

# THE GENERATOR

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**The Masked Morry Mob together again after all these months**



**Covid-Controlled Collective At The Horrie Watson Pavilion February 2021**

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Club meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 8:00 pm.

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Thanks to everyone who helps with the various chores necessary for the successful running of the club.

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**Username:** mmccv

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BSB No : 633 000  
ACCOUNT No : 1469 35168  
ACCOUNT NAME : Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria Inc.

In the reference field, please quote your Membership Number and what the payment is for.

## **CLUB PERMIT SCHEME**

**Notice to all club permit holders. New applications and renewals are to be sent to  
Wayne Cunningham, 4 Cullinan Court, Ballarat North, Vic 3350.**

**Phone 0407 994 642 or email: [waynelyn5@bigpond.com](mailto:waynelyn5@bigpond.com)**

**PLEASE APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE**

### **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.

**Non-Morris Minor.** The request must be accompanied by all of the above plus proof of current registration of a Morris Minor, held in the name of the applicant.

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.**

### **Renewals:**

**Do not forget to sign your renewal application.**

**If not signed it will be returned to you and so waste valuable time and postage.**

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

**Remember it is your responsibility to renew on time. There will be no reminders**

### **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.

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Want to buy some gear? Contact Alan Todd

Mobile 0400 273 328 or email

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



			
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 – March 2021

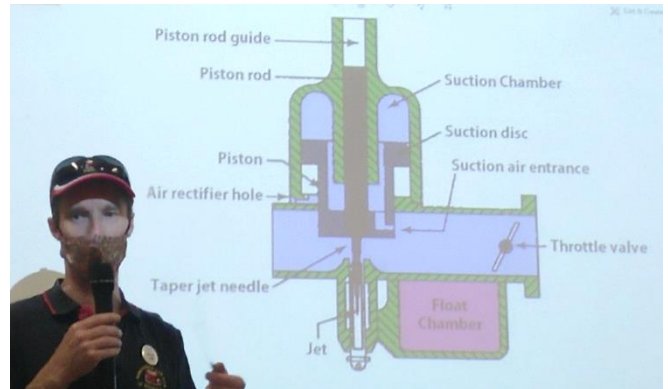
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Hi All,

The last meeting was fantastic with pizza in the car park and lots of new and old faces that we haven't seen for 11 months!

We had a great presentation by Stewart, our Vice President, about carburetors and, as he promised, I did learn quite a bit about a previously mysterious part of the engine. I also liked his use of a windscreen wiper blade as a pointer (hard to see in the photo). His mask was nice as well.

We also had an auction of the Double O gauge scale models of the 5 Morris Minor 1000's (see more about the auction on the next page).



The level 4 Covid lockdown, ordered on Friday Feb 12, caused the postponement of the Teddy Bear's Picnic from February to March,.



On a personal note, I had a bit of bad luck result in a good deed. I suffered a flat tyre right on the corner of St Georges Road and Bell Street Preston, which is just outside the Covid testing station. The testing folk sprang into action with orange cones and then a ute with a flashing arrow on its rear to keep me safe while I quickly changed the tyre which was luckily on the passenger side.

I also went to the Elders pre-auction inspection day in Pakenham which was very sad. Twenty years ago, there may have been something to salvage but now the overall impression was of a lot of garden art! Oh, just to have a garden big enough to fit a Morry in! Thanks to all the Morry people there and especially to Ross Carr whose encyclopedic knowledge of makes and models impressed me.

Just a little reminder if anyone is planning to join me on the March run to Ballarat on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of this month, you need to register with the Ballarat Club. Registration forms are available on their web site at [www.bmmc.org](http://www.bmmc.org) . Please let me know as I plan a dinner in Ballarat on the Saturday night.

Cheers and , Happy Morrying,  
Braidy, El Presidente.

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## **The Greatest Auction Ever!!!!**

At the February club meeting we auctioned off 5 Morris Minor 1000's.

The auction was run beautifully by Robert Thorpe and David Cain who both joined the bidding, where one was successful, and the other not.

The lucky winners were:

Two Door:	David Cain.
Four Door:	Ron Roney.
Van:	Neil Cheney.
Traveler:	Stewart Carr.
Convertible:	Katie Hamilton.



The money raised, about \$100, will be donated to Breast Cancer Research in the name of Julie Stanyer. Julie, who was a past President and life member of the MMCCV, lost her battle with breast cancer about 3 years ago. The 'Double-O' Springside scale models were donated by her husband Jeff Stanyer at the Club's 2020 Christmas Day BBQ up on Sugarloaf Dam.

Happy Morrying  
Braidy El Presidente

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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.

**MMCCV Treasurer's Report February 2021**

1/02/21 - 28/02/21			CM	YTD 2020-2021
<b><u>MMCCV Cheque A/C</u></b>				
Opening Balance	\$4,160.05	<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Net Income/Deficit	-\$1,025.88	Term Deposit Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$3,134.17	Club Raffle	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Events	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Membership Dues	\$120.00	\$2,211.00
		CPS / AOMC Book Sales	\$20.00	\$240.00
		Regalia Sales	\$0.00	\$30.00
<b><u>MMCCV Term Deposit A/C</u></b>		Badges	\$0.00	\$0.00
Opening Balance	\$8,445.60	Donation	\$0.00	\$0.00
Interest	\$0.00	Advertising	\$0.00	\$0.00
Closing Balance	\$8,445.60	Rally Badges/Merch	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Bank Payment in Error	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Library	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<b><u>Total Income</u></b>	\$140.00	\$2,481.00
<b><u>MMCCV ACCOUNTS</u></b>		<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
Cheque A/C	\$3,134.17	"Generator" costs	\$334.60	\$1,346.60
Term Deposit	\$8,445.60	Regalia	\$0.00	\$0.00
<b><u>Total Balance</u></b>	<b><u>\$11,579.77</u></b>	Postage	\$0.00	\$33.00
		Badges	\$27.50	\$156.75
		Suppers	\$0.00	\$0.00
		AOMC Handbooks	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Trophies	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Auditor Fee	\$0.00	\$170.00
		Stationary	\$4.99	\$0.00
		Refunds	\$0.00	\$125.00
<b><u>Unpresented Cheques</u></b>		BMC Experience subs	\$0.00	\$20.00
Nil		CAV annual fee	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Rent	\$0.00	\$38.00
		AOMC	\$0.00	\$200.00
		Events	\$488.26	\$488.26
	\$0.00	Computer software	\$0.00	\$449.94
		Bank reversal	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Web site hosting	\$0.00	\$184.67
		Insurance	\$0.00	\$1,253.54
		Presentations/Prizes	\$310.53	\$885.53
		PO Box Rental	\$0.00	\$0.00
		Donations	\$0.00	\$0.00
		<b><u>Total Expenditure</u></b>	\$1,165.88	\$5,351.29
		<b><u>Net Income/Deficit</u></b>	<b><u>-\$1,025.88</u></b>	<b><u>-\$2,870.29</u></b>



## IT'S ON AGAIN - TAKE 2



**THE 40<sup>th</sup> 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**

<b>8:30 am</b>	<b>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</b>
<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Outdoor video then Group Photo with cars Voting for People's Choice (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>) Historical Questionnaire Morning Tea-slices, biscuits</b>
<b>12:15 pm</b>	<b>Drive to Lunch destination (~ 45 mins)</b>
<b>1:00 pm</b>	<b>Lunch interspersed with presentations and raffle draw</b>

**Contact Event Director Glen Whitbourne for details on 0458 343 792  
or email him at [bmmceventdirector@gmail.com](mailto:bmmceventdirector@gmail.com)  
or check the website at [www.bmmc.org.au](http://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 40<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:bmmceventdirector@gmail.com) or phone 0458 343 792.

The BMMC members look forward to seeing you and your members to finally celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> 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](#)**

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## Membership Report – March 2021

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Membership statistics are as follows...

There are 174 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](mailto: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 one new member this month.

Sarah Archard is Member 1792 and has a 1951 Black MM low light Coupe which she calls Victor.

The car is currently garaged and she intends to put it on Club Plates in August this year.

We welcome Sarah to the club.

**A Timely Reminder:** Club membership fees need to be paid no later than March 31<sup>st</sup>

( A Membership Renewal Form can be found on the back page of this issue )

**Please note:** The annual fee for those receiving an email copy of The Generator remains at \$25. For those receiving a posted copy, the fee is now \$60 to cover increases in printing and postal costs.

### *Feel Better & Get Well Soon*

One of our long-time members, Barb Urquhart, is now at home recuperating from a week in hospital. To Barb and any other 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** \*\*\*

### *March Birthday Bunch*

Gweneth Coleman  
Neil Laws  
Susan Novak  
Franz Kloft  
John Noonan  
Malcolm Campbell  
Sue Cheney

Gerald Pocock  
Greg Hughes  
Henry Edwards  
Trish Smith  
Judy Hamer  
Kaye Levey  
Wendy Arp

Jane Lovel  
Bryce Jurgens  
Shirley Brown  
Therese Powell  
John Tompkins  
Bruce Sherwin  
Michael Sedgley

Kate Gibbon  
Laraine Papley  
Hugh Freeman-Rice  
Trevor Dangerfield  
John Grigg  
Ross Ingram



Jim Gourlay - Membership Officer

## Acting Club Captain's Report – March 2021

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Hi everyone,

Hoping you are all well and looking forward to normal Club activities now that Covid restrictions have been greatly eased.

The postponed Teddy Bear's Picnic to the Canterbury Gardens organised by Jim Gourlay will now go ahead on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> March subject to any resumption of Covid restrictions in the meantime. (Refer to Coming Events Section of this Generator for full details).

Some news from our Regalia Officer, Alan Todd, I would mention. Alan has become aware of a special on waterproof spray jackets which he has ordered with the Club logo in a small run to gauge Club member interest. A small number in red, navy blue and black will shortly be available for approximately \$20 each. Alan will need to get an idea of likely future sales in order to convince the supplier to extend the special. So, if you are at all interested in obtaining a spray jacket with club logo which is in short supply and could fast become a collector's item ring Alan on mob 0419 505 200 with your choice of colour and size.

I look forward to seeing you in person at the next meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> March which I'm happy to say is a non-Zoom meeting!

Michael Dobson

Cheers to all.

**PS. Keep those Morry Stories and general stories-of-interest coming people as we are about to run out of those we have!**

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## Coming Events Calendar 2021

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March – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>

### **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!

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March – Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>

### **Ballarat MMC 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Ballarat Morris Minor Club 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on the Sunday with optional Saturday night bistro dinner with Braidy.

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April 2021

**Run volunteer required**

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May - Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup>

### **Morrykhana**

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June 2021

**Run volunteer required**

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July - Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

### **Midyear Lunch**

Mid-Winter lunch venue TBA

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August 2021

**Run volunteer required**

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September 2021

**Run volunteer required**

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October 2021

**Run volunteer required**

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November – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Melbourne Cup Day Gathering**

Be seen at what has become a regular event, Cup Day at Henry and Marlene's place in Whittlesea. Details later!

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December – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Christmas Party**

Christmas Dinner at the Veneto Club in Bulleen.

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He pointed out the warlords had in fact been very good for this part of Karin State. See, he pointed sideways, how this horribly maintained bumpy twisty excuse for a road, had just given way to a newly sealed wider arterial? Crossing the Dawna Range used to take 3 hours...and now just about 45 minutes! Funded by the local warlords! Yes, my double chins nodded enthusiastically – a great improvement.

But at that time good roads still didn't fix the mystery of Myanmar's biggest traffic dilemma. "Why?" I asked Joseph meekly, as we slowed behind yet another crawling truck. "Why do you have *RIGHT HAND* drive cars, AND drive on the *RIGHT HAND* side of the road?"

"It's craaaaaazzzzzzyyyy" I muttered, as we veered sharply out to the left verge for the 30<sup>th</sup> time, only to be staring at a rapidly looming semi-trailer grille. The only way Joseph could check if we could pass! He efficiently swerved rightward in behind the lorry and avoided yet another head-on. I should have sat on the other side of the car I thought. Or perhaps I should just close my eyes and pretend to be asleep. Home seems so far away.

"Yes!", Joseph said "I think the government is changing what side we drive on in a few months. But it will be an extremely dangerous, confused time." "No kiddin" I concurred. We crawled on behind the noisy belching hauler, as it protested every inch of this 1 in 6 gradient, and sweeping curves cut through rainforest. Hooray for the warlords alright – if this is progress thank god we aint on the old road.

As we ascended I checked my phone. 1 bar of signal cautiously flickered into view. PING ! Samsung announced its renewed handshake with the universe. AHFFF. A text from Katie. "I've found a Morrie I like." "Am texting the owner for details". "good on u" I clumsily thumbed back... "go frit". Katie had been firming in her dream...a convertible is the go, later model if possible, good condition, pay a little more. "Sure" I had said as we chatted about it on the way to the airport. "Sounds great", but quietly curious how far this would actually go. She looks serious. Interesting hobby, but I just can't see her, well, you know, doing it. Will it sit here rusting away? Such thoughts drifted away in the dust behind Joseph's car, along with phone signal.

*In preparation for the trip I had studied a little on Karen (Kayen) state's History. British Rule had created some serious native conversion to Christianity, which led to many Karenese enjoying elevated positions within Burmese Society. Christians actively assisted the British in repressing unrest and rebellions during Anglo-Burmese wars. Karens became the earliest Burmese to organize into political groups, one of which would become the Karen National Union (KNU) – regarded as the longest running resistance today. Pre and post WW2, increasingly nationalist*

*Bhuddist Burmese were at odds with pro-British Karen people and the KNU. Burma's long history of wars has resulted in a Bhuddist flavour unafraid of conflict. Meanwhile, in WW2 Karens were a formidable resistance to the Japanese and essential to the Brits. In exchange for this alliance, they were reportedly offered independence post war. Illustrated by the current Rohingya crisis, there are various ethnic minorities in Myanmar. A unified self-governed country was always going to be a difficult task. Fearing reprisals at the end of British occupation, the now communist KNU pushed hard for the promised independence from Burma. Failed negotiations, politically inspired stoushes, and minor conflicts led to the KNU declaring war on its own country in 1949. Consequently, this state in some ways became left behind for decades. A poor cousin to those states enjoying military favouritism.*

*The majority of Karens don't actually reside in areas under KNU rule, and didn't support conflict, even though KNU were effectively the state "government" from the 1940's until early 2,000's. Like the rest of Myanmar, they are not a homogenous people, with around 20% Christian and the vast majority (70%+) Bhuddist. A shocking consequence has been displacement of near 200,000 Karens, into the Mae Sot region of Thailand. A bizarre statistic that more Karens live outside of the state than in it.*

*Today the state enjoys a more benign government interested in progress of its peoples, like much of the rest of Myanmar. KNU is confined to the mountains and is evolving sometimes into a beneficial outfit.*

four warlord boom-gates later, I had adjusted to the searching looks, guns, and smiles in this eastern region of Karin state. But my trepidation hadn't entirely eased. No doubt exacerbated by my back and neck feeling every bump in the road, duly amplified by the recalcitrant suspension, brakes and steering of the family "limo". Surely a Morrie would deliver a more supple ride? Surely! Rounding a bend onto the mighty Thanlyin river, Joseph proudly described how the KNU kidnapped a state politician at the official opening of the new road, when that individual unwisely attempted to claim some credit for its construction. He was released after apologising and committing funds as reimbursement. Around 400 metres wide, the Thanlyin is clean, deep, and flowing proud in the knowledge of its own power. 3 or 4 conduits wind their way through dark mangrove expanses. We spanned it in stages across an impressive steel bridge. Not far downriver a peasant was expertly guiding a punt across its graceful expanse. Intent on safe carriage of his cargo: a Ferrari and military figure leaning on his beloved car, savouring the moment whilst enjoying a leisurely smoke. Fixated on yet another contradiction of this country, I almost missed the mobile phone tower soaring above the adjoining forest.

(To be continued)

## Flights Of Fancy

After every flight, some airlines have their pilots fill out a form, called a 'Gripe Sheet', which informs the maintenance mechanics of possible problems with the aircraft.

The mechanics correct the problems and document their repair responses on the Sheet and then the pilots review the Sheets before the next flight.

Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour.

Here are some maintenance complaints submitted by the Pilots (**P**) and the solutions recorded by the maintenance engineers (**M**).

**P:** Left inside main tyre almost needs a replacement.

**M:** Almost replaced left inside main tyre.

**P:** Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough.

**M:** Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

**P:** Something loose in cockpit.

**M:** Something tightened in cockpit.

**P:** Dead bugs on windshield.

**M:** Live bugs on back-order.

**P:** Autopilot in altitude hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent.

**M:** Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

**P:** Evidence of leak on right main landing gear.

**M:** Evidence removed.

**P:** DME volume unbelievably loud.

**M:** DME set to more believable level.

**P:** Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick.

**M:** That's what friction locks are for.

**P:** IFF inoperative in OFF mode.

**M:** IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

**P:** Suspected crack in windshield.

**M:** Suspect you are right.

**P:** Number 3 engine missing.

**M:** Engine found on right wing after a brief search.

**P:** Aircraft handles funny.

**M:** Aircraft warned to straighten up, fly right and be serious.

**P:** Target radar hums.

**M:** Reprogrammed target radar to include lyrics.

**P:** Mouse in cockpit.

**M:** Cat installed.

**P:** Noise coming from under instrument panel.

Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

**M:** Took hammer away from midget.

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**GENERAL MEETING MINUTES OF THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC.  
HELD ON THURSDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

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The President welcomed the members present and opened the meeting at 8.12pm.

**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 Club Captain: Mike Dobson.

**Attendance:** Approximately 33 members were present with a further 6 via Zoom.

**Apologies:** Wayne Cunningham and Cheryl & Percy Scicluna.

**Visitors and New Members:** New member Peter who has purchased an Alpine Green 1958 ute.

**Acceptance of Minutes**

Minutes of the previous meeting held 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021 accepted on the motion of Jim Gourlay and seconded by Robert Thorpe.

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

**Secretary's Report:** Various magazines, flyers and emails received. Advised of notice received for the Swanpool Motor Festival and also a notice received from the AOMC about Morris parts and associated tools that had been stolen. They ask that our members be on the lookout for anyone trying to sell the parts or tools and if so to report it to the Police.

**Treasurer's Report:** As per Generator Katie advised that we have a current operating balance of \$3,137.53 and with the \$8,445.60 in the term deposit account gives a combined balance of \$11,582.93. Katie advised that the deposit has been paid for the Christmas Party.

**Membership Officer's Report:** Jim advised that we have 173 financial members plus 7 Life members. We have 3 new members. In next month's Generator will be included the Membership Renewal form. This is also available on the website. Fees for membership will be \$25.00 for members who receive the Generator electronically and \$65.00 for those who receive it by mail.

**Acting Club Captain's Report:** Mike advised we had approximately 32 people on the Sugarloaf run and about 38 people to the Australia Day event. Both were very successful events. Next run will be the Teddy Bear's Picnic in Canterbury on 21<sup>st</sup> February followed by the run for the Ballarat Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on 21<sup>st</sup> March. Members wanting to go on the run to Ballarat need to register their interest by 5<sup>th</sup> March. We need someone to organise a run in April. It was agreed that the preferred date for the Morrykana at Roxburgh College is 23<sup>rd</sup> May.

**Regalia Report:** Alan advised he is looking at changing the colours used for some of the regalia and that hopefully he will have samples, etc. ready for the next meeting so that orders can be placed.

**Editor's Report:** Rob advised that all has gone well. Feedback was that most people were happy with the Generator. We are still looking for more feedback, stories and new ideas.

**CPS Officer's Report:** Wayne absent but Jim advised we presently have 94 vehicles registered with the Club Permit Scheme.

**GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Braidy advised that our next meeting will also be held at the clubrooms.



2. We are still looking for someone to be the Club Captain. Mike Dobson is acting Club Captain for the present;
3. Braidy further discussed the advice from the AOMC about Morris parts and associated tools that had been stolen. Reiterated the need for our members be on the lookout for anyone trying to sell the parts or tools and if so to report it to the Police;
4. Discussed attending the viewing day on 25<sup>th</sup> February for clearing sale at Pakenham on 27<sup>th</sup> February at which a number of Morris Minors are being sold in various states of disrepair. It was agreed to make attending the viewing day an impromptu run;
5. Mike talked about how easy it is to organise an impromptu run. He said it probably only takes about an hour to organise;
6. Braidy further discussed the run for the Ballarat Morris Minor Club's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event on 21<sup>st</sup> March and the need for members wanting to go on the run to register their interest by 5<sup>th</sup> March. Braidy advised that Glen Whitbourne is now the President of that club;

**Items for Sale:**

Please refer to the Generator for items for sale.

An auction of donated 00 scale model Morris Minor Series 1000 cars was held. The winning bids were as follows:

- Two door won by David Cain For \$10
- Four door won by Ron Rooney for \$35
- Traveller won by Stewart Carr for \$10
- Van won by Neil Cheney for \$10
- Convertible won by Katie Hamilton for \$36

The auction was run beautifully by Robert Thorpe and David Cain.

**Technical Discussion**

Stewart Carr gave a very detailed, informative and thorough presentation about carburetors followed by many questions which he answered extremely well. We thank Stewart for his effort and contribution.

For our March meeting Rob Smith will be discussing gearboxes.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.23pm followed by the drawing of the raffle.

Ed James,  
Secretary

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## MY 35 YEARS AROUND MORRIS MINORS

BY  
Bruce Kerr

### **My 35 years around Morris Minor Cars**

I can hear it ringing in my ear now. "Get a two door Thousand" he said in his broad Lancashire accent.

That was some time in 1984 when I saw Morris Minor Club member Jim Ackers at the Pleasant Corner Shell Service Station. He was wearing a windcheater with the Morris Minor Club logo on the front, and I commented that I'd always wanted one of those cars – actually I said that about most cars, and that's how I came by the Jaguar S type. I knew Jim as we had worked at the same place some years before. I think it was really an Austin A30 I wanted, as a teenager my cousin had a 2 door A35 – an import with the 948cc engine and a roaring exhaust under the passenger door.



Anyway, the next Saturday, there was an ad in the Courier for a Morris Minor, so I phoned the number. I had no knowledge of the marque but agreed to go to Hepburn Springs to inspect the car. I was more interested in the Mark 2 Jaguar in his carport, but as I already had an S Type at home and the Morry had the right number of doors, I agreed to collect it the next day on the way back from Melbourne.

It was metallic lime green in colour and although a bit untidy, it had an excellent engine and plenty of rego. Jim came around, and said it was a 1957 1000 model, and if I wanted to sell it, he would give me what I paid for it. He also gave me a membership application form to BMMC.

Not much later, a woman who worked in my fruit shop said she wanted a "Morris". I had spotted a grey 4 door Morris Minor 1000 in Barry Smith's trade-in yard in Creswick Rd and collected it to show the lady. "No, not that type", she remarked, "a Morris". I was a bit confused, but well I like the wide wheels, and it went better than the green one, so I decided to keep it. Sometime later she turned up in a "Morris 1100"!!

Jim took over the two-door, named it "Kermit", ripped out that excellent Morris 948cc engine, implanted a Corolla motor and changed the colour to a no-name pale blue.

I've never been one to name my cars, so this one became the Morry, or the grey car, or HJM, but as more came along they were known by the colour.

I used the Morry to go to work at Mt Rowan which was only 6 km but a long way in Ballarat, I drove it hard (so what's new, you say?), and one morning I heard a rattly noise from the engine – and the oil gauge read zero!! The oil gauge venturi tube had dislodged and spat the oil out. That put back, a fill up of oil, it appeared OK.

As we were preparing for the Morris Minor Touring Club trip to Birdsville, I thought I needed a back-up motor, so I bought a car from a Morris Minor Club member in Geelong. It was very rusty but had new tyres and a good motor. The rego, GRO 825, had just expired so I paid that, bogged up the rust, and a friend got a RWC. We used it as a spare car for a while until daughter Kate turned 18, and then she drove it to University for four years until she had some money and bought a Subaru. It towed a trailer at the Swap a few times and was often borrowed. That became the "blue car". My other daughter used it in a Morris Minor Club Rally and drove it around with a broken spring. I eventually sold the car with a bit of rego.

I had been offered local member Eddie Sarah's red MM tourer after he died and collected it early on a Saturday morning. With lack of space and being an awkward time personally, I kept the acquisition to myself so put it in a friend's shed where it stayed for 5 months.

I also got a trailer load of bits (as you do) including a red front mudguard – and brought the trailer home.

I had often said to my 13 year old son that one day we would get a red convertible. On seeing the mudguard, he commented, "Now all we need is the rest of the car to go with it!" – little did he know .....

Five months later, I had moved it to Mrs. Next-door's garage, and my son sprung me working on it . . . "It's a lovely car", he said (an expression we used), knowing without any words exchanged that it was ours. He got a lot of pleasure from that car during those years. (I was on my own with the three children by this time)

A progression of “parts cars” followed, including a couple for Simon, one of which we started to restore, and it took up space in my garage for nearly 20 years unfinished. Simon had wanted a Mini after I once pointed to a Mini and said that they had similar mechanicals to a Minor - I thought I'd converted him. As he had turned 18, and he couldn't travel on the bus to University anymore, he bought a Mini K from KJH and lost interest in the Minors.

Well, he was a petrol head too, and after joining the Light Car Club, he rally-crossed the Mini claiming third spot in his first year's aggregate. As the Mini wouldn't keep up with the WRX Subaru's, it got the 1275cc treatment. He claims he ran the same engine in three subsequent cars – it has had two blocks and 3 heads. The Mini became a second car when the bassinet wouldn't fit, and he bought a Subaru.

My second daughter was at Melbourne Uni, and we considered the regular trips too far for a Morry. We decided to go modern and bought her a Subaru. I couldn't be left out and not having a modern, so when the kids left home, there was another Subaru in the drive. (Between the 3 kids and I, we had a progression of Subaru's - my current Outback is number 16 – and Kate has just replaced her 4th Subaru Outback making the new one number 17)



**Negotiating the Bathurst Racetrack**



**Heading up the line at the Bourke Tourist Centre**

I have really enjoyed this car. It has been on many Morris Minor Tours including Birdsville and down the Birdsville Track with Simon driving, then 13, the Iron Knob/Flinders Ranges run, the Gulf of Carpentaria and Reef journey (Kurumba & Cairns with Max) and the Ayers Rock/Kings Canyon and Alice Springs/Innaminka with Geoff as co-driver.

A few years later, around 1994, my friend and mechanical guru, Ian Robbie found a 1275cc short motor (ex Morris 1100S) at the Supa Swap, and convinced me to buy it, my arm still hurts from the twisting. He converted it from east/west configuration to north/south to fit the Minor. We also fitted Morris Marina disc brakes and rear end and to keep the Morris look (and gearing) I had the hubs re-drilled to take the 14" Morris wheels and hubcaps. Much development has taken place since, and the car is very usable.

As the children left home I didn't need a big house with its two car garage (and generous friends who lent me space) so I sought out a better sized garage where I could put a hoist – rare in suburbia but I found one and the bonus is that a house came with it.

I still have the S type Jaguar after nearly 36 years – it earned its place as a properly licensed wedding car along with two other similar cars (trading as Ballarat Classic Jags) for 20 years. Also, the red 1951 MM side valve convertible and of course the “Grey Morry”. Also, along the way I acquired and restored the 1951 MM “Green Tourer” with a 1275 engine and a 1968 Morris Cooper S - Mark 1 1/2, called “The Cooper”, this one started life as a NSW Police pursuit car.

And yes, I enjoy my Morris, but as my late Mother once said, “there is more to life than Morris Minors”. and I replied “what”.

**Bruce Kerr**



## **Trading Places – March 2021**

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

or

Contact: Rob Smith: 0407 313 859



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### **FOR Sale**

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#### **Custom Number Plates**

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](mailto:sczarka@gmail.com)



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### **FOR Sale**

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#### **Long Range Fuel Tank to suit a Van or Utility.**

Hi,  
Available now, in a slightly damaged box, is a new, Long Range Tank to suit a Van or Ute.  
I am asking **\$750** for this item.  
Pick-up can be arranged in Box Hill or Abbotsford.

On a sad note, as my eyesight is failing, it has been suggested that my driving time should be reduced, and eventually stopped which will be difficult indeed.

My two Morrisies will have to be sold. It will be heartbreaking to let my 1963 ute go after 35 years of service as well as the 1958 van which I have owned, I think, since 2000.

Both cars are currently stored in Euroa Vic.

Now for a request, is there anyone within the club that could manage, for a reasonable commission, the successful sale of both my Morrisies?

Many thanks,

Andrew Martin.

Contact Andrew on 1300 GUM BOY or 0400 486 269

Or email at [gumboy59@hotmail.com](mailto:gumboy59@hotmail.com)



## FOR SALE

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### 1955 Morris Minor Series II - 4-door sedan

- 59,000 miles with original 803cc OHV engine.
- Valley Green exterior. Green & cream interior.
- Working semaphores (flashing LED globes).
- Has been converted to negative earth (so standard radio & phone charger can be installed).
- Kill switch has been installed.
- As well as a new (old sounding) 'aroogha' horn.
- New windscreen December 2019.
- Random goodies included:  
Original Owner's Manual, 1955 magazine, 1955 coins, workshop manual, fabric car cover.

Very reluctant sale but Doris the Morris needs a new family.  
**\$16,000 negotiable.**

The car is located at Hoppers Crossing Vic 3029.

Also for sale are a set of Victorian Full-Registration Plates.  
**\$800 negotiable.**



**Contact Deb Jackson on 0421 343 161 or email at [daj2806@gmail.com](mailto:daj2806@gmail.com)**

**MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC. 2021/22**

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**Renewal of Membership ( Payment Due By March 31<sup>st</sup> )**

Membership Number: .....

Title: ..... Last Name: .....

First Name: .....

**Please tick here if there are no changes from last year: [ ]**

Partner Name: .....

Children/s Name/s: .....

Address/Street: .....

Suburb: ..... State: ..... Postcode: .....

Applicant's Birthday: ..... Partners Birthday: .....

Children/s Birthday/s: .....

Home Phone: ..... Work Phone: ..... Mobile Phone: .....

Email Address (PLEASE PRINT): .....

**MEMBERSHIP RATES** (One vote per membership which includes 2 adults plus any children involved in the club)

[ ] \$60.00 Magazine via Post [ ] \$25.00 Magazine via Email

Payment Amount \$. Should you elect to receive your Club Magazine Electronically rather than by Post please tick the box above and be sure to also provide your email address.

Payment Method: [ ] Direct Bank deposit. BSB: 633 000 Account No: 1469 35168  
Account Name: Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria Inc. Date Paid: .....In the reference field, enter: 'XXXX 2021/22 Renewal' (where XXXX is your Club Membership Number)  
[ ] Cash. [ ] Cheque/Money Order No: .....**VEHICLE INFORMATION****Please tick here if there are no changes from last year: [ ]**

How many Morris Minors do you own? ..... How many are on the road? .....

Year: ..... Model: ..... Body Type: ..... Rego Number: .....

[ ] Original. [ ] Restored. [ ] Modified. [ ] Daily Use.

Given Name of car: ..... Colour: .....

You are [ ] or you are not [ ] a Club Permit holder with MMCCV Inc. Expiry Date: .....If more than one, would you please attach a list of your vehicles with details.**I hereby apply to renew my Membership** of the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria Inc. and I agree to be bound by the Constitution / Rules of the MMCCV Inc. for the length of time my Membership is current.

Signature: ..... Date: .....

This Membership Renewal form should be brought to the next general meeting of the club or it can be posted to:

The Membership Officer, MMCCV Inc. PO Box 354 Balwyn, Vic. 3103

It may also be emailed to the Membership Officer at [membership@morrisminorvic.org.au](mailto:membership@morrisminorvic.org.au)

Phone enquiries can be made to the Membership Officer - Jim Gourlay, on 0419 517 363.

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