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Some very enthusiastic Teddy's at the Teddy Bear's Picnic Run.

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

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 12th May 2022

Meeting to commence at 8:00 pm. Our President, Braidy Davies 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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Cheney	Bev O'Donnell	Trish Smith			

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

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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

PLEASE APPLY AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE

New Permits:

You must be either a life member or 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.**

There is a lot more to the Club Permit Scheme agreement. The rules can be found on the VicRoads Website.

A message from Wayne Cunningham, CPS Officer:

To all members with club plates:

As of the A.G.M. in May I will not be signing any club permits. The President has deemed that I be replaced as your CPS Officer. Please do not send any paper work to me that can not be signed by the 12th of May

Hope all goes well after May .

We thank Wayne for his extraordinary service to the club over 20 plus years. We encourage members to be patient and supportive as Geoff Shepherd settles into this new role.



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NOTICE OF AGM MEETING

This is the official notification that the AGM of the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria will be held on the 12th of May at 8pm at the usual venue, the Horrie Watson Pavillion, Deepdene. The ordinary business of the annual general meeting is as follows— (a) to confirm the minutes of the previous annual general meeting and of any special general meeting held since then; (b) to receive and consider— (i) the annual report of the Committee on the activities of the Association during the preceding financial year; and (ii) the financial statements of the Association for the preceding financial year submitted by the Committee in accordance with Part 7 of the Act; (c) to elect the members of the Committee. (d) to confirm or vary the amounts (if any) of the annual subscription and joining fee. The Annual General Meeting may also conduct any other business, of which notice has been given in accordance with these Rules. APPENDIX 3 – Proxy for Annual/ Special* General Meeting Each member is entitled to appoint another member as a proxy by notice given to the Secretary no later than 24 hours before the time of the meeting in respect of which the proxy is appointed.

FORM OF APPOINTMENT OF PROXY I, (name) of
..... (address) being Member No.....of The Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria Incorporated
appoint..... (name of proxy holder) of (address of proxy
holder) being a member of that Incorporated Association, as my proxy to vote for me on my behalf at the annual/special* general meeting of the Association to
be held on (date of meeting) and at any adjournment of that meeting. My proxy is authorised to
vote in favour of/ against* the following resolution (insert details of resolution). Signed Date...../...../.....

* Delete as applicable

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Presidents Report May 2022

Hi All

My last presidential report – with mixed feeling. I've had a great time being your leader but there have also been challenges. The biggest challenge was keeping the car club together during the pandemic and as I look at our membership numbers, I feel the club has survived and is in good shape.

We had the Teddy Bears Picnic last month and again we were lucky with the weather. We also had a great turn out of Morrisies on the run. Thanks to Jim for organising this run again this year.



As the AGM is the next meeting there are a couple of changes within the committee which is no surprise as people have been volunteering in their roles for years. Firstly, we are losing our librarian as Henry Edwards is stepping down from the position due to the ill health of his wife, Marleen. We hope he will continue to come along to events when he can. (Henry - the speaker was fixed at the last meeting). John Drury is stepping down from the Webmaster position but will continue to run the more difficult job of the database manager. Anyone interested in this role please step forward! This job can be simply entering the runs and meetings onto the web site (an hour a month) or it can be expanded into designing and revamping the web page entirely. Lastly Wayne Cunningham is being replaced by Geoff Shephard as the Club Plate Officer. To quote Wayne 'if you don't like the way I do things I suggest you look at somebody else to do the club permit system' which I did. Wayne has been the CPS officer for twenty years and has been conscientious and efficient in that role and I would like to thank him for his work. Geoff Shephard is member number 2 and has returned to the club after retiring and wants to become more involved – he should have been more careful about what he wished for! We have to register Geoff with

VicRoads before he can sign anything but we will still have Neil Cheyney as our back up if you need a fast response.

Lastly the Florence Thomson Tour was on last weekend with your club well represented with 5 Morries and their lady drivers – a great time was had by all.

Morries and dress ups – a marriage made in heaven!

Cheers

Braidy Davies

El Presidente

Some of your committee
taking one for the team!



Florence Thomson Tour 2022

The AOMC ran the 2022 Florence Thomson Tour this year which was sited in Bendigo. There were 60 cars enrolled although not all made it but most did and had a great time. Friday night there was a BBQ, Saturday the run took us out to Maldon for coffee and on to Castlemaine for lunch at Buda House. The afternoon tea was at the Morris Minor Garage Museum where Richard McKellar gave a great talk about the collection. We were all dressed for the era of our car and the bowling style shirts from our Regalia officer looked great. Saturday night was again a dress up event with many fine styles being worn. Sunday morning was breakfast at the Bendigo Pottery and a Show and Shine event. It was great to spend time with such a lovely group of women. Kate Hutson won first prize category in the 1946 – 1960 for her outfit.

The MMCCV had five cars present and so made quite an impression.

For more pictures check out the MMCCV Facebook page.

There will be another one next year!

Braidy Davies

Kate can really rock a fur!





MMCCV Marketplace For all your CLUB REGALIA

Want to buy some gear? Contact Alan Todd

Mobile 0419 505 200 or email

regalia@morrisminorvic.org.au



We are very happy to report that our orders for Polo Tops have arrived! They all look great!

There are the Club Polos with the MMCCV logo and the new polos with the embroidered car on them.

If you have ordered one from Alan, you can either collect yours at the next Club Meeting on May 12th or you can get in touch with Alan by text on 00419 505 200 to arrange for them to be delivered by mail. The cost for postage is \$12.50 for an Australia Post satchel.

We encourage you to make any suggestions for new ideas for regalia items, we are always happy to hear from members.

Alan & Liam Todd

Regalia Officers



MMCCV Annual Treasurer's Report 2021 - 2022



1/4/2021 - 31/03/2022

MMCCV Cheque A/C

Income

Club Raffle	\$376.00
Events	\$2,400.00
Membership Dues 21/22	\$2,027.00
Membership Dues 22/23	\$2,060.00
CPS / AOMC Book Sales	\$140.00
Regalia Sales	\$1,449.00
Badges	\$30.00
Donation	\$100.00
Rally Badges/Merch	\$0.00
Auction	\$36.00

Total Income \$8,618.00

Expenditure

"Generator" costs	\$1,161.75
Regalia	\$1,638.19
Postage	\$35.20
Badges	\$184.25
Suppers	\$380.57
AOMC Handbooks	\$0.00
Trophies	\$0.00
Auditor Fee	\$127.50
Stationary	\$4.99
Refunds	\$140.00
BMC Experience subs	\$0.00
CAV annual fee	\$120.20
Rent	\$0.00
AOMC	\$250.00
Events	\$1,858.80
Computer software	\$415.58
Bank reversal	\$0.00
Web site hosting	\$76.95
Insurance	\$1,368.91
Presentations/Prizes	\$758.44
PO Box Rental	\$144.00
Equipment	\$74.95
Donations	\$0.00

Total Expenditure \$8,740.26

Net Income/Deficit -\$122.26

Unpresented Cheques

Nil

MMCCV Cheque A/C

Balance as at 1/04/2021 \$5,984.90

Net Income/Deficit -\$122.26

Balance as at 31/03/2022 **\$5,862.64**

MMCCV Term Deposit A/C

Balance as at 1/04/2021 \$8,445.60

Interest \$51.66

Balance as at 31/03/2022 **\$8,497.26**

MMCCV ACCOUNTS

Balance as at 1/04/2021 \$14,430.50

Term Deposit Interest \$51.66

Less Cheque Account Deficit -\$122.26 **-\$70.60**

Balance as at 31/03/2022 **\$14,359.90**



MMCCV Treasurer's Report March 2022



1/3/2022 - 31/3/2022

MMCCV Cheque A/C

	C/M	YTD
<u>Income</u>		
Club Raffle	\$ 65.00	\$376.00
Events	\$ -	\$2,400.00
Membership 21/22	\$ -	\$2,027.00
Membership 22/23	\$ 1,400.00	\$2,060.00
CPS / AOMC Book Sales	\$ 20.00	\$140.00
Regalia Sales	\$ 447.00	\$1,449.00
Badges	\$ 30.00	\$30.00
Donation	\$ -	\$100.00
Rally Badges/Merch	\$ -	\$0.00
Auction	\$ -	\$36.00
Total Income	\$ 1,962.00	\$8,818.00

Expenditure

"Generator" costs	\$ 35.00	\$1,161.75
Regalia	\$ -	\$1,838.19
Postage	\$ 13.20	\$35.20
Badges	\$ 27.50	\$184.25
Suppers	\$ 20.30	\$380.57
AOMC Handbooks	\$ -	\$0.00
Trophies	\$ -	\$0.00
Auditor Fee	\$ -	\$127.50
Stationary	\$ -	\$4.99
Refunds	\$ -	\$140.00
BMC Experience subs	\$ -	\$0.00
CAV annual fee	\$ -	\$120.20
Rent	\$ -	\$0.00
AOMC	\$ -	\$250.00
Events	\$ -	\$1,858.80
Computer software	\$ -	\$415.58
Bank reversal	\$ -	\$0.00
Web site hosting	\$ 9.00	\$76.95
Insurance	\$ -	\$1,368.91
Presentations/Prizes	\$ -	\$758.44
PO Box Rental	\$ 144.00	\$144.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$74.95
Donations	\$ -	\$0.00
Total Expenditure	\$ 249.00	\$8,740.28

Net Income/Deficit \$1,713.00 **-\$122.28**

Unpresented Cheques

Nil

MMCCV Cheque A/C

Balance as at 28/02/2022	\$4,149.64
Net Income/Deficit	\$1,713.00
Balance as at 31/03/2022	\$5,862.64

MMCCV Term Deposit A/C

Balance as at 28/02/2022	\$8,497.26
Interest	\$0.00
Balance as at 31/03/2022	\$8,497.26

MMCCV ACCOUNTS

Cheque Account	\$5,862.64
Term Deposit	\$8,497.26
Balance as at 31/03/2022	<u>\$14,359.90</u>

MEMBERSHIP REPORT MAY 2022:

Membership statistics are as follows...

179 Members plus 7 Life members.

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

New Member

Denise George # 1809, has a 1960 Hot Pink Morry 1000, 2 door sedan which is yet to be registered. The car starts and runs but needs a service and some rust spots attended to.

Denise recently had to sell her 1960's Cadillac, but the day after she went out and bought herself a Morry. Excellent decision.

We welcome Denise to the Club and look forward to seeing her Hot Pink Morry on one of our runs.



Attention - Membership Renewal

Annual membership fees were due by 1st April, if you haven't paid, please do so now.

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

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



May Birthday Bunch

Dearne Jackson	Frederick Arp	Jim Gourlay	Brigid Bosley	Alan Todd	Christine Tilyard
Melanie Squire	Lily Dayot	Tammy Barker	Wendy Scott	Mario DiPilla	Dr Jenny Wilsher
Nicole Brnjak	Sally McKaige	Noel Brumley	Lesley Grigg	Riley Davies	Faye Barrow
Peter Walker	Mark Parritt	Allan Edwards	Anthony Buc		

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

HELD AT THE HORRIE WATSON HALL, DEEPDENE AND ALSO VIA ZOOM ON
THURSDAY 14TH APRIL 2022

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

Committee Members Present: President: Braidy Davies; Vice President: Stewart Carr;
Secretary: Ed James; Editor: Barb Went; Membership: Jim Gourlay; Regalia: Alan Todd and Webmaster:
John Druery.

Attendance: Approximately 16 members were present together with 3 members via Zoom.

Apologies: Wayne Cunningham, Lyn Waite, Katie Hamilton, Catriona Bruce, Jeff Brumhead,
Liam Todd, Percy & Cheryl Scicluna, Mike Dobson, Henry Edwards, Marj Henshall and Barry Phillips.

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

Acceptance of Minutes

Minutes of the previous meeting held 10th March 2022 accepted on the motion of Jim Gourlay and seconded by Stewart Carr.

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. Invitations were sent to the Ballarat, Geelong and Central Victorian Morris Minor Clubs to our Mid-Winter luncheon. So far a reply has been received from the Ballarat Club advising that they will be attending. An invitation is also to be sent to the Bendigo Morris Club to this event. Advice received of the Beechworth Old Cranks Motor Club's Drive Back In Time to be held on 30th April & 1st May, the AOMC advised of the Cavalcade of Transport event to be held at Trentham Historic Railway Station on 15th May, and also of the 45th Historic Winton Races to be held at the Winton Raceway on 28th & 29th May. The AOMC has also advised that VicRoads now has a new requirement that imported vehicles that do not have a VIN will be issued with one which must be stamped on the vehicle. VicRoads has also updated a number of their Club Permit forms to improve the vehicle data collected by VicRoads, and to ensure that correct permit types and club permit types and club permit plates are issued to eligible vehicles. An enquiry was received asking for a recommendation for a suitable and appropriately experienced mechanic to undertake repairs and servicing of Morris Minors. As Thorpe is about the only one that generally comes to mind, members were asked for suggestions of such mechanics and/or garages so that we make a central list of these. It was suggested this list should include garages that have sufficient knowledge of Morris Minors to issue roadworthy certificates. Barb is to put the request for suggestions 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 \$6,555.51. With our term deposit of \$8,497.26 we have a combined balance of our accounts of \$15,052.77.

Membership Officer's Report: As per the Generator. Jim advised that we currently have 179 members and 7 Life members. About 70 membership renewals have been received so far. We have one new member with a hot pink Morris Minor, a photo of which will go in the Generator. Not all memberships have been paid so Jim will be sending out reminders.

Club Captain's Report: Nil as we no longer have a Club Captain. Stuart advised that the Morrykhana is to now to be held in October. Our next run is being organised by Stuart for 22nd May. The meeting point will be the outward bound BP at Officer then onto Stuart's place as per previous years. For June as the Point Cook Air Museum is reopening it is proposed to have a run around Williamstown and Altona ending up at the Museum followed by say a lunch at the Altona RSL. Ed is to help coordinate this event but will need someone local to assist. 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 99 cars on club plates registered to 76 members. Wayne has resigned from the CPS Officer position and Geoff Shepherd is to take over the role.

Regalia Officers: Alan advised that he has all the tops, etc. that have been ordered. If members are not coming to a meeting they can be posted for an additional fee to cover the postage. We will be doing a run of bucket hats. Alan is working on a new design for the National Rally. We can now do a minimum order of 4 for most items.

Editor's Report: Barb thanked everyone who has made a contribution of articles to the Generator. She is looking at putting a new section in the Generator reporting on what has happened at the club meeting for the benefit of members who have not attended the meeting and possibly encourage them to attend a future meeting.

GENERAL BUSINESS

1. Henry Edwards has resigned from being the Librarian after 5 years and has done an excellent job. We are looking for someone to volunteer to undertake this role at our meetings;
2. Rob Sloan has resigned from the club and advised that he was grateful for the time he and his wife Bev had spent in the club;
3. Our new CPS Officer is Geoff Shepherd (Member No. 2) who when he takes over the role will be looking at ways to streamline the process of renewals and registrations;
4. John Druery has been our Webmaster for 14 years has resigned from the role and was thanked for his good work. We are therefore looking for someone to volunteer to undertake this position. John will still be looking after the club's database;
5. Our Annual General Meeting will be held next month. We are still looking for volunteers for the roles of Vice President and Club Captain. Braidy will be finishing as President after 5 years.

Items for Sale / Tips & Hints:

Please see Generator for items and vehicles for sale.

Mark Parritt had boxes of spares at the meeting for anyone looking for parts, etc.

In discussion of gearbox rebuilds/reconditioning Stuart advised that the average cost of the gearboxes he had done by John Lendell of Old Car Gearboxes Pty. Ltd. in Moorabbin was about \$1,500. In further discussions the average cost of a cylinder head rebuild was about \$1,300 and an engine rebuild was about \$4,500 to \$5,000.

Richard McKellar has a 1957 1000 4 door sedan for sale on Car Sales for \$25,000. It is an award winning vehicle in excellent condition. It is on club plates and will be sold with a roadworthy certificate.





Mark Parritt and Richard McKellar discussed and provided a slide show of past National Rallies.

David Cain was thanked for fixing the PA system.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.00pm followed by the drawing of the raffle.

Ed James, Secretary

CLUB RUNS:

Date:	Event:	Details:
22 nd May 2022	<p>Come along as we pass by Friar Tuck and Little Johns favourite Tavern to our destination for a BBQ lunch beside a babbling brook.</p> 	<p>10.00am meet for 10.30am departure at BP Officer outbound service centre (65 Princes Highway, Officer 3809)</p> <p>Contact Stewart Carr for further details ph 0409 215 907</p>
12 th June 2022	<p>Tour to the West – taking in Williamstown and Altona. We are hoping we will be able to take a tour of the newly renovated Point Cook Aviation Museum. We plan to end up at the Altone RSL for lunch.</p> 	<p>Tim Lengyel will lead the run ably assisted by Ed James</p> <p>Contact Tim Lengyel for further details ph 0449 578 355</p>
17 th July 2022	<p>Christmas in July Tabcorp Park Melton More information to come Final Numbers Required by 11 July 2022</p>	<p>Contact Wayne Cunningham for further details ph 0407 994 642</p>
14 th August 2022	<p>McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery Run</p>	<p>Contact Mark Parritt for further details Ph 0403194021</p>
11 th September 2022	<p>Braidy's Run</p>	<p>Contact Braidy Davies for further details ph 0403 963 379</p>
October 2022	<p>Morrykhana</p> 	<p>Stewart Carr is co-ordinating this event</p>
31 March – 3 April 2023	<p>Morris Minor National Rally</p> 	<p>Adelaide, South Australia – more details in this copy of the Generator.</p>

Run Report

10th April Teddy Bear's Picnic – Canterbury Gardens

If you went down to McDonald's Balwyn on 10th of April, you would have seen many Morry's lined up with their very important passengers – Teddy Bear's! The drivers were well and truly outnumbered by the Teddy's. There were old Teddys, hand made Teddys and even a steampunk Teddy who was able to drive along the footpath (steered by remote control)

The weather was perfect and the route laid out by Run leader, Jim Gourlay was very scenic. The joy of a run like this apart from the great company of our MMCCV members is the reaction of the general public as the convoy drives past. We elicited many delighted responses from people on bicycles and pedestrians.

Those attending were Jim and Helen Gourlay, Rosalee and Graham Harper, Mal and Margaret Baker, Trevor Sarbach and Dianne Braid, Rob and Trish Smith, Barry Phillips and Marj Hamshaw, Mark and Therese Powell, Braidy Davies and Peter Walker, Barb Went, Geoff and Cheryl Nougher, Sam and Craig Ellis. We were joined later by Geoff and Cheryl Nougher's family including a 5 day old baby!



Thanks to Sam Ellis for the photos. Barb Went

An apology to Jim Gourlay, who furnished last month's run report on the Yarra Junction Museum.

At Last Month's Meeting:

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

We were lucky to have a presentation from Mark Parritt and Richard McKellar about the upcoming National Rally. They inspired us with a fabulous presentation with pictures from previous National Rallies and I reckon it is a must. It sounds like a lot of fun.



Mark also brought in a lot of interesting car related components for people to have a look through:



National Rally 2023



Getting there in a convoy is half the fun!

History Lesson!

Morris Minor National Rallies have been held every two years since the first National Rally at Bundanoon in 1993. As the Rally is a National event – A club from each State would take turns in hosting. A delegates meeting was held during the rally, and clubs would put forward elaborate presentations – competing with each other to hold the next rally.

In recent times – mainly due to covid, the 2018 Canberra National Rally was the most recent. This was the 19th National Rally.

Our club hosted the 18th National Rally – commencing at Bendigo, concluding with a fabulous 'show and shine' muster at Caribbean Gardens.

It was a very successful and well attended event with approx.100 cars attending over the rally weekend.

National Rallies traditionally followed quite a structured format. Over the years, and as members became older – the judging was replaced with a far less onerous 'People Choice' system.

With this recent focus away from judging, National Rallies have become more fun and inclusive to all members.

This new system makes hosting a National Rally a simpler exercise – although Adelaide has certainly gone all-out to impress!

Saturday evening is a sit down meal.

Sunday is usually a run to a fabulous destination & Sunday meal.

Monday – a breakfast



Planning.

With the exciting news that Adelaide will be hosting, it is time to start planning for the event. My advice is to plan early – and block out the dates (**31 March to April 3**) in your 2023 calendar!

The first action is to register online. (Morris Car Club of South Australia > National Rally Booking)

This builds the enthusiasm and momentum for the host club, and Mark and I usually do an update at our monthly meetings.

(Important note here... Entry's close 30 November 2022)

The second task is to book your accommodation.

Mark is currently putting together a list of accommodation, so we will pass on our recommendations.

...also closer to the Rally, we usually have a meeting to work out who is going – and to swap phone numbers.

We also work out what spares we will take as a group. These usually include, fuel pump, carburettor, fuel filter, hoses, generator, starter motor, back axels, insulation tape, various tools etc.

(Someone's back axel seems to break at a National Rally – but there is always plenty of parts and know-how to get things sorted).

I really enjoy and highly recommend the convoy idea...safety in numbers – and loads of fun!

(below are the details we have on-hand at the moment – things may change, so put your therapists number on speed dial in case they do...)



The Rally theme is: Celebrating 75 Years of the Morris Minor

Friday March 31

Welcome to our National Rally

This will take place at the Festival Functions Centre, 292 Findon Road Findon SA.

Doors will open at 3.00pm, official Rally Registration on arrival and distribution of Rally Packs to take place.

4.00pm Introduction/Welcome to Adelaide smoking ceremony and Face of the National Rally welcomes all in attendance. Official introduction by Club President and National Rally Chairperson. Video presentation of what to expect over the next 4 days.

Entrants are asked to return to their cars and make their way to the Port Dock National Railway Museum. This journey takes our rally participants to the esplanade Rd, along Semaphore beach. We then make our way

through Port Adelaide to our destination – The Port Dock Railway Museum.
A BBQ dinner will be served for all attendees and access to the Museum and all facilities.

Saturday April 1

It's almost the Bay to Birdwood.

Our rally participants will experience what many regard as one of the truly unique car runs in the world, The Bay to Birdwood.

Our day starts on Greenhill Road, Wayville at 8.30am where all the vehicles participating on the run will assemble. All cars will be registered with a label that will assist in car parking at Birdwood in their specific models. Upon your departure from Wayville the journey will take entrants to some of the most picturesque locations throughout the Adelaide Hills. On our arrival at Birdwood, drivers will be directed to park their vehicles in accordance with their models for People Choice judging. Your attendance into the Birdwood grounds gives you access to the National Motor Museum.

Lunch and refreshments can be accessed from the numerous hotels, cafés and bakeries along the main street of Birdwood. Our day at Birdwood closes at 3.00pm when cars will have access to depart the grounds.

Sunday April 2

Minors in the Vale

It's a Cube but not like you know it.

Our day commences at 8.00am at Victoria Park in the city of Adelaide. We will congregate in front of one of the most iconic Grandstands in Australia, particularly made famous from Adelaide's days of the Grand Prix and Adelaide 500.

A BBQ breakfast will be provided for all participants in attendance, followed by a mass group photo shoot of all the cars participating in front of the iconic Grandstand.

We make our way from Victoria Park in convoy to the d'Arenberg Winery, where one of the most talked about buildings is located – The Cube.

So far as food and refreshments are concerned, you will have an abundance of choices. You can book at one of two restaurants available at the Cube (links Below), or perhaps you'd rather go a little more relaxed and take advantage of the Food Trucks and Vans that will be on site at the winery.

National Rally Dinner

Festival Functions Findon – Three course dinner.

Trophy presentations – concluded 10.00pm

Monday April 3,

Our final day takes us once again into the Adelaide hills, where we meet at Mount Lofty summit cafe for Morning Tea at 10.00am.

At 11.00am we make our way to Strathalbyn where we have several interesting locations to help capture your imagination.

- Gilbert's Motor Museum
- Collectable Classics on Show
- Strathalbyn Museum National Trust

So far as food and refreshments are concerned, the town is blessed with numerous Hotels, cafés and bakeries, that will cater for your discerning tastes.

From there, we will then sadly say our final farewells at 3.00pm

It's going to be a ripper event – so book early.

(well done Adelaide for getting this sorted – WOW!)

Mark and I will keep you updated

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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.

Mike Dobson sent this message: “A friend gave me this link for BMC/Morrie ads in the 1950's and 1960's on You Tube which you may consider worthwhile to put in the Generator, although some of the older members may have seen them before. I hadn't so found them quite interesting/entertaining.”

You Tube link <https://youtu.be/Zunka-cSEeo>

Thanks, Mike!

The Minor Scene in New Zealand

Thank you to Craig Ellis for this article.

The Morris Minor scene in NZ is pretty active and you just have to get used to the fact that everyone calls them Morries, not Moggies!

There are eight Regional Minor Car Clubs across both North and South Island with varying levels of membership and activity but most meet several times each year. Runs out to a café, beach or place of interest are much more popular than static rallies.

There is also an umbrella organisation called the NZ Morris Minor Federation which the regional clubs support. The federation organises a National Rally or “Convention” each year which is well attended and this Easter I will be heading off to Greymouth in the South Island (a 1350 mile round trip) where this year's convention is being held.

The cars you see at Minor rallies tend to be very different to the UK, both in type of car and colours. Dominion Motors, the main Morris dealership in NZ had two assembly plants in Auckland. One in the suburb of Newmarket (now the site of a Westfield shopping centre) where cars were assembled from CKD kits and one in an eastern suburb called Panmure where vans and utes (we don't call them pick-ups here!) were built.

At a rally here it is very rare to see a 2-door car as Dominion Motors only assembled 4 doors. The handful of 2-door cars around are from personal imports. Minor saloon assembly in NZ was abandoned in 1963 as production was turned over to the new Morris 1100 and so there are very few 1098cc Series V cars in the country. Only around 50 Series V NZ-assembled cars have survived of which mine is one. In contrast, van and ute assembly continued until 1973 with the last examples not hitting the streets until early 1974. Travellers and Convertibles were all imported fully built up and the tax regime at the time meant they were more expensiveleading to far fewer being registered.imagine a rally in the UK where 4-door 948cc saloons were by far the majority of cars present!

Dominion Motors had their own colour range and so the shades you see in NZ are very different too. The most common colours were probably Dresden Blue and Willow Green. My personal favourite is the unusual shade called 'Coffee'. All NZ assembled Minors have the radiator grille and wheels in body colour except 1098cc cars which had wheels in a pale beige colour called limestone.

Classic ownership in NZ has plusses and minuses compared to the UK. The favourable climate means that there are still many original cars in excellent condition. Phil Clements' early 1949 lowlight is a case in point, one of the first CKD cars to be built here and still with its original configuration of a single rear light. Inevitably some rust-free classics find themselves being exported to the USA, UK and Japan, but numbers are relatively small.

The tax and test regime is more onerous here, although the condition required to pass a Warrant of Fitness (MOT) test is probably slightly lower than the UK. Testers are hot on rust and as in the UK classic owners can sometimes fall victim to testers who don't understand old cars! Once a car reaches 40 years old it qualifies for a lower (but not free) registration fee, the equivalent of Road Tax. If you do not either pay your fee or put the registration on hold (the same as SORN) the registration number is lost forever. To then put your car back on the road requires the car to pass a quite stringent compliance process and a new registration number is issued. As a result, prices for cars where the registration has lapsed are considerably lower than for those that are currently on the road or have Rego on Hold.

In contrast to the strange MOT exemption process in the UK where there is no statutory check on vehicle condition, old cars here are tested more often. Any car first registered before 1 January 2000 has to have a Warrant of Fitness test every six months. It is clearly nonsensical for a 20 year old car covering high mileage to be subject to annual test, where 50 year old hobby classics covering 1000 miles each year have to be tested every six months. The classic car community is currently lobbying the Government for a change in the law to recognise historic status and to reduce testing frequency, but sadly there is little interest from the lawmakers at this stage.

Despite this, the classic car scene is alive and well with tens of thousands of enthusiasts across the country enjoying themselves. There is a sizeable Classic American Car fraternity over here, but the biggest rally of the year is the annual "Brit & Euro Show" here in Auckland, where over 1000 British and European cars gather each March with every marque you can think of being represented. There can't be many other shows in the world where six Jowett Jupiter sports cars would be gathered together!

With best wishes from New Zealand! Andrew Dyer, January 2022.

- 1) Gladys, my 1963 1098cc saloon in Willow Green has her original NZ-sourced grey interior.
- 2) Gladys, my 1963 1098cc saloon in Willow Green has her original NZ-sourced grey interior.

- 3) Paul Finlayson's 1962, 948cc saloon in Coffee certainly stands out in the crowd!
 - 4) Dresden Blue, one of the most common NZ colours on this 1955 Series 2.
 - 5) Contrast this late 1098cc Utility, first registered in January 1974.
 - 6) Phil Clements' early 1949 saloon still has the single rear light arrangement
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A little more from the Florence Thomson Tour:



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 to hear about it. Please let the Editor know (editor@morrisminorvic.org.au) and we can list them on the MMCCV website (with the disclaimer that we do not formally endorse them of course)

Identifying your car – Part 1

Thank you to Mark Bosley for this item

Morris Minors can be broadly classified into the following series:

Series MM - September 1948 > February 1953 Chassis numbers: 501 > 179839

Series II - August 1952 > September 1956 Chassis numbers: 160001 > 448714

Early 1000 (Series III) - October 1956 > September 1962 Chassis numbers: 448801 > 990289

Late 1000 (Series V) - September 1962 > April 1971 Chassis numbers: 990290 > 1294082

NOTE: Series IV was allocated to the Mini-Minor






The types can also be split up further depending upon vehicle variant.

	Series MM Lowlight	Series MM Highlight	Early Series II	Late Series II	Early 1000 Series 3	Late 1000 Series 5
Engine cc & Type	918cc SV	918cc SV	803cc OHV	803cc OHV	948cc OHV	1098cc OHV
Production Dates	09/48 > 09/50	09/50 > 02/53	08/52 > 10/54	10/54 > 09/56	10/56 > 09/62	09/62 > 04/71
2 Door Saloon	X	X	X	X	X	X
4 Door Saloon		X	X	X	X	X
Convertible	X	X	X	X	X	X
Traveller			X	X	X	X
Van			X	X	X	X
Pickup			X	X	X	X

Note: SV = Side Valve, OHV = Over Head Valve

As can be seen from above, there was never a Series MM Traveller, Van or Pickup. Also there was never a Series MM lowlight 4-door.

Front Grilles





September '48 > September '50		Lowligh front end 'Cheese-grater' grille
September '50 > October '54		Highlight version new larger headlamps mounted on wings, sidelights mounted on grille
October '54 > August '61		Sidelights moved onto wings 'slatted' grille introduced
August '61 > October '63		Sidelight units changed to larger type
October '63 > April '71		Combined indicator/sidelight units fitted

Lighting

Various lighting arrangements were used on the Minor and are listed below:

Rear Lights:

<p>September '48 ></p> <p>March '49</p>	 	<p>'Central screw' single lamp with reflector on opposite side of car (L482)</p> 
<p>March '49 ></p> <p>June '49</p>		<p>Flush circular lights incorporating stop lamps (L488)</p>
<p>June '49 ></p> <p>December '54</p>		<p>Triangular 'helmet' type (L471)</p>

<p>December '54 ></p> <p>October '56</p>		 <p>L549 lens. Larger unit with reflector (chrome ring but painted base).</p>
<p>October '56 ></p> <p>October '63</p>		<p>L549 lens.</p> <p>Fully chromed base.</p>
<p>October '63 ></p> <p>April '71</p>		<p>Larger units incorporating Indicators.</p>

Trading Places – May 2022

email editor@morrisminorvic.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.

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Editor's Note:

Such a lot has happened since last month's Generator! We had the teddy Bear's Picnic was which was very well attended, we had a fabulous presentation on next year's National Rally from Mark Parritt and Richard McKellar at our last Club meeting and for the women in our club there was the option of attending the Florence Thomson Tour run by the AOMC in Bendigo. There were 5 Morry's at the Florence Thomson Tour and what a fabulous experience it was! As always please keeping sending your great articles, stories, and photos. This is what keeps the Generator relevant.

Barb Went, Editor





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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 Reg. Number

☐ Original ☐ Restored ☐ Modified ☐ Daily Use

Name of car Colour

Are you a Club Permit Holder with MMCCV Inc? Yes / No Expiry Date:/...../.....

If more than one, would you please attach a list of your vehicles with details.

I 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 time my Membership is current.

Signature: Date:

Membership renewal should be brought to the next General Meeting

Or it can be posted to: The Membership Officer, MMCCV Inc., PO Box 354 Balwyn, Vic, 3103

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