Rich. Foreigner. Who knows?

Inspection duly completed, “Nike” smiled, nodded and waved us on. The desperately slow rise of the wavering boom gate testing my nerves. Lurching the car forward, Joseph explained the local warlords know very well the importance of development to their beloved state. Locals have to pay a tithe to pass the boom gates, foreigners do not.

(To be continued)

**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.
HELD VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 14TH JANUARY 2021**

The President welcomed the members present and opened the meeting at 8.10pm.

Committee members present: President: Braidy Davies; Vice President: Stewart Carr;
Secretary: Ed James; Treasurer: Katie Hamilton; Editor: Rob Smith; Membership: Jim Gourlay;
Regalia: Alan & Liam Todd and Webmaster: John Druery.

Attendance: Approximately 22 members were present via Zoom.

Apologies: Barb Went, Graham Dines, Mike Dobson, Wayne Cunningham and Cheryl & Percy Scicluna.

Visitors and New Members: No new members or visitors.

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting held 8th October 2020 accepted on the motion of Robin and seconded by Neil Cheney.

President's Report: As per the Generator.

Secretary's Report: Various magazines, flyers and emails received. Discussed the clearing sale at Pakenham on 27th February and the Tongala Rod, Custom & Classic Car & Bike Show on 21st March.

Treasurer's Report: As per Generator Katie advised that we have a current operating balance of \$4,083.05 and with the \$8,445.60 in the term deposit account gives a combined balance of \$12,528.65. We discussed the provision of Pizzas, etc. in the park prior to our next meeting.

Membership Officer's Report: Jim advised that we have 172 financial members plus 7 Life members. We have 2 new members.

Club Captain's Report: Mike absent but refer to his report in the Generator.

Regalia Report: Nothing to report at present.

Editor's Report: Rob advised that the posted out version of the Generator was late due to the printer being on holidays. We are still looking for feedback and new ideas.

CPS Officer's Report: Wayne absent but as per the Generator we presently have 93 vehicles registered with the Club Permit Scheme.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Mike Dobson is organising the Australia Day Breakfast with details in the Generator. The event will start at 6.30am for those who want to get there early;
2. Braidy advised that for 2021 we are supposed to be organising the Day of the Morris Minor. As we have lost the Caribbean Gardens we need to find a new venue to hold the event in October or November. The venue has to have enough parking space and ideally passing traffic. Bundoora Park was suggested which Braidy will look into. Other locations such as Hastings Park, St. Kilda near the yacht club, Docklands and Pentridge were also suggested. Park Parritt thought it would be best to hold it on the north west side of Melbourne to make it easier for other clubs to get to it. Need to cater for 60 to 80 cars;

3. For our next meeting subject to the easing in meeting restrictions we plan to have in the park prior to the meeting garlic bread and pizzas. Members will be asked to RSVP so we know how many to cater for;
4. Discussed the clearing sale at Pakenham on 27th February at which a number of Morris Minors are being sold in various states of disrepair;
5. As the Queensland Morris Minor club pulled out of organising the National Rally due to COVID 19, Mark & Richard are to participate in a Zoom meeting mid February to discuss its future. Braidy is to discuss the event with Darren Goff;
6. Suggestion for a future run was a Picnic in the Park on say 21st February at the Canterbury Gardens to be organised by Jim Gourlay. Possibly make it a Teddy Bears Picnic;
7. On 21st March the rescheduled 40th Anniversary Celebration of the Ballarat Morris Minor Club is planned to be held which could be the run for that month. We are looking for more ideas for future runs;
8. For our February meeting Stewart will be discussing carburetors.

Items for Sale:

Various vehicles and items for sale. Mark discussed the Morris Minor the Mornington Men's Shed had restored and now has for sale. Please refer to the Generator for this and other items for sale.

The drawing of the raffle was held online. There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.58pm.

Ed James,
Secretary

SAD NEWS

Many Club Members who attend General Meetings will know Bev and Geoff O'Donnell who are noted for rarely missing a meeting. They are also regular tourists travelling with the Morris Minor Touring Club.

Sadly, Bev and Geoff lost their Daughter, Sharon who passed away on 17th January 2021.

On Christmas Day last, the Family enjoyed a lovely Christmas Lunch together at Sharon's home and continued with a lovely afternoon. Late that afternoon, whilst having a cup of tea together and relaxing, Sharon developed what appeared to be a migraine headache and lost her power of speech. She was quickly conveyed to hospital where, from the time of her admission to the time she passed away, her health continued to decline.

Please see the following Tribute and Death Notice taken from the Herald-Sun Date listed: 21/1/2021

O'DONNELL, Sharon Rachel - 15.02.1966 - 17.01.2021

Passed peacefully on 17 January 2021 surrounded by her loving girls, Emma and Claudia. Loved daughter of Bev and Geoff and sister of Matthew. Leader, mentor, scientist, teacher, animal lover and friend to many. She had a fun-loving personality that united her friends, and she was an inspiration to those who knew her. A private cremation service. For details of Memorial Service, please contact family or refer to the Tobin Brothers website.

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The Sincere Condolences of Members of the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria are extended to Geoff and Bev.

R.I.P. SHARON.

ME AND MY CARS

by
Chester McKaige

My first car was a blue Morris Minor 1000 registered GYO 020.

The year was 1975, and I got my driver's license in April and the car arrived in May.

It was this car that got me interested with three others in forming the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria.

With the formation of the Club and envious of Dave Warren's collection, I bought a Series II convertible and later did a deal with Geoff Shepherd of a Series II van (Geoff was the first Club President) and fitted with 1000 running gear. It was painted red, then orange getting the nickname of the "Rolling Jaffa". Ross Carr wanted to try his hand at spray painting, so we painted it blue. I bought a Champagne Ivory coloured Series II Morris for my then girlfriend. The first Secretary of the Club, Joy Williamson, had owned this car prior to me.

Another 1000 sedan followed and then a 1000 utility fitted with a tray and Datsun 1200 running gear painted bright yellow.

In between Morris Minors, I also had an MG Magnette that belonged to the father of the Club treasurer at the time, David Floyd.

I swapped this car for the van that Geoff Shepherd owned at the time. He also had a lovely grey coloured Lo-Light.

I had been brought up in the world of veteran and vintage cars from an early age and it got to the stage of hankering for something of the 1920s rather than the 1950s that I could restore and rally.

This took the form of a 1929 Austin Seven Chummy that had survived the Mt. Macedon bushfires in 1983. It required a total restoration including a new body. The fire had demolished its shed and burnt the tyres off the rear wheels. The rest of the car, (body recently removed from the car) and spares were just melted metal.

By this stage, I was married, and had as everyday cars a couple of Toyota Corona's for myself, and wife Sally.

The Austin Seven was sold after restoration and I bought an ex Californian Austin Healey 100/6 BN6 that required a lot of TLC.

I took it on the 1980 Bay to Birdwood Rally in South Australia where I got interested in Austin 20s, a bigger version of the Austin Seven and Austin Twelve.

I ended up with two Austin 20s that eventually went to England and New Zealand after the buyer told me he was going to finish off the restoration of both cars. The one that went to England appeared in "The Automobile" magazine, the picture of it recognisable by my garage door in the background! The chap who bought it visited us later that year and I managed to find him some parts which I had forgotten about which he took back to England.

The next purchase was a green TC MG of 1949. I had it for five or six years and have since regretted selling it. Whilst I still had the Healey and Austin 20, we went to live in the U.K. for two years and it was there that I was able to buy parts for both cars many of which weren't available in Australia. For example, trying to find a radiator script badge was virtually impossible to find. At my first swap meet in the UK, there were five to choose from!

On our return, I was given the opportunity to restore my father's 1911 Mors that had been off the road since 1923. At that stage I was working for Penrite Oil and the engine was restored in their workshop. Much later, the Mors was sold to be replaced by an Alvis saloon.

I had always had an interest in Alvis cars, particularly the vintage 12/50 Ducksback model and after joining the club, I purchased a "kit of parts" from Medlow Bath in N.S.W. A friend of mine had kept one in his mother's garage, and so I moved it to mine and decided I would copy it. Next thing, I began to use it on rallies, and twelve months later sold my bits and bought the car from my friend Darryl.

My father still had his first car that his father had bought him for his eighteenth birthday. It was a 1925 3 litre Bentley. Back in the 40s, these cars were worn out and very cheap, similar to Morris Minors fifty years ago. One day, he said to me, "you had better take the Bentley and get it finished", he had done quite a bit in terms of restoration work, but ill health had seen things come to a halt. It was completed just in time to participate in the Diver's Parade at the Grand Prix of that year carrying Ruben Barrichello.

Unfortunately, my father died just after I had it back on the road, so missed out enjoying it once more. My Godfather had built a Minor 1000 fitted with a Coventry Climax engine and MG gearbox back in 1960, that suffered from heating issues and was hardly used. When he died, I went shares with Thorpe Remfrey and we soon had the car up and running reliably thanks to the fitting of a thermatic fan.

So we had the Alvis and Bentley and shared a Morris Minor and at this stage I was a very active member of the Alvis Club of Victoria. So much so, I bought the second Alvis, a Speed 25 Saloon from NSW. as I decided we needed a saloon car as the others were open and a saloon would be good for our old age! Anyway, that was the excuse.

The hankering for another veteran was still there particularly a one-or-two-cylinder car and I managed to buy a 1905 single cylinder Darracq (as per the film Genevieve) from south Australia. This little car is an absolute joy to drive, ideal on flat Tasmanian roads.

One manufacturer that always interested me was Delage and after being invited to attend various Delage Club activities and Sally and I both becoming Newsletter Editors, I eventually managed to purchase a 1927 DM Delage in chassis form whereupon I designed and had built a body that won its Class at Motorclassica in 2017. Its interesting to compare both Delage and Bentley in terms of engineering, the French very much ahead of the Poms during the 20s.

Prior to the arrival of the Delage, I purchased in Birrugurra Victoria a 1907 six cylinder Napier, a very rare car that had had a very hard life after its chauffeuring days as a limousine had ended. I'm still working on this car now.

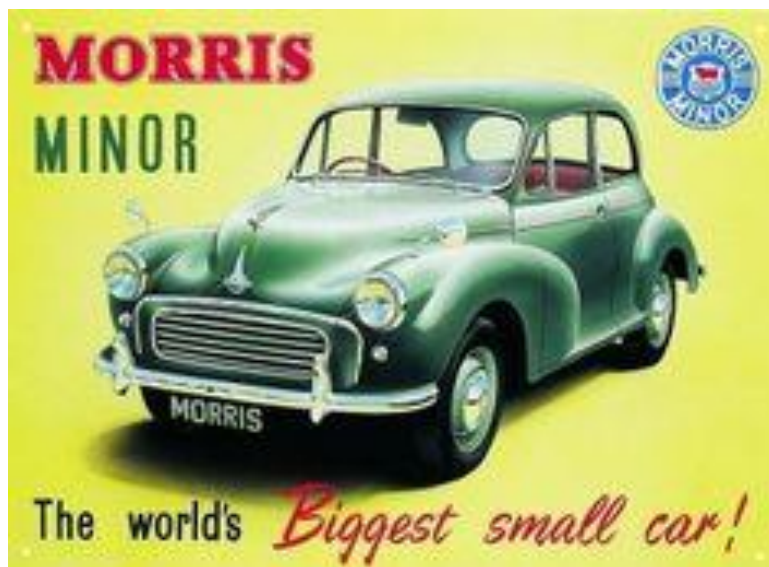
We moved to Tasmania six years ago to escape Melbourne congestion and bought a property about 14 kms out from Launceston where I was able to build a large garage and workshop. I joined the MG Car Club and subsequently ended up with an MGA, a car that gives me immense pleasure.

A neighbour of our son was learning to drive, so I bought an ex Victorian Minor 1000 for him to learn how to drive a car with a manual gearbox. He has subsequently bought his own car and I now have this car sitting in the garage.

So, having started my motoring life with Morris Minors, we have gone a full circle. These simple and beautifully designed cars have given me so much pleasure and have taught me so much about mechanics and mechanical engineering.

The 500 Australian Special, the Douglas motorcycle and the traction engine, I will leave for another day.

Cheers,
Chester McKaige



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FOR Sale

Custom Number Plates

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Hello,

I have for sale, a pair of custom Victorian Number Plates which have never been used. See Photo.
Priced at \$150.

Kind regards,
Sandie Czarka.

Contact Sandie on
Mob. 0427 349 032 or
Email sczarka@gmail.com



FOR SALE

2

Restored 1959 Four Door Morris Minor Sedan - \$12,000



The restoration of this Morris Minor was carried out by members of the Mornington Men`s Shed. Many of the team had previous experience in restoring cars, including Morris Minors. The car was donated to the Men`s Shed by Len Cook of Ballarat Morris Minor Club. Members of the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria also contributed by donating some parts. Some of the money raised by the sale of the car will go back to the Men`s Shed to cover the cost of restoration. The balance will be used to improve men`s health services.

The Morris Minor has had a full restoration. Complete repaint (inside, outside, and underneath), new interior (seats, door panel covers and new carpets), all new radial tyres including the spare, (the wheels were completely stripped of paint and repainted), new hub caps, rebuilt engine, new radiator, reconditioned shock absorbers, all suspension rubbers replaced, 80% of the chrome work is new. Fully restored wiring harness with extra cables fitted for the flashing turn signal lights, (the semaphore pop-out signal arms also work), and front retractable seat belts have been fitted.

The Morris Minor will be sold with a VicRoads Roadworthy Certificate.

For any further information and additional photos please contact Mark Parritt on 0403 104 021 or email markparritt@gmail.com

