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Ross Carr's Morrys at his memorial service

Photos courtesy of Barb Went

The MMCCV acknowledges Dr. David Warren AO, Founding Patron, MMCCV

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

NEXT MEETING:

Club Meeting on Thursday 9th April 2026 at 8.00 pm.

Meeting to commence at 7:30 pm. Our President, Russell Hatton will send a Zoom link a few days prior to the meeting for those unable to or not wishing to attend in person. If you are attending via Zoom please mute yourself until you wish to comment as background noise makes it very hard to hear.

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

on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people

(Melways Map 46 Ref. A8)

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Marcus Ball;

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.

IMPORTANT UPDATE TO CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

Important: The following rules apply from 1st September 2025

ALL Club Permit Holders.

For new applications and renewals please mail your forms to:

CPS Registrar Mail: PO Box 1112 South Melbourne 3205. Or Email morrisminorclubplates@gmail.com

enquires PH Geoff Shepherd 0419 13 77 11

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 and Motorcycles)

You must be either a life member or financial (paid up) member before you can apply for a new permit. An application fee of $20 is required. Payment can be made via cash or cheque to the MMCCV Secretary or a Committee member at MMCCV monthly meetings. There is no 6-month membership qualification time for any Morris Minor vehicle for new members.

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 Vehicles and Motorcycles

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. Members wanting to register a N**on-Morris** Minor or motorcycle must have been a member of our Club for at least 6 months.

All Morris Minor and Non-Morris Minor vehicle applications must include (6) recent photos:

1. Vehicle front	2. Vehicle rear	3. Vehicle driver's side
4. Vehicle driving position (side on, driver's door open)	5. Chassis no or ID plate	6. Vehicle engine bay

Motorcycle photos should include 1,2 & 5 (above) plus LHS RHS views and speedo.

Mailed photos should be signed and dated on back. Electronic photos are authenticated by email date.

You **must** notify The Committee of your red plate permit number within 48 hours of VicRoads issue via email to morrisminorclubplates@gmail.com . Failure to notify the Committee 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

Remember 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 Renewal form.** No renewal reminders will be issued to permit holders. Please do not request the Committee to mail your renewal and payment to VicRoads.

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.

President's Report April 2026

Hi Everyone,
It's certainly been a busy time for car shows with multiple events on every weekend so far for the month of March. The weather has been perfect too.
Saturday the 14th was Ross Carr's Memorial service. There were many past and current members of the club in attendance, and a fine display of Morris Minors. It was with mixed emotions that we gathered to celebrate Ross' life. On one hand, it was great to catch up with members from the early years, while on the other hand, it was sad knowing that we were farewelling one of the clubs most dedicated members and someone that we could all call a friend.
The March club run was the Sunday 15th International Women's Day (IWD) lunch at St Anne's Vineyard in Myrniong, for lady car enthusiasts and their supporters.
It was a very successful event with 30+ attendees. The weather was perfect for a good run in the cars and for viewing on arrival – with 11 cars of interest from Mercedes, to MGB, to Bolwell and of course Morris Minors! We all enjoyed a 2-course lunch and great conversation with likeminded attendees and a leisurely afternoon, with some people even sampling some wine tasting and making a few purchases! As part of the event, there was a brief presentation on International Women's Day, including an introduction to a lady from the history books, Mary Anderson who had the first patent for a working windscreen wiper, created in 1903! We were also joined by a member from our chosen charity, WomenCAN Australia who explained the importance of their work in enabling disadvantaged women to work in transport roles such as bus drivers and to gain a driver's licence – so essential for financial independence, especially in rural areas. We were pleased to raise approximately $250 for their cause.
We look forward to running the event for the 3rd year in 2027, most likely in February prior to the National Rally in March.
One that note, the 2027 National rally committee are making great progress in the planning of the event. To keep in touch with the latest news, please follow the Facebook group "Morris Minor National Rally 2027".

I look forward to seeing you at the April General Meeting,
In the meantime,
Keep On Morrying.

Russell Hatton
President

MMCCV Marketplace
CLUB REGALIA

Want to buy some gear? Contact Alan Todd

Mobile 0419 505 200 or email

regalia@morrisminorvic.org.au

Regalia Items which are in stock are listed here:

ITEM:	**COST:**
Black Morris T Shirts	$25
Spray Jackets Blue	$22
Spray Jackets Red	$22
Spray Jackets Black	$22
Morris Logo T Shirts	$25
Morris Logo Polo Shirt	$35
Morris Logo Rugby Top	$40
Morris Club Vest	$45
Morris Logo Caps	$20
Stubby Holders	$5
Morris Club Grille Badge	$40
Morris Car Banner	$10
My other car is a Morris Minor Sticker	$10

Contact Alan Todd Mobile 0419 505 200 or email regalia@morrisminorvic.org.au

Apparel available to order
Chambray shirts (pale blue) with club logo $39.
Navy Scarf with logo $17.
Club lapel badge $10.
Various badges.

MORRIS MINOR
AUSTRALIA
Thorpe
56 Alex Avenue Moorabbin Victoria 3189 Australia
email: morrisminoraus@optusnet.com.au
Tel: 0432 619 186

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT APRIL 2026

Hello members.
It is members that make the club run successfully.
Great news is that we have had several members approach the committee with suggestions and offers to organise runs.
If you have any suggestions for runs or events, please contact any member of the committee or Mark Bosley - 0407 418 115 or clubcaptain@morrisminorvic.org.au
Sunday April 19 AOMC All Aussie car show Manhattan Hotel Ringwood.
Gold coin donation to enter.
Lunch in Sports bar. Please let Mark know by text, email or Facebook if you are coming for lunch so I can book a table. 0407 418 115 clubcaptain@morrisminorvic.org.au
Meet at Nunawading McDonald's corner Springvale and Whitehorse Road Nunawading
8:00 am.

May Club run – more information to come.
We are looking at several options including AOMC National motoring day event. If you have any suggestions please contact a member of committee.

Other events
May 1 -3 Florence Thomson Tour
Applications have now closed. Congratulations to all members who have applied and received an offer to join tour. Once again, we will one of the most represented car clubs on the tour.

June 5 – 8 Hamilton and District Veteran and Vintage Drivers Club – Petroleum Rally
Entries close 25 May
June 6 – 8 Albury Wodonga Mighty Murray Muster
Check out the details on their Facebook page, link below.
https://www.facebook.com/groups/1369757770388335

Some interesting newspaper articles about our founding patron Dr. David Warren AO

From 1980, a newspaper article on our founding club patron Dr David Warren AO

HAMILTON AND DISTRICT VETERAN VINTAGE CLASSIC DRIVERS CLUB

"PETROLEUM RALLY"

5/6/7/8/JUNE 2026

ENTRY FORM

Entries close Monday 25th May 2026

TOUR CONDITIONS

All vehicles must be registered or on red plates with appropriate log book and must be roadworthy.

The club reserves the right to alter, amend or cancel the tour and whether or not to refund money paid should the entrant fail to attend all or part of the tour.

INDEMNITY

The consideration of my application being accepted I undertake that I will at all times hereafter well and sufficiently indemnify the club and members thereof, their officials, servants and agents against all liability in respect of any actions, suits, proceedings, claims, demands, costs and expenses whatsoever which may be taken or made against the club and the members thereof, their officials, servants and agents or incurred or become payable by any of them.

SIGNED……...DATE……..

PARTICULARS

Name of entrant/driver……..

Address……...

State……...Postcode……...

Mobile Phone-Driver……..

Email Address-Driver……

Passenger/s name……

Mobile Phone Passenger…….

Make of Vehicle……Year of Vehicle……..

Model……..

Permit Number/Registration Number…….

Club……

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Secretary April 2026 Report

I received copies of newsletters from the flowing clubs.
If anyone would like a copy, please email me at secretary@morrisminorvic.org.au and I will forward a copy.
AOMC
Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Car Club
Central Victoria Morris Minor Car Club
Minor Matters Ballarat Morris Minor Club
Toowoomba and Downs Morris Group
Geelong Morris Minor Club & BMC club.
Wedding car help.

I have had an enquiry from Ruth Bayfield about having a Morris Minor as her wedding car in August. Her father who has passed away owned several Morris Minor's in England and visited Australia and joined in some of our club events. Ruth thought it would be fitting if she could have a Morris Minor as her wedding car. The wedding is in August at Montsalvat in Eltham.
If you can assist, please call Ruth 0432 076 405 she would appreciate it enormously.

APRIL 2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

01/02/26-28/02/26

MMCCV Cheque A/C		C/M	YTD
Receipts			
Club Raffle	$	89.00	$431.00
Events	$	80.00	$1,475.00
Membership 25/26	$	65.00	$1,750.00
Membership 26/27			$0.00
CPS / AOMC Book Sales			$20.00
Regalia Sales			$60.00
Badges			$45.00
Reimburse overpayment	$	-	$0.00
Donation			$235.00
Deposit IWD	$	-	$0.00
Deposit Mystery Run	$	-	$0.00
Error Deposit			$0.00
Calendar			$385.00
Interest from TD	$	-	$0.00
Principle from TD	$	-	$0.00
Total Income	$	234.00	$4,401.00
Expenditure			
"Generator" costs	$	-	$0.00
Regalia	$	-	$0.00
Postage			$52.50
Badges	$	15.50	$196.00
Suppers	$	270.28	$413.06
AOMC	$	-	$0.00
Trophies			$84.15
Auditor Fee	$	-	$0.00
Run costs	$	-	$55.61
Deposit			$550.00
Refunds	$	-	$0.00
BMC Experience subs	$	-	$0.00
CAV	$	-	$0.00
Rent			$525.00
Stationery			$24.75
Events			$2,123.04
Subscriptions/software			$359.67
Calendars			$419.80
Insurance			$299.97
Presentations/Prizes			$181.97
PO Box Rental			$0.00
Equipment	$	-	$0.00
Total Expenditure	$	285.78	$5,285.52
Net Income/Deficit		-$51.78	-$884.52
Unpresented Cheques			
Nil			

MMCCV Cheque A/C	
Balance as at 31/01/2026	$3,923.75
Net Income/Deficit	-$51.78
Balance as at 28/02/2026	**$3,871.97**

MMCCV Term Deposit A/C	
Balance as at 31/01/2026	$5,240.37
Interest	$0.00
	$5,240.37
Transfer to Chq	$0.00
Balance as at 28/02/2026	**$5,240.37**

MMCCV ACCOUNTS	
Cheque Account	$3,871.97
Term Deposit	$5,240.37
Balance as at 31/01/2026	**$9,112.34**

Bal 30/06/25	$ 4,756.49
YTD	-$884.52
Current Bal	$ 3,871.97

MEMBERSHIP REPORT APRIL 2026

Membership statistics are as follows:
172 Financial members including 6 Life members.

New Members:

Pam Dennis #1212 is a returning member of 30 years ago who now resides in Tasmania and is the owner of a Green 1954, Series 2 four door sedan. Pam managed to meet up with the MMCCV touring group on their recent visit to Tasmania. As bonus for Pam, members of the group, Graham Dines and Wayne Cunningham, were able to offer her some timely auto electric assistance.

Elizabeth Cornish #1851 has a 1958 Red Morry Ute which she was gifted by her father-in-law. The Ute is currently in WA waiting to be shipped to Melbourne. The vehicle is very impressive, and Elizabeth is keenly waiting to receive it and get it on the road.

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.

Jim Gourlay, Membership Officer

General Meeting Minutes of The Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria Incorporated.

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Held at The Horrie Watson Hall, Deepdene Thursday 12 March 2026.
The President welcomed members present in the hall and online and opened the meeting at 8:01 pm.
Committee Members Present:
President: Russell Hatton; Secretary: Mark Bosley.
Regalia: Alan Todd; Geoff Shepherd
Attendance: As per attendance sheet.
Apology: Trevor Sabich, Barbra Went, Jim Gourlay
New members present: No new members at meeting this month
Guests: No guests
Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting held February 12 2026 accepted on the motion of Stewart Storie and seconded by Robert Thorpe

President's Report:
The combined MG & Morris Minor swap meeting was a great success with our club having seven stalls. Weather was great, sales were great and a number of members called by to say hello and make some purchases. The down side was one of our stall holders had an item stolen which was unfortunate.
Braidy Davies National Rally director mentioned that not all accommodation venues are taking bookings online because it is a year before event. She has suggested ringing venues direct using council accommodation guide.

Memorial for Ross Carr will be held on Saturday 14 March at Clifford Park Activity Centre, Wonga Park. All members are invited and encouraged to drive their cars.
This Sunday we have our second International Women's Day lunch at St Annes winery in Myriong. Funds raised from lunch will go to WomenCAN charity.

AOMC:
Russell attended meeting on February 9. Guest speaker was from Bendigo bank who detailed the ending of cheque payments by 2029 and confirming future payments will be electronic. Accounts will need to have an approver and a verifier to approve payments. We already have this in place.
A small number of clubs are doing well with the AOMC insurance scheme including our club. There will be Zoom Q&A session's scheduled for clubs soon.
The AOMC has a line of communication directly with VicRoads over concerns with personalised plates being issued with the same letters and numbers as original vintage plates. Some vintage owners are being issued fines for infringements by modern cars.

Vice President's Report:
Position Vacant. Volunteer required, a great position to become involved in the success of the club.

National Rally:
Report presented by Geoff Shepherd
National Rally web and Facebook page now available.
Committee has met with local council and community groups.
We are currently investigating submissions for funding of event.
Local Rotary group will help with BBQ's and show and shine event.
We will be going live with registration for the event tomorrow with bank account set up.
There will be a $50.00 per person registration fee to help fund initial set up and organisation.
Accommodation can be booked using council accommodation guide.
Initial itinerary:
Friday: - Welcome BBQ (Rotary)
Saturday- show and Shine -Botanic Gardens, Dinner – Bowls Club
Sunday: - Breakfast, Silo Tour, Winton Raceway, Gala dinner Town Hall
Monday: Breakfast, Ned Kelly and winery Tour.

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Treasurer's Report:
Jim Gourlay
Cheque account: $3,694.802
Term deposit: $5,240.37
Combined balance: $ 8,935.67

Membership Officer's Report:
This month we have 2 new members giving us a total membership of 172 members including 6 Life members.

Club Plate Officer Report:
122 cars on club plates, 5 not renewed. 2canceled because members have become unfinancial and we have not been able to make contact with them.
50% of renewals are now being completed electronically online.

Regalia:
Allan took some items to swap meet and had some luck selling a few items.
All items available for purchase at General Meeting.

Editor:
Barbra will be away during May and early June so the may and June generator will be combined and will be available in June.
April generator will appear as usual.

Club Captain's Report: Mark advised of future runs as follows:

Mark is looking for suggestions or ideas for future runs or events for the year.
The position of Club Captain is vacant if there is anyone out there who would like to do role?

Possible upcoming events

Guest talk and demonstration from Ambulance Victoria Paramedic

Rob Roy Hilll climb event with MG Car Club. Car display and BBQ

Saturday morning coffee. Suggestions please.

Cranbourne Botanic Gardens.

Christmas in July (our club)

Visit to Kate's house.

Morrykhana

General Business:

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Wanted & For Sale: Long standing member Richard Squire will have his red series MM convertible up for sale soon. More details to follow.

Tips and Hints:

Alex McGrory asked via email whether any members had experience with after market rear oil seal kits. Opinion from the floor of the meeting was that kits from the UK weren't great, ones from US were ok. Bothe involved re-engineering the rear of crankshaft and was a lot of work. If engine breathing points were working properly there wouldn't be a build up of pressure in engine and oil would not be forced out of rear seal.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 9:01 pm.

Mark Bosley
Secretary - Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria

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MARCH 2026 RUN REPORT:

Run Report- International Women's Day St Annes Winery Myriong

A group of club members, family and friends gathered on a sunny day at St Annes winery for our second annual International Women's Day luncheon. Organised by Susan Hatton the aim of the luncheon is to bring people together for International Women's Day, get your car out for a drive, enjoy a nice lunch, enjoy each other's company and most importantly raise funds for WomeCAN "driving to employment "charity.

This year we had 33 participants which was a great turn out and we had a guest speaker from the WomenCAN charity who detailed their work and the women they help. Most importantly they help young women obtain their drivers licences which opens a world of opportunity for them.

We plan to continue this event next year and select a different venue each year. A big thank you to Susan Hatton for

her determination organising event over the last two years.
We look forward to the event growing each and looking forward to seeing you next year.

Photos courtesy of Russell Hatton

EVENTS CALENDAR 2026:

Club Captain Mark Bosley 0407 418 115 or clubcaptain@morrisminorvic.org.au

Date:	Event:	Details:
March 9th April Club Meeting	8.00 pm Thursday 9th April	Horrie Watson Pavilion Deepdene Park, Whitehorse Road, Deepdene 3103
May 1st – 3rd 2026	Florence Thomson Tour	Ladies, the Florence Thomson Tour for female drivers in classic cars is happening again. Based in Shepperton.
June 5 – 8 Hamilton and District Veteran and Vintage Drivers Club – Petroleum Rally	Details under other events in this newsletter	Entries close 25 May
Albury Wodonga Morris Minor Car Club Mighty Murray Muster June 6 to 8 026	Contact Richard Campbell who is their secretary. secretaryawmmcc@gmail.com	Details on their Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/share/p/1B4QJcFXYJ/
March 12th – 14th 2027	Auckland Morris Minor Club National Convention	More details to come
March 19th – 22 March 2027	MMCCV & CVMMCC joint National Rally	Details in this newsletter and online at their Facebook page. https://www.facebook.com/groups/4251328961747771

TRADING PLACES

email editor@morrisminorvic.org.au

or

Contact: Barb Went 0409 002 531

When submitting items for the trading places would you kindly include your contact details so that anyone interested in your item can contact you. Thank you. Your advertisements will appear for 3 months running. After that date it will be removed unless you request it to be re-listed. If you do sell your advertised item, would you kindly notify the editor via

email editor@morrisminorvic.org.au or phone 0409 002 531 so your advertisement can be removed from the Generator.

For Sale 48/49 Morris Minor Project **2.**

Car located in Nyah. Blue Grey in colour.
Body has had repairs done, many years ago. Some rust to be removed then paint. All mechanics have been overhauled.
Price: negotiable

Contact: Geoff Cane 0408 703 517

Beehive heater for Morris Minor 1000 **3.**

Genuine Smith's heater .
Good working order.
$150-00.
Contact Cliff 0400 169 172
Located in Ocean Grove, Victoria

FOR SALE 1952 series II Split Screen Side Valve: **1.**

Ideal Project car. Body in excellent condition with very good interior. Paintwork also just needs a polish. Complete unit with engine ready to re-install. Lots of spare parts to go with her. Very regretful sale due to health reasons. $5,000 or near offer. Would love to see the old girl stay with the MMCCV. Located in Riddells Creek.

Neil Cheney
ncheney@bigpond.net.au
0407 565 075

1955 MORRIS MINOR SEDAN - UNFINISHED RESTORATION FOR SALE **2.**

We bought our 1955 Morris (with 950cc engine) in 1987. It had been partly restored, and we had further work done - mainly the interior; re-upholstered seats and new trim and carpets. Following the restoration of a Traveller, numerous mechanical works were duly done on the sedan including new rings, engine gaskets, reconditioned head and so on.
In 2016 the current restoration commenced (and I joined the MMCV). A full list of expenditures with receipts is available but the main items are as follows –

- Soda blasting, minor body repairs and two pack duco (Cornish Cream, close to the original Champagne Ivory) by Odell Panels in Seaford
- Reconditioned head from Thorpe
- New wiring loom, headlining, glove boxes
- New radiator, engine and gearbox mounts, whole braking system (except for the metal piping), suspension bushes, engine gaskets, hoses, steering rack boots
- Five new tyres
- Re-chromed and new overriders, new hockey sticks and bumper blades,
- New rear dampers (front ones reconditioned)
- New front windscreen glass and minor interior trim items, weather seals etc
- The interior (seats, mats etc) is in much the same excellent condition as when it was done in 1987

The total expenditure on the current restoration is $14,500 (half of this being the body works and paint). There is a limited market for such a project as this so I will be happy to get my money back. i.e. the unrestored car itself is going for free but initially I was prepared to give it away to a good home anyway.
The work is recorded in detail in exercise books with all parts numbered etc. Numerous manuals, books on restoration etc are included plus miscellaneous spare parts.
The car is in Mt Eliza.
I can be contacted any time on 0407 098 980
Peter Tilyard

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MORRIS MINOR FOR SALE **2.**

It has been out in the weather for 30 years + so is not in good condition but is pretty much complete. Has motor and gearbox, hasn't been moved in all that time. Probably too far gone for restoration but maybe useful for mechanical parts.
I'm hope you might have a club member, maybe a young enthusiast who is looking to fix up one and may or may not have a lot of funds to do so.

If you have someone who is interested and you can organise pick up from your end I'd be happy to donate the car to your club.
I am not quite ready to move the car to get it out of the property into the driveway yet but will be in the near future. I just wanted to touch base with you first.

Location is Fairfield Vic
Wayne A Grogan
Mobile # 0411 703 774
wayne.grogan@westgarthplumbing.com.au

FOR SALE **1.**

1950 Series MM Low Light Tourer for sale - $15,000 ONO Rare 1950
2-door Series MM (Low Light) Tourer. Same owner for the last
40 years. Has 950cc Morris Minor OHV engine, gearbox and diff, plus
Morris Major drum brakes. RWC will be provided prior to sale. Spare parts include tonneau cover, hub caps and more. Contact details: Rick Squire at rick.j.squire@gmail.com or 0439 367 479

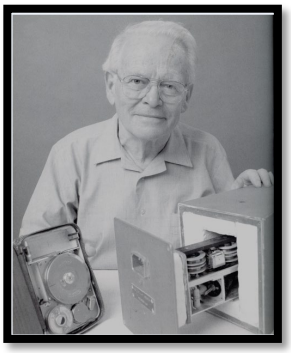
Other Upcoming Events:

Morris Minor National Rally 2027

ITS ON 19th – 22nd March 2027

National Rally Report
March 2026

Wow! Things are moving fast. The committee has had several meetings, lots of phone calls and messages and a trip to Benalla. We had meetings with community groups including the council who are fully on board.
Friday night registration and meal will be at the Benalla Visitors center with the Morris Minors lining the street outside and the lake in front.
We have an undercover venue for Saturday breakfast and a street we can commandeer for our displays. Saturday afternoon will be flexible with a few ideas being played with. Saturday night is a casual meal at the Benalla Bowls Club.
Sunday is 'Run Day' and we again have too many ideas for this. The Gala night will be at the Benalla Town Hall and we have a great little sub committee looking after this who are briming with enthusiasm.
Monday morning there will be a breakfast from the Rotary Club and farewells. There are still a million things to do in Benalla, so we don't recommend rushing off.
The thorny issue of insurance is being dealt with as the MMCCV insurance will cover the whole Rally as long as we figure how to fill in a risk management form!
Will there be Fashions of the Era? – hell yes
Will there be rocker cover racing? -hell yes
Are we looking forward to a great rally? – hell yes!
Braidy Davies
National Rally Director



50 year Celebration – a History Part II
The Other Dave Warren

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Researching the life of Dr David Warren, I stumbled upon the writings of Macarthur Job, a pilot and aircraft crash investigator whose path I had recently crossed. Mac Job, in his younger days, was the owner/builder of a very fast, highly modified Alvis racing car. What's even more intriguing is that David and Mac went to the same school.

As Mac relates, he was called 'Bunny' and was the 'expert' at making and selling 'crystal radio' (receiver) sets to his classmates. Even as a youngster, Dave was an entrepreneur, selling his radios for five shillings each. He was also interested in chemistry.

He was educated at Launceston Grammar and Trinity Grammar School in NSW, where he was Dux and won a scholarship to the University of Sydney.

He graduated with honours in science in 1945 and taught science at Geelong Grammar School for two years.

He then moved to Sydney as a chemistry lecturer at the University of Sydney, where he married Ruth, a science teacher, in 1948.

He answered an advertisement seeking qualified chemists, physicists, and engineers to join the Department of Defence and train as rocket scientists, to be housed at the recently commissioned Woomera Rocket Range.

To this end, he would undertake two years of study to obtain a PhD in science specialising in aviation fuels.

After completing his two years of study, he was told there was an oversupply of rocket scientists and that he would be sent to Melbourne to the Aeronautical Research Laboratories at Fisherman's Bend to further his studies into jet engine fuels.

I'll stop here; the next part explains his involvement in developing the 'Black Box'.

In 1934, Dave's father was killed in a crash between Launceston and Melbourne (over Bass Strait) in a De Havilland D.H. 86 Miss Hobart. No passengers survived.

Whilst in England, Dave and Ruth witnessed the debut of the world's first jet airliner, the De Havilland Comet.

This aircraft was plagued by design problems once it took to the air. It made its debut at the Farnborough Air Show in 1949 and had problems with its tailplane assembly, windows, and undercarriage. A few planes crashed, and many people died as a result.

As a direct result of the Comet crashes, officials from the Department of Civil Aviation in Australia assembled a panel of experts to discuss the catastrophic accidents. The meetings were held at Dave's place of employment, and he was invited to join the panel as the aviation fuel specialist. Every conceivable possibility was discussed, but Dave thought the number one cause of the crashes had gone down with the plane, and no one was any wiser.

Dave thought that a recording of the conversation between the air crew, ambient sounds, or mechanical anomalies could yield direct insight into a disaster's origin.

Dave experimented with magnetic tape, enabling continuous erasure and recording, a functional leap in itself. His voice recorder didn't just preserve memory-it changed the very grammar of accident investigations.

There is a lot more to this story, and if you would like further information about the 'Black Box', I draw your attention to the book 'Black Box' by Janice Peterson Witham.

You know how you attend a funeral, hear the obituary, and realise you know very little about the person you once knew?

Well, Dave was a case in point. My parents both worked at De Havillands in the 1950s. My father, a draughtsman, did design work on the Comet, and my mother worked in the photographic department.

In 1965, I travelled to England on board a Comet with my mother and visited the cockpit, all at the tender age of five. I even got a certificate from the captain. I do, however, remember being sick down the side of the window seat on the return flight.

Years later, Dave came to our house in East St. Kilda to help resolve a problem with my Morris. I couldn't understand

why he spent two minutes fixing the car and an hour talking to Dad about aircraft. Dad was then a senior draughtsman at Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation, just around the corner from the ARL.
He knew of Dave's exploits with the voice recorder, but never let on to me.
It didn't completely jell until the day of his funeral.

Chester McKaige

A message from a long standing member – Jeff Stanyer

Thankyou for the Generator, I have missed it over the years, the 50th Anniv is a great idea. Julie and I joined the MMVVC at the first Day of the Morris Minor with Julie's 1952 2 door sedan. The car is still on the road and attends outings up here in Northern and Central Victoria. As the members would know Julie passed 9 years ago this August with a great roll up of Morries at the Church. We were both made Life Members at the 25th Anniv. Dinner in 2002. so it will be our 50th Year of Membership. My Daughter Jessica has 2MM on the road and one getting ready.

Best Regards
Jeff Stanyer
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Life Member

A line up of Morrys at Ross Carr's celebration of life.

OTHER EVENTS:

HAMILTON AND DISTRICT VETERAN
VINTAGE CLASSIC DRIVERS CLUB

46th Annual Rally

"PETROLEUM RALLY"
5/6/7/8 June 2026

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

This year the theme of our rally is anything to do with petroleum. Dress up night is on Saturday so use your imagination when you choose your costume.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE VENUE FOR EACH ACTIVITY

Due to changes in catering services we have also had to make changes, so please make sure you are aware of where you have to be for each activity as they do not all begin at the same place.

The program this year has been designed around more social interaction. We trust you will enjoy the change of pace.

Every effort is made by a very small committee and group of volunteers to bring this weekend together for your enjoyment. We ask that you appreciate their commitment to this event and show respect and courtesy as they carry out their duties over the course of the weekend.

We do our very best to cater for special dietary requirements. Fill out the appropriate area on the registration form if this applies to you.

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EDITOR'S APRIL 2026 REPORT:

Hello everyone,

If anyone has any suggestions for future speakers please let any Committee member know so we can arrange them to attend one of our regular Club Meetings.

I will be away from late March until mid May 2026. This means the April Generator will be delivered early and the May Generator will be combined with the June Generator. My apologies in advance for this inconvenience.

Barb Went, Editor