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Happy New Year to all Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria members and their families

May 2025 bring you as much fun as a ride on a Carousel.

Image courtesy of Barb Went

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

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday 9th January 2025

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

on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people

(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

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.

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

Geoffrey Shepherd
Email: 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 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 non-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 CPS Officer (Geoff Shepherd) of your red plate permit number within 48 hours of VicRoads issue via email to 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

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 forms. No renewal reminders will be issued to permit holders. Please do not request the CPS Registrar 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 January 2025

Hi Everyone,

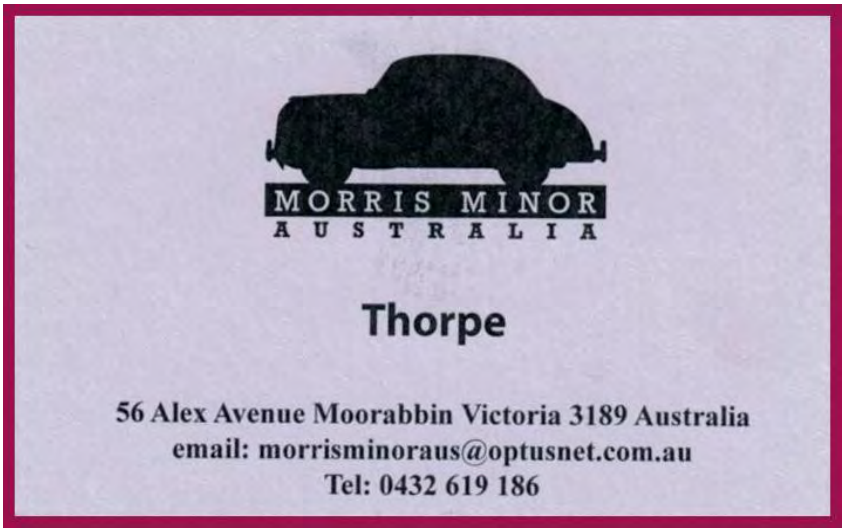
I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year. It has been very busy on the farm trying to catch up on lots of jobs that keep getting put off.
This month we are headed to Westerfolds park on Australia Day for our annual picnic. Come along for breakfast or lunch or why not both. Hope to see lots of you on the day.
Don't forget to book your spot on the Central Victoria Morris Minor Car Clubs, Tour De Bendigo late February. Go to their Facebook page and push the "going" button.
https://www.facebook.com/events/524982060364525
It is also getting time to get your car ready if you are going the National Rally in Fremantle. I will be giving a presentation at this month's meeting on what you need to do to get your car ready.
Keep on Morrying.

Here is a snap shot of Braidy's cylinder head back from the reconditioners.

MMCCV Marketplace
For your CLUB REGALIA

Want to buy some gear? Contact Alan Todd
Mobile 0419 505 200 or email
regalia@morrisminorvic.org.au

We are revamping the Club Regalia details – look for the new look Regalia information in the New Year.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT:

Hello members.
It is members that make the club run successfully.
If you have any suggestions for runs or events, please contact any member of the committee or me Mark Bosley - 0407 418 115 or clubcaptain@morrisminorvic.org.au
Sunday 26 January 2025 - Australia Day at Westerfolds Park
Australia Day at Westerfolds Park, Fitzsimons Lane Templestowe.
Our annual Ozzie Day BBQ and picnic. From early morning, come for breakfast, brunch, lunch, or stay for the whole time.
Sunday 16 February 2025
The British & European Motoring Show & Picnic
Yarra Glen Racecourse.
Great spot for a picnic under the Elm trees.
Entry only $15 per car so bring as many people as you can, show your car enjoy the day.
Morris Car Club also attending.
Tour De Bendigo 21 -23 February 2025 - Set date Aside.
Central Victorian club is organising a weekend with events based around the Bendigo region with accommodation based in Bendigo. All Victorian clubs are invited. This could be a fantastic opportunity for a week end away for our club.
More details to come as they come available from Central Victorian club.

Technical Morning with Morris Car Club Saturday – Saturday 15 March 2025
The Morris Car Club have invited us along to a technical morning hosted by the Austin A40 club at their garage in Sunshine. As the cars share parts, and all clubs share a wealth of knowledge this could be a great opportunity to learn and ask questions. More details to follow.
Mystery Run - Sunday 24 March 2025
Enjoy a run of clues, hints, and a mystery destination. Evaluate your observation skills and imagination.
Florence Thompson Tour March 28 -30 2025
For those members who have entered and have been accepted enjoy the weekend on the tour around the Goldfields. Each year we have had a good representation from our club.
21st National Rally Perth 11 – 14 April 2025
Rally Webpage: https://morriscarclubofwa.wordpress.com/nationalrally/
Graham Dines has taken the lead on driving to Perth.
He has put an itinerary together and is posting regular updates on our Facebook page.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer has been indisposed and the December and January Treasurer's report in next month's Generator.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT JANUARY 2025

Membership statistics are as follows:
176 Financial members including 7 Life members.

There are no new member this month:

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.

To any member of the Club who is unwell or recuperating, we pass on our warmest wishes

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

There was no Club General Meeting in December due to the Christmas dinner, therefore there are no minutes for December 2024.

Chassis Number Identification

Sep 1948 > Apr 1952

Prefix: **SMM**. (Series Morris Minor)

MNR (Minor) /

S = Synobel paint

SYN = Synthetic paint

No designation = Cellulose paint

Apr 1952 > Mid 1958

First Letter	F	Morris Minor
	O	LCV
Second Letter	A	4 Door Saloon
	B	2 Door Saloon
	C	Convertible
	L	Traveller
	E	Van
	F	Pickup
	G	Chassis/Cab
	H	GPO Mail Van
	J	GPO Engineer's Van
Third Letter	A	Black
	B	Light Grey
	C	Dark Red
	D	Dark Blue
	E	Mid Green
	F	Beige
	G	Brown
	H	CKD Finish
	J	Dark Grey
	K	Light Red
	L	Light Blue
	P	Ivory
	R	White
	S	Mid Grey
	T	Light Green
	U	Dark Green
First Number	1	RHD Home market
	2	RHD Export
	3	LHD Export
	4	North American Export
	5	RHD CKD
	6	LHD CKD
Second Number	1	Synthetic
	2	Synobel
	3	Cellulose
	4	Metallic
	5	Primer

Mid 1958 > Apr 1971

First Letter	M	Morris
	A	Austin
Second Letter	A	A-series engine
Third Letter	S	4 Door Saloon
	2S	2 Door Saloon
	T	Tourer/Convertible
	W	Traveller
	V	Van
	U	Pickup
	Q	Chassis/Cab
	G	GPO Postal Van
	E	GPO Engineer's Van
Forth Figure	3	948cc
	5	1098cc
	C	Austin LCV
Optional Letter	D	Deluxe
Post 1968 Suffix (Factory)	M	Cowley
	F	Adderley Park

Thank you to the Auckland Morris Minor Car Club for this information.

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Upcoming Run – Australia Day 26th January

We are very grateful that Mike Dobson will again secure a spot at Westerfolds Park for our annual Australia Day Run. Come for breakfast, morning tea, brunch, lunch or just to catch up with other members.

Westerfolds Park is located at Fitzsimmons Lane, Templestowe. There is a BBQ available and bring a picnic.

EVENTS CALENDAR 2025

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

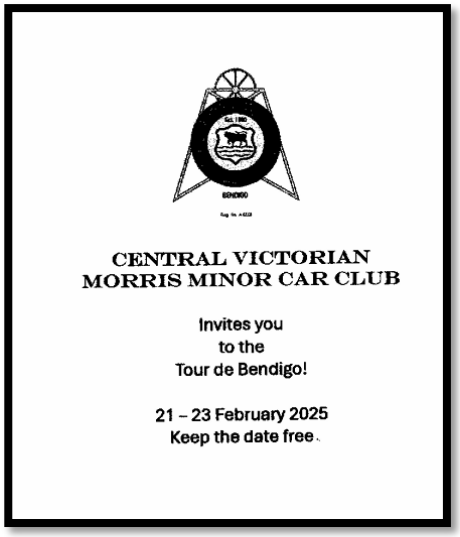
Date:	Event:	Details:
19th January 2025	Festival of Motoring Cruden Farm	$20 to enter your vehicle and $10 for spectators
26th January 2025	Australia Day Run	Westerfolds Park Fitzsimmons Lane, Templestowe
16th February 2025	British and European Car Show	Yarra Glen Race Course
21 – 23 February 2025	Central Victorian Morris Minor Car Club Tour de Bendigo.	cvmmccsecretary@gmail.com
15th March 2025	Technical Morning with the Morris Car Club	A technical morning at the Sunshine Club Rooms of the Austin A40 Club
24th March 2025	Mystery Run: Fun Run with clues, hints and a mystery destination	Details to follow
18th – 30 March 2025	Florence Thomson Tour	Central Victoria
11th to 14th April 2025	National Rally – Perth, Western Australia	https://morriscarclubofwa.wordpress.com/nationalrally/
19th May 2025	Cavalcade of Transport	Trentham

Morris Minor Tour de Bendigo weekend 21-23 February 2025

Dear Morris Minor enthusiast
The Central Victoria Morris Minor Car Club extends a warm invitation to you and all Morris Minor enthusiasts to a special event in February 2025. The program will include a car display, mystery run, social gatherings at a BBQ and dinner. The attached page contains additional information and booking details. Please note that registration for the event is to be finalized by January 31st 2025.

The weekend will also give you the chance to explore the many attractions of Bendigo.

Kind regards, David
Central Victoria Morris Minor Car Club



Expressions of interest are invited to attend our Tour de Bendigo next February. Open to members of any Morris Minor Car Club. We will begin with a BBQ on the Friday night, driving activities during the day Saturday followed by a Gala dinner. Sunday we will drive down to the Morris Minor Garage at Harcourt North to view the remaining collection (might be the last chance to view the collection) and have morning tea before heading homewards. Please contact the Central Victorian Morris Minor Club via email: cvmmccsecretary@gmail.com

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Morry Owner's stories:

We thank the BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc. and MMCCV member Craig Ellis for permitting the publication of this article from the August 2024 copy of their magazine the 'Wobble Knocker' the Club magazine of the BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc. in Victoria.

The history of Hector the Morris Minor 1000 Club member Craig Ellis from St Kilda recalls how he came into possession of his iconic Morris Minor 1000, and how a nurse from northern Victoria kept it as her pride and joy for more than 40 years. Hector was purchased by northern Victorian hospital matron (Director of Nursing) Jenefer Payne at the age of 49, then working and living at the Kyabram District Hospital in Fenaughty Street, Kyabram. In April 1960, Jenefer ordered the two-door Morris Minor 1000 saloon in English Grey with red interior from Young's BMC dealer in Kyabram. A Smiths heater was ordered as an optional extra. Hector, with UK car number 743158, left the Cowley plant on 1 August 1959 as a CKD kit bound for the Joynton Avenue Nuffield plant in Zetland, Sydney. I managed to track down the original ledger now kept at the British Motor Museum at Gaydon in the UK. The UK car number corresponds with the number on the Nuffield plate. The Minor was first registered on 1 April 1960 and delivered for ownership a few days later on 5 April 1960. The car received its name Hector from its original black and white registration plates, HCJ 060. Hector remained with Jenefer until her death on 13 July 2002 at 91 years. She owned it for 42 years and later moved from the hospital after buying a home at 46 Lake Road, Kyabram. The Morris had its own lock-up timber garage and was always kept out of the elements. Being local to the hospital, Jenefer would mostly walk to work unless she was planning on using the car after finishing her shift. The longest journeys were to Benalla to visit her sister. In later years the Morris was used less and less. In Jenefer's retirement, she mended garments from home and her clients recalled the Morris sitting in the garage in retirement too. She covered the car with blankets in the garage and would be protective of the car when people enquired about buying it. When she died, Jenefer's will stated the Morris should be auctioned off through the Kyabram auxiliary and funds donated to the hospital. In search of the car's history, I placed pictures and details on the Lost Kyabram Facebook page and connected with a colleague of Jenefer's, and her niece who rode in the Morris as a young woman. The niece was involved in clearing and selling items after her aunt's passing and said Jenefer refused to let the Morris go right up until her death. I confirmed Jenefer's address through Ancestry.com and viewed old electoral rolls with many entries beginning at the hospital, then onto Lake Road. I believe the car was then purchased by Rob Tobias, Woodend, where the vehicle enjoyed a car-club life and languished in a barn for many years. The car was sold on to an elderly man named Clyde Oldis, of Canterbury, where the car was mainly resting in his garage while he reminisced about times when he used to drive it. That's when I found it advertised one morning. I'd been looking for a Minor for a few years and had to act very fast with this one. It had an original 54,000 miles on the odometer with the original owner's handbooks. The paint is original along with the interior. Some sympathetic upgrades have been carried out which makes for a great car on today's roads, capable of being driven long distances. Clyde was sad to see Hector the Minor go. However, he was very comfortable with the new custodian. Clyde died 12 months after I bought the car from him in 2020. He was in his early 90s. Hector lives in a secure basement in Melbourne and can be seen regularly on car club outings when nice weather permits. And … here's Hector!

Hector strutting his stuff on the racetrack

A welcoming interior

First owner Matron Jenefer Payne (centre front) with Kyabram District Hospital nursing staff

Former owner Clyde Oldis with Hector

RACV
Redkite
For families facing childhood cancer
AOMC
THE ASSOCIATION OF MOTORING CLUBS
Festival of Motoring
at Cruden Farm
Sunday 19th January 2025
Open to all Historic, Veteran, Vintage, and Classic vehicles over 25 years old.
Club displays welcome
A Celebration of Motoring Throughout the Decades.
• Display Vehicles Must Be Pre Booked www.aomc.asn.au/festival-of-motoring
• Cruden Farm, Cranbourne Frankston Rd, Langwarrin
• The McClelland Drive gates open for display vehicles from 9am
• $20 Entry for display cars (Includes passengers)
• Spectator entry and car park off Cranhaven Rd.
• Spectator Admission $10 per person, Children free
• All profits from this event will be donated to Redkite
• Childrens Entertainment, Music, Food & Trophies
Presented by the Association of Motoring Clubs in association with RACV
For further details contact 0473 832 277
www.aomc.asn.au and aomc facebook

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OPEN TO ALL VEHICLES MANUFACTURED IN THE UK & EUROPE
presents
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Display cars from 9.00 am
Spectators from 10.00 am
Event details 0473 832 277
For site plan and more info:
www.aomc.asn.au/britishandeuropean
fb.com/infoaomc
Sunday 16th February 2025
Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen

14th Isabella & Marcus Foundation
Classic Car Day
CARS CRUISN' FOR A CURE
All cars welcome!
Sunday, March 2nd, 2025
10 am – 2 pm
Gates open to cars at 8:30 am
Bicentennial Park
Scotch Parade, Chelsea
$20 car entry fee – includes raffle ticket
Fashions on the Field
Family fun day
LIVE music
Shannons Big Rig
Trophy Presentation 1:00 pm
King of Show!
Sponsored by Let's Go Cruisin
Best Aussie
Best Euro
Best Hot Rod
Best Classic
IMF Choice award
Best American
Best Chrome Bumper
Cars. Tony: 0412 581 691. Stall holders. Daniela: 0412 339 673
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Isabella
Marcus
Brain cancer kills more children than ANY other disease in Australia.
DIPG is the worst brain cancer. It remains incurable.
Isabella and Marcus were diagnosed with DIPG when they were 5 years old.
Each year around 20 children are diagnosed.
The Isabella and Marcus Foundation was founded by their parents to develop new treatments and ultimately cure this disease.
The first show was held in 2011 and has been generously supported by the classic car community. Funding has led to trials of new treatments for DIPG, bringing hope to children with brain cancer. Thank-you!
Lots of Kids Fun
Animal Farm Pony
Rides, Lolly bags, crazy hair, tattoo's and more
Chelsea Heights
3196
Thames Prm
Bicentennial Park
Entrance
Scotch Pde
Food and Drinks: Lots of choices for 2025

NATIONAL RALLY 2025 Perth Update

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Lesley, Graham, Lyn and Wayne have finally booked their accommodation to go to the Perth Nationals.

April 1 -

April 2 – Depart from Ballarat and drive to Mildura. Staying at the Big4 Mildura Getaway Holiday Park, (03) 5023 0486.

April 3 - Staying at the Discovery Parks - Port Augusta (08) 8647 2700.

April 4 - Staying at the Ceduna Shelly Beach Caravan Park. (08) 8625 2012

April 5 - Staying at the Eucla Motel and Caravan Park. (08) 9039 3468

April 6 - Staying at the Balladonia Hotel Motel and Caravan Park. (08) 9039 3453.

April 7 - Staying at the Big4 Acclaim Prospector Holiday Park. (08) 9021 2524.

April 8 - Staying at the Merredin Tourist Park, (08) 9041 1535.

April 9 - Staying at the Discovery Parks - Woodman Point, Freemantle for 6 nights. (08) 9434 1433.
April 10 - FREE DAY and to go to BPP Autos (Brian Parkes) 08 9399 3204 for a service and oil change. (Specialist repair and service of Morris Minors)
April 11 - 14 National Rally Perth 2025.
April 15 – Check out of Freemantle and have a leisurely drive towards Bunbury, Busselton, Margaret River, Albany, Esperance, Norseman etc, then back to Victoria. (The return home is yet to be booked)
Please let Graham know if you want to join the convoy either from Melbourne or anywhere along the route.
Cheers
Graham Dines
0400 893 483
gdines@bigpond.net.au

Photo courtesy of Graham Dines – this will be us in April 2025 – vintage vehicles on the Nullabour.

TRADING PLACES

email editor@morrisminorvic.org.au

or

Contact: Barb Went 0409 002 531

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EDITOR'S REPORT:

Hello everyone,

Happy New Year, let us hope we all have a safe and happy 2025.

This year is shaping up to be an exciting year. There are some fabulous events including the National Rally in April 2025. There are comprehensive details on page 14 & 15 of the Generator.

However, before that there are plenty of events for everyone to enjoy. Check out the Club Captain's report and the Events Calendar.
I am hoping that this year we can feature stories about member's cars and their journey. It can be

focused on what work has been carried out, how you came to own a Morry (or two), trips you have taken in your Morry or anything that you think might interest other members. Everyone is always interested in what other members are up to.

Thank you to Ross Carr for these photos of the progress of work on Braidy Davies' Morry (Part 1). It has been something of a journey

Putting a Morris Minor 948cc engine together: