



# The Generator

**Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria  
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One of our intrepid Regalia Officers, when he visited the UK recently. You can read about it on page **XXX**

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

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September 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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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

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

# 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@morrisminorvic.org.au](mailto:cpsregistrar@morrisminorvic.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@morrisminorvic.org.au](mailto:cpsregistrar@morrisminorvic.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.

## **The New CPS Registrar first 100 Days**



Feedback from Members using electronic copies and scanning renewals.

We have had one member who had an electronic copy of a signed renewal knocked back when they did an in person over the counter renewal.

It would appear that VicRoads accepts electronic copies when renewing and uploading online, but knocked this one back when renewing over the counter. We have had many over the counter renewals with electronic copies without any incident.

My advice as CPS Registrar is where possible renew online and use your my VicRoads account. They are very easy to set up and just require an email address and your Victorian Drivers Licence number. The process online is easy with payment via credit card, then the permit once signed by an authorised club member is uploaded. Once the renewal is uploaded and paid VicRoads then checks the office bearers signature and emails back within 24 hours confirming the permit is renewed.

If you wish to renew via mail to me then please send a return stamped self-addressed envelope, so I can return the signed renewal form, log book permit sticker and window label. Members are sending me cheques made out to VicRoads and as such are not following instructions slowing down the renewal process. Please read the instructions in the newsletter.

### **Lateness of renewals**

It is disappointing that some members are sending renewals to me after date of expiry or with a few days to go to expiry. The permit system is a privilege and not a right and the continual lateness shows disrespect to the Club and the Club permit system.

I do wish to thank all members that have had their renewals in on time which makes the administration easier.

Regards all

Geoff Shepherd  
Member no 2  
CPS Registrar



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022



Hi everyone,

I had a great time at Braidy's mystery run to Mt Macedon. It was nice to see so many people out in their morries even though I went in a modern. The lunch was fantastic, and the walk to the cross was invigorating but a little chilly. Thanks to Braidy for organising it.

On the tales of my ute, I have put the cylinder head back on and we will see how long I get out of this head gasket, so far so good.

This month we are heading to the McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Meet at the McDonalds on the cnr of Waverley Rd and Blackburn Rd at 9:30am for a 10:00am departure. Further details in the Events Calendar in the Generator.

Keep on Morrying,

Stewart Carr

This month I have a lovely photo of an engine I pulled apart after a customer had just purchased the motorcycle. As you can see there is a large amount of coolant in the crankcase and on the piston (2-Stroke). This engine will require a complete rebuild as the coolant makes the bearings go rusty.





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



This month we are featuring some of our Polo shirts, T Shirts and Slickers. This is a great way to advertise our Club !



. 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

If you have any ideas for new items that could be developed in our Regalia range we are always interested in hearing from you

### CHECK THIS OUT:

Marcus Ball sent through this great link to a YouTube video which shows the happy ending of a Morry Restoration:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zn8Phx7OlpI&ab\\_channel=Xfxish](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Zn8Phx7OlpI&ab_channel=Xfxish)

It runs for about 45minutes and is a great story.  
Thanks Marcus.



## MMCCV Treasurer's Report July 2022



1/07/2022 - 31/07/2022

### MMCCV Cheque A/C

	C/M	YTD
<b><u>Income</u></b>		
Club Raffle	\$ 43.00	\$236.00
Events	\$ -	\$0.00
Membership 22/23	\$ 365.00	\$2,810.00
Membership 23/24	\$ -	\$0.00
CPS / AOMC Book Sales	\$ -	\$40.00
Regalia Sales	\$ -	\$325.00
Badges	\$ -	\$0.00
Donation	\$ -	\$100.00
Rally Badges/Merch	\$ -	\$0.00
Auction	\$ -	\$0.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$ 408.00</b>	<b>\$3,511.00</b>
<b><u>Expenditure</u></b>		
"Generator" costs	\$ 145.00	\$314.34
Regalia	\$ -	\$977.81
Postage	\$ 11.00	\$11.00
Badges	\$ 85.25	\$126.50
Suppers	\$ 29.25	\$113.70
AOMC Handbooks	\$ -	\$0.00
Trophies	\$ 50.00	\$50.00
Auditor Fee	\$ -	\$150.00
Stationary	\$ 35.44	\$35.44
Refunds	\$ -	\$0.00
BMC Experience subs	\$ -	\$0.00
CAV annual fee	\$ -	\$60.10
Rent	\$ -	\$0.00
AOMC	\$ 250.00	\$250.00
Events	\$ 500.00	\$500.00
Computer software	\$ -	\$129.00
Bank reversal	\$ -	\$0.00
Web site hosting	\$ -	\$17.67
Insurance	\$ -	\$0.00
Presentations/Prizes	\$ 40.00	\$40.00
PO Box Rental	\$ -	\$0.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$159.00
Donations	\$ -	\$0.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>\$ 1,145.94</b>	<b>\$2,934.56</b>
<b>Net Income/Deficit</b>	<b>-\$737.94</b>	<b>\$576.44</b>

### Unpresented Cheques

Nil

### MMCCV Cheque A/C

Balance as at 30/06/2022	\$7,177.02
Net Income/Deficit	-\$737.94
<b>Balance as at 31/07/2022</b>	<b>\$6,439.08</b>

### MMCCV Term Deposit A/C

Balance as at 30/06/2022	\$8,512.07
Interest	\$0.00
<b>Balance as at 31/07/2022</b>	<b>\$8,512.07</b>

### MMCCV ACCOUNTS

Cheque Account	\$6,439.08
Term Deposit	\$8,512.07
<b>Balance as at 31/07/2022</b>	<b>\$14,951.15</b>

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 2022:

**Membership statistics are as follows:**

**184 Members including 7 Life members.**

101 Vehicles are registered on the Club Permit Scheme across 76 memberships.

### **New Members:**

**Darren Keast #179**, is a returning member looking to buy another Morrie when the right one comes along. In the meantime, Darren is trying to trace where his previously owned Ute might be located (the Ute was featured in the August newsletter).

It was great to see **Darren** and his wife **Tracey** attend our August meeting.

**Leigh Wallace #1818** has recently purchased a 1960 English Grey 1000 2 door sedan. The car has been under a tarpaulin in a shed since 2007. Leigh advises the car is in fair condition but needs a bit of work to get it roadworthy.

**We welcome these new members to the Club**

### **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



### **September Birthday Bunch**

Gavin Dyne	Gino Balestra	Rob Smith	Suzanne Johns	Chester McKaige
Teresa DiPilla	Gillian Asquith	Ian Williams	Darren Keast	Michelle Jurgens
McKenzie Thomas	Wayne Cunningham	Neil Cheney	Oscar Trapania	Charmain Hopwood
Geoff Shepherd	Meg Jenkins	Andrew Rogerson	Edward Degabriele	John Mason
Charmaine Kenner	Michael Edwards	Adele Allcock	Bruce Kerr	Mark Bosley
Trevor Sarbach	Michele Basil	Mark Powell	Wendy Arp	

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

HELD AT THE HORRIE WATSON HALL, DEEPPENE AND ALSO VIA ZOOM ON

THURSDAY 11 TH AUGUST 2022

The President welcomed the members present and online and opened the meeting at 8.01pm.  
Committee Members Present: President: Stewart Carr; Editor: Barb Went; Secretary: Ed James;  
Membership: Jim Gourlay; Regalia: Alan & Liam Todd; and Database Manager: John Druery.  
Attendance: Approximately 18 members were present together with 3 members via Zoom.  
Apologies: Geoff Shepherd, Trevor Dangerfield, Rob Spielman, Catriona Bruce, Mark Bosley, Cheryl Scicluna, Henry Edwards, Mark Perritt, Ann Druery and Anne Carr.  
Visitors and New Members: Returning members Darren & Tracy (Membership No. 179) who are looking for another Morris Minor, and new member Leigh Wallace who has just purchased a white 1960 two door Morris Minor. Leigh also donated two Morris Minor manuals to be the club.

## **Acceptance of Minutes:**

Minutes of the previous meeting held 14 th July 2022 accepted on the motion of Ross Carr and seconded by Jim Gourlay.

**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. Some enquiries received about the sale of Morris Minors and/or parts together with technical requests. These have been referred to appropriate persons.

**Treasurer's Report:** Katie absent but Stewart advised that we have a current operating balance of \$6,329.38. With our term deposit of \$8,512.07 we have a combined balance of our accounts of \$14,841.45.

**Membership Officer's Report:** As per the Generator. Jim advised that we have had a surge in people joining the club and we currently have 184 members including 7 Life members. We have 7 new members a number of whom are return members.

**Club Captain's Report:** While we no longer have a Club Captain, Braidy gave details of the run to Mount Macedon on 14 th August. Jim advised that Mark Parritt is organising the run to the McClelland Gallery on 25 th September, and the Morrykana is being held at the beginning of October at Roxburgh College. The Geelong club is organising their memorial car club run to Daylesford on Sunday 23 rd October which we have been invited to with other Morris Minor Clubs. We have decided to make this one of our runs, the details of which will be in the Generator. The November run on Melbourne Cup day possibly to Henrys is yet to be finalised. Christmas is at the Manningham Club. For next year we are looking for people to organise runs in February, March or April.

**CPS Officer's Report:** Geoff absent but he has passed on via Stewart that we presently have 101 cars on club plates. He said that so far he has processed 15 registration renewals since he took over at the beginning of May. Geoff is finding that many members are leaving it to the latest possible time after the registration has expired to submit their renewals and has asked if this could be improved.

**Regalia Officers:** Alan advised that several items are in the pipeline including the T shirts for the National Rally and various other items of new regalia including hats.

**Editor's Report:** Barb advised that the club is doing a calendar for next year featuring cars

photographed on runs. They should be available at the November meeting and will cost \$15.00. Any new members are asked to feel free to submit articles for publishing in the Generator.

**AOMC Report:** Stewart advised that the next AOMC meeting will be held in Seymour on 27 th August. He cannot attend but asked if any other members could do so on behalf of the club. Braidy volunteered her services to attend this meeting.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

1. Stewart gave an update on the preparations for the National Rally. Details of dates, accommodation, etc. will be noted in the Generator;
2. Braidy advised of a 'Morrays on Tour' website that gave information on how to prepare your Morry for a long drive. A link will be put in the Generator;
3. We still have vacancies on the Committee for a Vice President, Club Captain, Historian and Librarian for anyone wanting to take on a role.

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

Marcus has left over fabric to give away from when he made his tool kit covers if anyone is interested. Alan talked about his recent trip to England. He will do an article with photos for the Generator. He also advised that while there he purchased panels, etc. from ESM in Sussex.

Stewart talked about problems he has had with blown head gaskets and the gaskets he is trying out made from alternative composite materials.

Braidy talked about her new gearbox and how Percy gave it a thorough check up before installing it. Leigh Wallace advised he has a friend who wants to get rid of a low light in pieces.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.38pm followed by the drawing of the raffle.

Ed James

Secretary

**UPCOMING RUNS:**

**SEPTEMBER RUN - McClelland Gallery**

**25<sup>th</sup> September**

McClelland Gallery and Sculpture Park is at 390 Mc Clelland Drive Langwarrin Vic 3910

There are approximately one hundred sculptures dotted throughout the parklands and native bushlands. (An interesting bush walk) There are also two small indoor art galleries to view.

Harry`s Café at the Gallery offers takeaway coffee and food or alternatively you can eat in the café. If you plan to have lunch in the café, I have been advised that a booking should be made a week in advance.

For more information on the gallery go to <https://mcclelland.org.au>

The run will start at McDonald`s on the corner of Waverley Rd and Blackburn Rd Mount Waverley. Meet at 9.30am, depart for the Gallery at 10.00am. It will take about 30 to 40 minutes to get there without any tolls.

For those who wish to go straight to the Gallery please arrive at 10.30. If you plan to have a picnic it is BYO everything as there are no tables and chairs available.

For any further information contact Mark Parritt 0403 194 021 or [markparritt@gmail.com](mailto:markparritt@gmail.com).

## OCTOBER RUN:



# Morrykhana 2022

Roxburgh College 11am Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October  
60/70 Donald Cameron Dr, Roxburgh Park

Lunch will be provided on the day

rsvp to Stewart Carr by 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2022

Ph 0409 215 907 or [president@morrisminorvic.org.au](mailto:president@morrisminorvic.org.au)

## EVENTS CALENDAR

Date:	Event:	Details:
25 <sup>th</sup> September 2022	McClelland Sculpture Park and Gallery Run 	Meet at McDonald's on the corner of Waverley Rd and Blackburn Rd Mount Waverley. Meet at 9.30am, depart at 10.00am. It will take about 30 to 40 minutes to get there without any tolls. Contact Mark Parritt for further details Phone 0403 194 021
9 <sup>th</sup> October 2022	Morrykhana – Roxburgh College 	RSVP to Stewart Carr by 23 September 2022 Phone 0409 215907 or president@morrisminorvic.org.au
23 <sup>rd</sup> October 2022	Geelong Morris Minor Club Memorial Run	Picnic lunch at Wombat Hill Botanical Gardens Daylesford. BBQ available to use. Keith Winter 0431 830 315
1 <sup>st</sup> November 2022	Melbourne Cup Day 	Details to come
1 <sup>st</sup> . December 2022	Christmas Function 	Manningham Club 1 Thompsons Rd, Bulleen VIC 3105
26 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Australia day 	Westerfolds Park, Fitzsimmons Lane, Templestowe. More details to follow
31 March – 3 April 2023	Morris Minor National Rally 	Adelaide, South Australia – more details in this copy of the Generator.
28 <sup>th</sup> April – 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Florence Thomson Tour 	Centred around the Wangaratta area

# National Rally 2023

Hi All

If you are thinking of going to the National Rally next year, it's time to complete the registration form and start arranging your accommodation. From personal experience if you leave it too long, it can be hard to find accommodation close to rally events and at some rallies, the number of cars attending have been limited. A few members of our club and other Victorian clubs have already made their arrangements.

Some MMCCV members have booked the following accommodation but there may be vacancies still available at the venues listed below.

To and from Adelaide: Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023, Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
Nelson St Nhill 03 5391 1622.

Zero Inn Motel, 32

Adelaide, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. 2023 until Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023. Glenelg Motel, 41 Tapley's Hill Rd, Glenelg North. 08 8295714.

Below is a draft of the run sheet to and from the rally.

No	Date	Day	Activity	Destination
1	29th March	Wed	Depart Melbourne to Nhill	Stay in Motel at Nhill
2	30th March	Thu	Nhill to Adelaide	Stay in Motel at Adelaide
3	31st March	Fri	National Rally	
4	1st April	Sat	National Rally	
5	2nd April	Sun	National Rally	
6	3rd April	Mon	National Rally	
7	4th April	Tue	Depart Adelaide for Nhill	Stay in Motel at Nhill
8	5th April	Wed	Nhill to Melbourne	Home

If you require any further information, contact Mark Parritt 0403 194 921

## RUN REPORT:

### Braidy's Mystery Run:



## Braidy's Mystery Run 14/8/22

A grey overcast morning saw 9 Morris Minors & 2 Moderns convene at McDonalds Fawkner at 9.30am. After a sign-up, coffee & cupcakes supplied by our cupcake creator, Marcus Ball, the group set off on Braidys Mystery Run.

Heading north up Sydney Road we turned into Somerton Road & then had a brief stop at the airport viewing area, lots of low flying aircraft swooping over to check us out!

Off we went towards Sunbury to collect the last of our group at Coles car park. Confusion & several car park laps later we exited & headed back onto the main route.

A more obvious meet up was established a couple of kms up the road and the group re-convened.

On the road again (with Willie Nelson playing) we had ourselves a convoy - 10/4 Rubber Ducky!!

The weather Gods were smiling & the rain held off. A lovely scenic drive took us through Riddells Creek & the back blocks of New Gisborne turning onto the Mt Macedon Road arriving at Mt. Macedon Hotel at 11.45AM.

After a fine lunch in the Oriental Room we drove up to the Memorial Cross, a bit steep in some sections but nothing the trusty Morris Minors couldn't handle (some with more gusto than others)!

Coats & beanies on, the group strolled up to the Cross and a group photo was taken. After farewells in the car park the travellers parted ways & headed home. Several Morris Minor sightings on the Calder Freeway, even 2 non club cars were seen & waves exchanged!

Participants on the day were:

"Joyful" with Kate Hutson, Stephanie Greenslade (Braidys guest) & Sabi

"Ruby" with Graham & Rosalie Harper

"Tweety Bird" with John & Ann Druery

"HEK" with Braidys Davies & Peter Walker

"Maurice Grande" with Trevor Sawbach & Dianne

"Dicey" with Craig Thomas

"Moggy" with Dave & Maria Travers

"Oscar" with Percy & Cheryl Scicluna

"George" with Wendy Tyack & Sue Allisey

"2 Moderns" with Stewart, Ross & Ann Carr, & Jim & Helen Gourlay

A great day was had by all. Special thanks to Braidys for organising the Run!!!

Report by Sue A, Wendy's sister & navigator for the day in "George"



## At the last meeting:

Braidy Davies alerted us to a great article on the Morris Minor Owners Club website. It covers all the things that are worth considering before you undertake an extended journey in your Morry. Of course some of the information is specific to the UK and Europe but it is definitely worth a read. You can find it at :

[http://minorsontour.mmoc.org.uk/general\\_info.html](http://minorsontour.mmoc.org.uk/general_info.html)

Thanks to Braidy for this helpful information.

## 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

### The Time of Our Lives:

by Alan Todd



As many members will know, I have just returned from an overdue trip to England, primarily to visit ageing parents. A couple of weeks before leaving, I thought it might be nice to catch up with a local Morris Club, close to where I used to live and grew up. I come from the county of Essex, close to the beautiful market town of Saffron Walden, where I went to secondary school and where my mother now lives.

On contacting the Essex branch of the MMOC, they suggested, that as the county is quite spread out, that I contact the Uttlesford sub-branch. Upon contacting their President, Jonathon Morgan, he welcomed me to join them in their various activities throughout my stay. As it turned out, they are based in none other than the town of Saffron Walden!

Jonathon emailed me their calendar of events, the first being four days after my arrival at their bi-monthly meeting, at a lovely country pub 'The Plough' in the nearby village of Great Chesterford. Throughout the area, many homes date back to the 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> century, with thatched cottages commonplace.

As I arrived in the carpark of The Plough on a beautiful summer's evening, there were seven or eight Morrisies parked already, looking very grand and well kept. On parking up I was given a friendly greeting by many members. Their meetings, as I've learnt, are very different to ours, in that it involves a pub meal and a few pints! It was very informal and quite a social occasion, with a great sense of friendship between everyone. I had some great conversations regarding anomalies between Australian built Morrisies and UK Morrisies, along with club events and the general Morris movement in the UK.

After finishing our meals and a pint of Guinness, we wandered over to the Morrisies, and I listened to the stories of where they came from, what family member had previously owned it, and works that had been done to keep them in good order. I got talking to Colin Carter and his wife Carol who have a 1954 Series 2 Convertible, a wonderful car. It was covered in Union Jack bunting and I was curious to know why. If any of you had watched the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, you might have seen it there. In London, there had been many things organised, one of them, a pageant called 'The Time Of Our Lives', which was partly a procession of British-made cars from the 50's.

To be able to participate, Colin and Carol had to go through an application process with the MMOC and wait for many months before learning that they were successful. Two days before the parade, the car had to be taken to London and x-rayed to be checked for explosives before being kept in a secure compound until the parade took place. They learned that they were one of only 19 Morrisies to take part in the parade.

During the parade, they had around an hour driving around many well-known streets in London such as 'Horse Guards Parade', and down The Mall to Buckingham Palace, while waving, smiling and tooting to the crowd. Colin drove with Carol in the backseat, like royalty herself! After the parade, all participants were able to attend a live performance by Ed Sheeran in front of Buckingham Palace and an appearance by the Queen and other royal family members. Talking to me, I could tell it was such a highlight for them personally to be part of such a thing at their stage of life, from such a small club. They are very modest and after having met them, I can't think of anyone more deserving of the experience.

As our evening came to a close, Jonathon thanked me for being part of the evening and said some kind words. We have a pact to stay in touch. I will definitely make a point of catching up with them again next time I'm in that part of the world. I'm now on their email list to receive their newsletter, so if anyone would like to see it, please let me know.

Alan Todd

### 1955 Grey Morris Minor project:

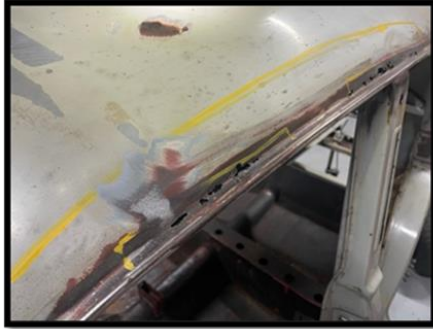


My wife WanTing has always loved Morris Minors since first seeing one driving around Croydon about 8 years ago, she thinks they are cute and loves their round shape. Back in June she saw a 1955 Morris Minor 4 door advertised on Facebook Marketplace not far away from us (we live in Croydon). She asked me to go and check it out, thinking it might be a good project for me once the house renovation is finished and our kids are a bit older. Off I went at about 8:30PM with my head torch and no prior knowledge of Morris Minors to have a look... in the dark. Checking it over it obviously had some rust but I figured a 67 year old car is going to have a bit of rust? Being a boilermaker in a previous life I wasn't too concerned about the idea of cutting and welding panel sections. The seller had stated in the listing that it required a front chassis rail repair section, which didn't seem to be a big issue. It came with a complete set of spare doors, bonnet and boot lid, I thought it was a good deal and put down a deposit. I picked it up the following week, when I got it home and had a good look over it in daylight, I realised I had bought her a real project car...

From what I can gather the car was originally sold in New South Wales; it has a small plate on the front left firewall that say 'supplied by Peter Lloyd Limited' with an ID number. It was last registered in Victoria in 1987 and had then made its way over to South Australia. When stripping the interior, I found a 28 day permit (from 2001) behind the glovebox for an address in a town called Kalangadoo. I googled the address of the house and street view showed it was an old house surrounded by walnut trees. When I removed the kick step plates, I found rodent chewed walnut shells inside sill/boxing channels, I also discovered a mouse nest in the headlining. The car has obviously had a bit of a 'dulux rebuild' at some point as the already rusted boxing channels had received a coat of paint. The gutter channel and the roof has rust near the left hand B-Pillar. This seems a bit unusual and my suspicion is the Morris may have sat outside underneath those walnuts trees for a long time where debris had accumulated in the gutter channel? It is otherwise pretty straight and all the deterioration seems to be the result of just sitting out in the weather?

It has rust in what I'm assuming are standard locations, sills, boxing channel, floorpan door hinge pillars, B pillars, C pillars, boot floor rear section, which all seem fixable with time and money. The only area that really concerns me is the roof /gutter channel rust near the B-pillar. I'd be interested to hear from members who have encountered rust in this area or who have any suggestions on how to repair it. I'm in the process of fabricating a rotisserie and hope to have the shell stripped out, braced and up on the rotisserie by next winter so I can start the repair work.

If MMCV members have any, advice or suggestions please get in touch via email [mathewevans77@hotmail.com](mailto:mathewevans77@hotmail.com) or give me a call on 0408 553 050. Thanks Mat Evans



### EDITOR'S EPORT:

This month we have some great activities planned. There is the run to McClelland Sculpture Park on 25<sup>th</sup> September. You have plenty of time to hone your driving skills so that you can do well at the Morrykhana at Roxburgh College on October 9<sup>th</sup>. Our President, Stewart will be there to adjudicate with his trusty tape measure. We look forward to seeing you there.



Some of last year's Morrykhana participants.

Barb Went, Editor



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### Can you help Darren please?

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Photos attached of my old MM modified Ute. It had a fibreglass flip front and had a Mazda Rotary engine, gearbox and diff. It was sold at Shannon auctions not sure of the year? In the nineties I think the last owner was John Nordar (not sure of spelling) now deceased  
It may have been wrecked but wondering if anyone knows where the cabin etc is



Regards Darren Keast 0418100918

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### Morry For Sale:

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Contact Barry Chambers for details: Barry 0419 594 531

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One of our newest members, Leigh Wallace knows a gentleman who has various parts in his yard in Ivanhoe that are available for very affordable purchase. He is keen to move them on so any offers will be welcomed.

He also has Morris 8 mudguards in good condition, along with various panels and doors from an FJ Holden.

Leigh is the point of contact:

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