



# The Generator

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Restoration in progress – Stewart Carr's Morry  
Thank you to Rob Smith for the image.

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Club meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Meeting to commence at 8:00 pm. Our President, Stewart Carr will send a Zoom link a few days prior to the meeting for those unable to or not wishing to attend in person.**

**at the Horrie Watson Pavilion Deepdene Park, Whitehorse Road, Deepdene. 3103**

**(Melways Map 46 Ref. A8)**

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# CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

## Notice to all Club Permit Holders.

For new applications and renewals please scan / email or mail your forms to:

Geoffrey Shepherd

Email: [cpsregistrar@morrisminor.vic.org.au](mailto:cpsregistrar@morrisminor.vic.org.au) and [morrisminorclubplates@gmail.com](mailto:morrisminorclubplates@gmail.com)

Mail: PO Box 1112 South Melbourne 3205

Phone: 0419 137 711

### FOR QUICK TURNAROUND OF APPLICATIONS AND RENEWALS

#### PLEASE EMAIL AND SCAN DOCUMENTS WHERE POSSIBLE

It is the Club Member's responsibility to send renewals and applications in a timely manner.

#### New Permits (Morris Minor and non-Morris Minor Vehicles)

You must be either a life member or financial (paid up) member for a period of 6 months + before you can apply for a new permit. An application fee of \$20 is required. Payment can be made via cash or cheque made out to the MMCCV to the MMCCV Secretary or a Committee member at MMCCV monthly meetings.

When applying for a permit for a:

**Morris Minor:** Email or mail a copy of the vehicles current RWC, proof of ownership and the following **(2) VicRoads forms** 1. Club Permit Application form. 2. Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration for Club Permit Scheme Vehicle form.

**Non-Morris Minor:** Applications must be accompanied by all the above plus proof of current registration of a Morris Minor vehicle held in the name of the applicant.

**All Morris Minor and Non-Morris Minor applications must include (6) recent photos showing images of:** 1. Vehicle front. 2. Vehicle rear. 3. Vehicle driver's side. 4. Vehicle driving position (side on with driver's door open). 5. Chassis number or ID plate. 6. Vehicle engine bay. All mailed photos should be signed and dated on back. Electronic photos are authenticated by email date.

You **must** notify the CPS Officer (Geoff Shepherd) of your red plate permit number within 48 hours of VicRoads issue via email [cpsregistrar@morrisminor.vic.org.au](mailto:cpsregistrar@morrisminor.vic.org.au) and [morrisminorclubplates@gmail.com](mailto:morrisminorclubplates@gmail.com) or phone 0419 137 711. Failure to notify the CPS Officer of your club permit number can have serious consequences for the Club and may cause the Club's permit scheme to be suspended by VicRoads for failure to keep up to date records.

**Renewals:** Do not forget to sign your renewal application. If your application is not signed it will be returned to you. No photos are required for renewal applications.

Please email or, if mailing, send a stamped self-addressed envelope with VicRoads forms. It is your responsibility to renew on time. No renewal reminders will be issued to permit holders.

#### Rules Regarding Club CPS Responsibilities

A vehicle is not eligible for a Club Permit if any of the following conditions exist:

The member has ceased to be financial.

The vehicle is being used for commercial gain.


The vehicle is unroadworthy.

The vehicle is sold with logbook and plates.

The vehicle is sold to a friend so that a new logbook might be obtained.

Further information on the Club Permit Scheme (CPS) can be found on the VicRoads website.





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## 2022 Presidents Annual Report:



Last year's AGM was held in June by Zoom how things have changed! We gained Alan and Liam Todd as the new regalia officers otherwise no changes in the committee.

The June run was a really lovely one through Altona foreshore to the B52 Liberator in Werribee. The weather was pleasant, and it was truly exciting to be in a Morry convoy again after so long.

The July run was to be the Christmas in July but that got Covided and was changed so many times we gave up. We did manage a meeting in person in July with masks, QR codes and social distancing.

In August we were in lockdown again so no run and a Zoom meeting. A minor miracle did occur this month with the appearance of a Barb Went who volunteered to become the next Editor of the Generator. This month's Generator was a combined effort from both her and Rob Smith. Thanks to Rob for all his work.

September had Alan working on a new image of the Morris Minor which I liked so much I proposed it to be the new emblem of the club. This was discussed on zoom and created a bit of controversy but the people rejected the new emblem resoundingly and so it is to be used on regalia as people choose. Thanks to everyone for participating in the democratic process.

The October Generator is now fully produced by Barb who started the role by sorting out some of the advertising. She visited Thorpe to get him on board again which was lovely. Another Zoom meeting.

The annual Cup Day run at Henry and Marlene Edwards was cancelled but a small group has a run through Bacchus Marsh. When restrictions were lifted the MMCCV did the ground running with a picnic run on a Tuesday to Panton Hill. Thanks to Mike and Veronica Dobson for being so flexible and to everyone who turned up – it was great. The easing of the restrictions also meant the Day of the Morris Minor at the La Trobe University market could go ahead. Considering the circumstances, a 40 Morry turn up was a pretty good effort. I thought the venue was excellent and hope we continue there next time. Thanks to all the volunteers – it was hard to get them to take breaks as they were enjoying themselves so much. The new regalia was made available and looked great.

Christmas dinner was at the Veneto Club and that was dramatic with the power being out when we arrived due to the storms, however the club managed to get power back reasonably quickly and food was soon coming out. No entertainment was organised as everyone was too busy talking and catching up.

January was our first in person meeting at the Horrie Watson Pavilion as we celebrated in style with a sausage sizzle. Thanks to Marcus for the salads and to Mike for the BBQ and cooking. The January run was the annual Westerforlds Park with Mike Dobson getting up at the crack of dawn to preserve our place. It was also when Barb really started to show her colours as the Editor with a new banner for the Generator – I like it!

February, we had a real treat with a Mystery run ending up at the Pantom Hill pub. Much thanks to Trevor Sarbach for organising this and here's hoping he will do another. Congratulation to Mike Dobson and his navigator Veronica on winning. There was also a small impromptu run on a Monday attended by three Morries and three moderns. Impromptu runs are easy to do just get the editor to send out an email a few days before with the details.

March run was to the Upper Yarra Museum in Yarra Junction after a fantastic tour through the hills. Very well attended and a great little museum. Thanks to Jim Gourlay for the day.

April, we has our second Teddy bears Picnic which is a city run though Balwyn and the Kew Boulevard to Canterbury Gardens. The highlight must of surely been the 1 week old grandson of Geoff and Cheryl Nougher who look absolutely stunning amongst the teddy bears. The April meeting had a presentation by Mark Parritt and Richard McKellar on the National Rally which sounds unmissable – I know I won't!

At the end of April was the Florence Thompson Tour around Bendigo where we had five cars representing our club with their female drivers. A great effort.

This AGM there is a bit of change occurring on the committee with Wayne Cunningham being replaced by Geoff Shephard as the Club plate officer and several positions being unfilled including the President.

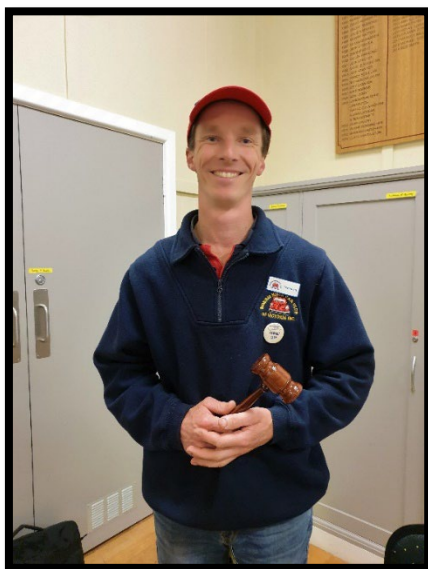
I have been privileged to be your president for the past 5 years through some pretty tough times for us all and I feel I am leaving the club in pretty good shape. I hope the next president has as much fun as I have had. Thank you to my lovely committee who helped make me look after all of you.

Keep on Morrying

Braidy Davies

Ex Presidente

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT JUNE 2022:**



What a busy start to my term as president it has been.

The first thing I would like to do is acknowledge the passing of one of our members. Late last month Marlene Edwards lost her battle with cancer. Marlene will be greatly missed from the club. She was a friendly face and had a warm, welcoming personality. Everyone enjoyed Marlene's baking for the monthly meeting raffle, and she always put on a great spread at the many Melbourne Cup Day lunches at the Edwards home. We send our condolences and heart felt thoughts to Henry and his family at this time.

With the change of committee members, I would like to thank the outgoing President Braidy Davies for her many years of service to the club on the committee. Braidy was President for 5 years and did such a fantastic job of keeping the club active during the Covid pandemic.

I would also like to thank Wayne Cunningham for the many decades of service to the committee. Wayne has most recently been the Club Permit Officer, is a past President and has always been willing to lend a hand when needed.

Thanks for all your efforts.

I would like to thank those that have chosen to stay on the committee for another term in 2022/2023. I look forward to working with all the committee in the coming year.

We welcome a new face to the committee as the Club Permit Officer. Thanks to Geoff Shepherd for taking on the position. This year we will see some changes on how we submit our club permit form as VicRoads move towards a more digital format.

We have some interesting runs coming up over the next few months including a run to Williamstown, Altona & Point Cook RAAF Base to see the newly opened museum on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.

The Christmas in July event is on the 17<sup>th</sup> of July at Tabcorp Park in Melton. It's a great catch up with other Morris Minor clubs attending. Please advise Wayne Cunningham if you wish to attend.

And finally, one more thing before I go. I thought I would just put in a little reminder about brake fluid. I was working on the vehicle last week and found the wheel cylinder badly leaking due to contaminated brake fluid (picture below). Brake fluid should be changed every 2 years.

Looking forward to seeing you all out and about.

Keep on Morrying,

Stewart Carr







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Want to buy some gear? Contact Alan Todd

Mobile 0419 505 200 or email

[regalia@morrisminorvic.org.au](mailto:regalia@morrisminorvic.org.au)



This month we are featuring our Club Slickers. It is that time of year when we are likely to need one of these!!!



They are \$25.00 each and come in red, blue and black. If you'd like one, you can get one from one of our Regalia Officers, Alan or Liam Tood. They can be purchased at our Club Meeting or by texting Alan on 0419 505 200





# TREASURER'S REPORT



## MMCCV Treasurer's Report April 2022



1/04/2022 - 30/04/2022

### MMCCV Cheque A/C

	C/M	YTD
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Club Raffle	\$ -	\$0.00
Events	\$ -	\$0.00
Membership 22/23	\$ 1,485.00	\$1,485.00
Membership 23/24	\$ -	\$0.00
CPS / AOMC Book Sales	\$ 20.00	\$20.00
Regalia Sales	\$ 210.00	\$210.00
Badges	\$ -	\$0.00
Donation	\$ 100.00	\$100.00
Rally Badges/Merch	\$ -	\$0.00
Auction	\$ -	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 1,795.00</b>	<b>\$1,795.00</b>

### Expenditure

"Generator" costs	\$ 33.46	\$33.46
Regalia	\$ 351.00	\$351.00
Postage	\$ -	\$0.00
Badges	\$ 13.75	\$13.75
Suppers	\$ 37.60	\$37.60
AOMC Handbooks	\$ -	\$0.00
Trophies	\$ -	\$0.00
Auditor Fee	\$ -	\$0.00
Stationary	\$ -	\$0.00
Refunds	\$ -	\$0.00
BMC Experience subs	\$ -	\$0.00
CAV annual fee	\$ -	\$0.00
Rent	\$ -	\$0.00
AOMC	\$ -	\$0.00
Events	\$ -	\$0.00
Computer software	\$ -	\$0.00
Bank reversal	\$ -	\$0.00
Web site hosting	\$ 8.67	\$8.67
Insurance	\$ -	\$0.00
Presentations/Prizes	\$ -	\$0.00
PO Box Rental	\$ -	\$0.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$0.00
Donations	\$ -	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 444.48</b>	<b>\$444.48</b>

**Net Income/Deficit**      **\$1,350.52    \$1,350.52**

### Unpresented Cheques

Nil

### MMCCV Cheque A/C

Balance as at 31/03/2022	\$5,862.64
Net Income/Deficit	\$1,350.52
<b>Balance as at 30/04/2022</b>	<b>\$7,213.16</b>

### MMCCV Term Deposit A/C

Balance as at 31/03/2022	\$8,497.26
Interest	\$0.00
<b>Balance as at 30/04/2022</b>	<b>\$8,497.26</b>

### MMCCV ACCOUNTS

Cheque Account	\$7,213.16
Term Deposit	\$8,497.26
<b>Balance as at 30/04/2022</b>	<b>\$15,710.42</b>

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT JUNE 2022:

Membership statistics are as follows:

147 Financial Members plus 7 Life members.

101 Cars are registered on the Club Permit Scheme across 78 memberships.

### New Member

We welcome **Ian Williams** # 1810, who has a 1957 Patonga Ivory 4 door sedan which is yet to be registered.

Ian is an English Car enthusiast. His earliest memories are of his Mum & Dad driving with 2 children in the back of the family Morry. The fog was often so bad between Geeloig & Ballarat that his mother had to walk in front of the car to see where they were going!! His Morry, was recently purchased at an online Auction.

He bought it without an inspection of the vehicle and did express some concern that the engine might be missing- apparently not! Thank goodness!! We look forward to seeing Ian and his new Morry on one of our club runs.



### Club Name Badges:

These are available for \$15 per person, contact me to order a badge. Come to a meeting wearing your badge and be in the running to choose a prize from the raffle table.

### Feel Better & Get well Soon

To any member of the Club who is unwell or recuperating, we hope you are back with us soon.

Jim Gourlay - Membership Officer



### June Birthday Bunch

Pam Wood	Peter Jackson	Richard McKellar	Craig Warner
Ian Hamilton	Laura Jennings	Hendrika West	Brain Glass
Denise George	Geoffrey Nougher	John Archard	Norman Barrow
Lesley Dines	Kim McKellar	David St George	Paul Bridgeford
Douglas Gower	Jeanette Sherwin	John Irving	Trudi Waltraud

## GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.

HELD AT THE HORRIE WATSON HALL, DEEPPDENE AND ALSO VIA ZOOM ON  
THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

The President welcomed the members present and online and opened the meeting at 8.06pm.

**Committee Members Present:** President: Braidy Davies; Vice President: Stewart Carr;  
Secretary: Ed James; Editor: Barb Went; Membership: Jim Gourlay; Regalia: Alan & Liam Todd;  
CPS Officer (elect): Geoff Shepherd and Webmaster: John Druery.

**Attendance:** Approximately 26 members were present together with 3 members via Zoom.

**Apologies:** Wayne Cunningham, Lyn Waite, Katie Hamilton, Catriona Bruce, Trevor Dangerfield,  
Liam Todd, Cheryl Scicluna, Mike Dobson, Henry Edwards, Phil Plumbe and Sue Cheney.

**Visitors and New Members:** No new members or visitors present.

#### Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 accepted on the motion of Ross Carr and seconded by Ian Kuhne.

**President's Report:** As per the Generator.

**Secretary's Report:** Various items of information have been received by email and forwarded to appropriate office bearers. An invitation to our Mid-Winter luncheon has been sent to the Bendigo Morris Club in addition to those already sent to the Ballarat, Geelong and Central Victorian Morris Minor Clubs. So far replies have been received from the Ballarat and Geelong clubs advising that they will be attending. Advice received of the Cavalcade of Transport event to be held at Trentham Historic Railway Station on 15<sup>th</sup> May, the Tongala Car & Bike Show to be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mallee Bull Show and Shine to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> September at Birchip, and the Geelong Revival Motoring Festival to be held November 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>. An enquiry was received from someone after a right hand locking handle for a 1959 Morris Minor van. An enquiry was also received asking if any of our members were interested in completing the restoration of a Morris Minor convertible. This restoration request is to be put in the Generator. Enquiries have been received about the sale of Morris Minors and/or parts, etc.



**Treasurer's Report:** Katie absent but Stewart advised that we have a current operating balance of \$6,830.47. With our term deposit of \$8,497.26 we have a combined balance of our accounts of \$15,327.73.

**Membership Officer's Report:** As per the Generator. Jim advised that we currently have 180 members and 7 Life members. Approximately 45 membership renewals still have not been paid. We have one new member just signed up. Details will be in the next Generator.

**Club Captain's Report:** Nil as we no longer have a Club Captain. Jim advised that next run is being organised by Stewart for 22<sup>nd</sup> May. Stewart advised we will meet at the outward bound BP at Officer then onto his place as per previous years. Jim advised that Ed and Tim are organising a run around Williamstown and then hopefully to the RAAF Point Cook Museum on 26<sup>th</sup> June followed by lunch at the Altona RSL. If the Museum has not reopened by then we will look at another venue. Braidy is organising a run on 14<sup>th</sup> August and we are looking at a tour of the McClelland Sculptor Park say in the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in September. The Morrykana will be held at Roxburgh College on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. In July the Mid-Winter lunch is being held at the Melton Harness Racing track. We are still looking for someone to undertake the role of Club Captain.

**CPS Officer's Report:** Wayne absent but as per the Generator we presently have 101 cars on club plates, 16 of these are non-Morries all registered to 78 members. We have so far this year 4 additional cars on red plates. The CPS records will soon be transferred from Wayne Cunningham to Geoff Shepherd. CPS renewals can now be paid to VicRoads completely online.

Wayne had forwarded a message thanking everyone who had helped him in his role in the past and to 'Keep on Morrying'.

**Regalia Officers:** Alan advised that he has ongoing orders for most regalia items so they can be ordered at any time. Bucket hats have been ordered and will be available in the next 2 months. Plenty of waterproof jackets are available for \$25 each.

**Editor's Report:** Barb thanked everyone who has made a contribution of articles to the Generator. She has had positive feedback on the new look of the Generator.

#### **GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Our new CPS Officer Geoff Shepherd will be elected at tonight's Annual General Meeting;
2. We still have vacancies on the Committee for a Vice Captain, Club Captain and Webmaster. John Druery gave a rundown of the role of the Webmaster. Braidy advised that the club would cover the cost of any software required to undertake this role;
3. Mark Parritt gave a report on plans for the National Rally. Members are to let him know if they are interested in attending. Contact details are on our website.

#### **Items for Sale / Tips & Hints:**

Please see Generator for items and vehicles for sale.

Alan Todd discussed fuel tanks for Morris Minors and had a number of tanks to display including one which was severely corroded. It was found that tank sizes varied from 5 gallons, 6½ gallons (in 1000's) and 9½ gallons. Percy advised that he had put a Ford Escort fuel tank in his Morris Minor ute.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.48pm followed by the Annual General Meeting and then the drawing of the raffle.

Ed James  
Secretary

## **CLUB RUNS:**

### **JUNE RUN:**

For the June run we were planning to go to the RAAF Point Cook Museum but it is not reopening until late 2022. Tim suggested that we go to the Werribee Mansion but we will need to finalise this. I know we have been there before and it is quite a good place to visit.

One way or the other the run will go ahead on 26<sup>th</sup> June and we just need to choose where we will drive to. What I do know is that we will meet prior to the run at the Altona McDonalds situated at the corner of Blackshaws and Millers Roads in Altona North (Melway Map 55 B1) between 9.30 and 10.00am.

We will then go for a drive through Williamstown then onto our chosen location to visit. Following this we will go for lunch at the Altona RSL.

### **CHRISTMAS IN JULY RUN:**

Christmas in July will be held on the 17 July as TABCORP PARK TROTTER TRACK, 2 Ferris Road, Melton 3337. (MELWAYS MAP REFERENCE 337 E12)

Please meet at the B.P. Service Station on the Western Hingway, Rockbank at 11.00 am for an 11.30 am departure. You will be met by the smiley face of Graham Dines who will lead the convoy. If you prefer you can go straight to the venue. I will be waiting at Tabcorp to welcome you.

Lunch is off the menu so you can spend as much as you like.

ALL BOOKINGS ARE TO BE MADE BY THE JULY MEETING ON THURSDAY JULY 14<sup>th</sup> ONLY WITH Wayne Cunningham via email: [waynelyn5@bigpond.com](mailto:waynelyn5@bigpond.com) or mobile 0407 994 642.







HAPPY MORRYING

WAYNE CUNNINGHAM



Another picture from the May MMCCV Run to Buln Buln – thanks again to Rob Smith for the pictures

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Date:	Event:	Details:
26 <sup>th</sup> June 2022	Tour to the West – taking in Williamstown and Altona. The location we will drive to is not yet decided. We plan to end up at the Altona RSL for lunch. 	Tim Lengyel will lead the run ably assisted by Ed James Meet at the Altona McDonalds situated at the cny of Blackshaws & Millers Road, Altona North between 9.30 am & 10.00 am Contact Tim Lengyel for further details ph 0449 578 355
17 <sup>th</sup> July 2022	Christmas in July Tabcorp Park 2 Ferris Rd, Melton VIC 3337 <b>Final Numbers Required by 14 July 2022</b> 	Contact Wayne Cunningham for further details ph 0407 994 642
14 <sup>th</sup> August 2022	Braidy's Mystery Run 	Contact Braidy Davies for further details Phone 0403 963 379
September 2022	McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery Run 	Contact Mark Parritt for further details Phone 0403 194 021
October 2022	Morrykhana 	Stewart Carr is co-ordinating this event
31 March – 3 April 2023	Morris Minor National Rally 	Adelaide, South Australia – more details in this copy of the Generator.



## Run Report

### Buln Buln East Run

We started the day being bound by fog and very cold weather. Dad and I got up early and prepared for the car club to arrive. We placed my metallic pink 4 door sedan out the front and warmed up the MG Midget as this was our chosen vehicle to meet the other members at Officer. Upon arrival we were greeted by many happy faces all standing in the car park. There were other car clubs there including the R & S Chrysler Valiant Car Club of Victoria. Most people made it by 10:30 but there were a few stragglers and we waited for them to arrive after some unintended sightseeing.

After a quick briefing, we were on our way. We made our way up the M1 to Pakenham then meandered our way to Nar Nar Goon via Bald Hill Road. Driving up the old Princes Hwy to Robin Hood, we then turned onto Old Sale Rd and were glad to see the heavy fog had lifted and the sun was beaming in all directions. It was still too cold to put the roof down on the MG Midget but we arrived at my place and the members and had a quick tour of the workshop. The 1970 Traveller was of great interest before a beautiful BBQ lunch. After lunch we walked down to another shed and looked at some more Morris Minors (my wife says I have too many).

It was great to see some members making a weekend of it and staying in Warragul to enjoy all that West Gippsland has to offer.

Later in the afternoon just as some members were starting to leave, we had a small incident requiring an ambulance, but all ended ok. The ambulance was very exciting for William as he got to sit in the driver's seat.

Thanks to all that came and enjoyed a lovely day and drive in the sun.

Members who attended were Ross & Ann Carr, Alan Todd, Phil Plumbe & Liz Sambell, Rob Smith, Kate Hutson, Ron Roney, Rosalee & Graham Harper, Geoff & Cheryl Nougher, Jim and Helen Gourlay, Stewart, Steph & William Carr.

By Stewart Carr





## At Last Month's Meeting:

This is a section where we talk about things that happen at our club meetings. There's always something interesting to talk about.

We celebrated the commitment and achievements of members who have gone above and beyond to support the club and its members in many ways.

**Neil Cheney** – Neil has been in the MMCCV since 2007. Was the treasurer between 2013 – 2019. He has organised runs, given talks (who could forget 9 million tyres!) but one of his best accomplishment remains behind the scenes keeping the Tax man away from the MMCCV



**Barbara Urquhart** - Barbara has been a member since 2000 became membership secretary in 2005 – 2017, a role she made her own. Her skills at making people welcome no matter who they were is the stuff of legends and has created a great standard for the club to aim for.

**John Druery** - John has been a member since 1990 became vice President in 2001 and President in 2002 to 2005 when he then became the treasurer from 2006-12. He has been the Touring Club contact and National Rally delegate. But again, one his best achievement has been behind the scenes keeping the web page up to date and the data base working – a definite over achiever



**Wayne Cunningham** – Wayne has dedicated many decades of service to the committee. He has most recently been a diligent and committed Club Permit Officer. He is also a past President and has always been willing to lend a hand when needed.



**Club person of the year for 2020 is Rob Smith** for the second year in a row. This is not just for his work as the Editor but for his attendance at most runs and his presentation on gear boxes at one of our meetings.



### **National Rally:**

Mark Parritt spoke about the progress of planning for the National Rally in 2023.

Accommodation is already tight and already many places are booked out. Further advice will be available as it comes to hand. There is a rough plan to take 2 days to drive to Adelaide stopping overnight in Nhill and the driving on to Adelaide the next day.

### **Petrol Tanks:**

One of our Regalia officers, Alan Todd, brought along 2 petrol tanks to demonstrate why there are issues with getting fuel to the engine. It provided a real level of interest with those in attendance. Everyone crowded around the really rusty one to look at the internal condition of the tank. It was surprising, despite its external appearance, how clean the floor of the tank looked.



### **Editor's Note:**

It has been another huge month at the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria with the Annual General Meeting and another fabulous Run. Thank you to all who contribute, your interest is appreciated.

Barb Went, Editor



## Morris Minor Tales:

This section of The Generator is for all members who wish to submit stories, pictures and items of interest to our members.

### Did you know our founding member Dr David Warren (Member #1) invented the Black box still used today?

Thank you to Catriona Bruce, who provided this article. It has been condensed to fit in the Generator.

On Friday 19 October, 1934, the passenger plane Miss Hobart fell from the sky to the sea. The plane's wreckage was never found. One of those on board was a 33-year-old Anglican missionary, Rev Hubert Warren, who had been travelling to his new parish in Enfield, Sydney. His wife Ellie and four children had stayed behind, intending to follow by boat. The reverend's last present to his eight-year-old son, David, had been a crystal radio set that the boy treasured deeply.

David Warren graduated with a science degree from the University of Sydney, a diploma in education from Melbourne University and a PhD in chemistry from Imperial College, London. He worked as a researcher for the Aeronautical Research Laboratories (ARL), a part of Australia's Defence Department. In 1953, the department loaned him to an expert panel trying to solve the cause of the British de Havilland Comet, the world's first commercial jet airliner which kept crashing? 'I found myself dreaming of something I'd seen the week before at Sydney's first post-war trade fair'. That was, what claimed to be the first pocket recorder, the Miniphon. When one of his fellow scientists suggested the latest doomed Comet might have been hijacked, something clicked for him. The chances that a recorder had been on board and survived were basically nil. But what if every plane in the sky had a mini recorder in the cockpit? At the very least, they'd know what the pilots had said and heard. The idea fascinated him. Back at ARL, he rushed to tell his boss about it. Alas, his superior didn't share his enthusiasm. David knew his idea for a cockpit recorder was a good one. He couldn't get it out of his mind. Dr Warren took to his garage and assembled his 20-year-old radio parts. He'd decided the only way to overcome his critics' lack of enthusiasm was to build a solid prototype.

One day in 1958, when the little flight recorder had been finished, the lab received an unusual visitor. Dr Coombes, the chief superintendent, was showing round a friend from England. "Dave!" he said, "Tell him what you're doing!" Dr Warren explained: his world-first prototype which used steel wire to store four hours of pilot voices plus instrument readings and automatically erased older records, so it was reusable. The visitor from England arranged for Dr Warren to go to England to present his invention. He presented "the ARL Flight Memory Unit" to the Royal Aeronautical Establishment and some commercial instrument-makers. They loved it. The British civil aviation authority started work to make the device mandatory in civil aircraft. Though the device started to be called "the black box", they are actually orange so they'd be easier to find after a crash. In 1960, Australia became the first country to make cockpit voice recorders mandatory. Today, black boxes are fire-proof, ocean-proof, encased in steel and are compulsory on every commercial flight.



David Warren worked at ARL until his retirement in 1983, becoming its principal research scientist. He died on 19 July, 2010, at the age of 85.

We found this interesting article about one of our members, Kate Hutson in a copy of Minor Monthly, a no longer published magazine and thought it would be nice to hear the story of Kate and her Blue Convertible Morry "Joyful"

# Convertible Goes to the other side of the World



*"When he asked me to marry him I said you know what the deal is? I bring the Morris with me."*

Despite Kate Hutson moved half way round the world to her new home, her car was coming with her. The 1959 Convertible had been in her family since new. Kate's grandmother first bought it in Deluxe mode (leather inserts in front seats, manual reverse light, heater and wiper washer) with a smoke grey paintjob.

When the grandmother had finished using it, the Convertible was put aside for inheritance reasons. It wouldn't have been sold, probably on account of Kate's father being mad about Minors. He's only had two cars since learning to drive; both Morris Minor Convertibles.

"I inherited it by default," says Kate, "because I'm the eldest and the first one to pass their driving test got the car. I started messing around with it and doing it up when I was in England. It had been sitting in a shed for a while."

Between the age of seventeen and twenty five, Kate drove the car and looked after it. On her eighteenth birthday her main present was a set of Michelin tyres for the Convertible!

"I've constantly maintained and repaired it. Even after an accident when I first had it and a motorcycle ran into me."

When Kate tied the knot in July 1987, she not only had to pack all her belongings to move down under, but also her Convertible.

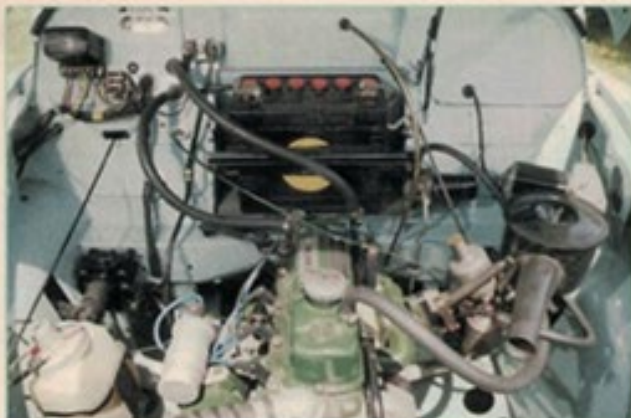
"They drove it onto a pallet, built

Left: Kate Hutson  
and her 1959  
Convertible

When British born Kate Hutson got married and moved to Australia in 1987, she had to take her Morris Minor 1000 Convertible with her. Rob Hawkins finds out how it got half way round the world to its new home







Top Left: 948cc motor needed reviving after 230,000 miles!

Left: GB plates are still in place despite the car's new home in Australia



a timber frame around the car, put it into a container and all the boxes and my personal effects were stacked around it. We filled the container. I think that was the most expensive way of getting it here. There were other options like tying it to the boat."

It took six weeks for the container to arrive in Australia.

"Unfortunately it got damaged," says Kate. "I think with the rocking of the boat, the timber rubbed against the car through to bare metal."

Kate reckons there are only thirty six genuine 1000 Convertibles down under, so the import of her car has added to this rare breed.

Over the years the Convertible has seen some mileage. At 230,000 the 948cc motor was changed and is now some 37,000 miles old.

"It's got telescopic shockers at the back because I found the lever arms ▶

### Tech Spec

Make and model:	Morris Minor 1000 Convertible Deluxe
Year of manufacture:	1959
Engine:	948cc
Gearbox:	Standard four speed
Suspension:	Standard with telescopic shock absorbers at the rear
Brakes:	Drums all round
Body Colour:	Smoke grey

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## Identifying your car – Part 2

Thank you to Mark Bosley for this item

### Side Lights:

September '50 >  August '61		 L489
August '61 >  October '63		 L488
October '63 >  April '71		 L632

### Head Lamps:

September '48 >  September '50		Small 5" 'low-light' headlamp units with integral 'pilot lamp'
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September '50 >  December '52		Larger 7" wing-mounted headlamp  units Split-type securing ring (screw  at bottom)
December '52 >  April '71		One piece securing ring.  Sealed beam units fitted from September 1966

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**Do you now any reliable Morry mechanics and/or those experienced with completing Road Worthy's for vintage vehicles?**



We are looking for your suggestions. Can you recommend any mechanics who are competent, reliable and affordable for repairing Morry's and anyone experienced with providing Road Worthy's for vintage vehicles ? If you do we'd love the hear about it. Please let the Editor know ([editor@morrismminorvic.org.au](mailto:editor@morrismminorvic.org.au)) and we can list them on the MMCCV website (with the disclaimer that we do not formally endorse them of course)

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### **Trading Places – June 2022**

email [editor@morrismminorvic.org.au](mailto:editor@morrismminorvic.org.au)

or

Contact: Barb Went 0409 002 531

#### **1954 Series II Morris Minor Sedan for sale**

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Our time has come to start downsizing and thus Morrie needs to find somewhere else to live other than with us at Riddells Creek. The car is registered, currently on Club Plates, and will have a road-worthy certificate.

I don't know its history prior to 2007, other than the previous owner had it for many years. I cannot vouch for how far it has travelled in its lifetime, but it is running well and starts easily.

The car is basically original and thus the paintwork etc is not pristine. During our fifteen years the following tasks have been undertaken: carby fully renovated and fuel pump replaced, water pump and cooling system renovated, choke and accelerator cables replaced, new starter motor and battery, brake cylinders renovated, sections of exhaust pipe replaced, and carpets replaced.

I am advertising here in the club magazine in the hope that a Morris enthusiast may be interested and from whom I am open to price offers, but if not then I will advertise on-line to a wider audience.

Ruary Bucknall

04888 78279

email: [ruary@bucknall.id.au](mailto:ruary@bucknall.id.au)



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I am looking for a right side locking handle for My 1959 Morris Minor Van. Do you have one in stock or know of any body or place where i might find one. I never thought it would be so hard to find the right side locking handle. I actually found a left side locking handle while searching. I was told they were impossible to get. Any help you can provide would be great.

Thanks for your time and help,

Vigil [uniquelittlecars@yahoo.com](mailto:uniquelittlecars@yahoo.com)

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Hi there,

I came across your email address on a website and am contacting you re my wife who has a Morris Minor she was trying to get back on the road, having owned it for over 30years, but due to too many factors it seems she will be unable to complete it. Ideally she would have loved to have found a mechanic who could slowly get it back together but this has proven difficult so now she might look at possibly selling it. The car was recently resprayed and has had some mechanical work done. She is interested to find out if there is anyone who could help her get it back on the road or alternatively find out about what the car is worth. Its a beautiful little car ("Eric") running a Datsun motor and 5 speed gear box

Look forward to hearing from you

Kind regards

Gareth ph 0407 328 312



**" we're back"**  
**HOBSONS BAY MEN'S SHED MOTORING GROUP**  
**Custom Classic Car & Bike Show.**

This event is planned for the 20th of November 2022 and will commemorate our  
10th Anniversary of holding this event.

Further details re Sponsors, Trophies, Stalls & Activities will be added as soon as they are confirmed, in the  
meantime "Pencil" in the date and if you wish to be kept further informed please contact:-

The Club Secretary, Mr. Lou Artz at [lou.artz@bigpond.com](mailto:lou.artz@bigpond.com)  
or Mobile 0417 531 670.

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**AOMC Restoration Seminar**

The AOMC Restoration Seminar has always proven to be a very popular event on the AOMC calendar. This year, after a two-year break, is scheduled for Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at the Austin-Healey Jaguar club-rooms in Springvale. It has always been a challenge to find interesting speakers to cover the wide range of restoration products and trades.

Following the lock-downs businesses have never been busier, with trades people experiencing a high demand for their services. In some cases this has been exasperated by a shortage of skilled trades people. We would greatly appreciate your assistance in finding interesting, skilled trades people and business owners to participate in the seminar. Is there any particular topic you want covered?

Please email your recommendations to < [secretary@aomc.asn.au](mailto:secretary@aomc.asn.au) >.

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On Saturday 18th June, Margaret Dymond will be personally opening the Lane 88 Auto Museum at Wantirna. Between 11am – 3pm. The museum features the personal car collection of the Dymond family and a small collection of automotive memorabilia. Going forward the facility will be available to motoring clubs and smaller open days.

If any clubs are interested in attending, please have them RSVP to Jarrod – ideally one point of contact per club. Clubs are to contact Jarrod Harding with numbers attending by email < [jharding@penriteoil.com.au](mailto:jharding@penriteoil.com.au) >.

**Again, this is a VIP invite only event open to car club and Bike clubs not general public so please do not share the event details of flyers across social media or externally**