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19th – 22nd of March 2027

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 12th March 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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Username: **mmccv**

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BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

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 March 2026

Hi Everyone,

It's been a busy February – firstly with the announcement of our combined National Rally 2027 committee. Whilst there were some concerns that we weren't going to be able to get a committee off the ground, I'd like to thank the following members for taking the reins and commencing the enormous task of organising the event: Braidy Davies (Rally Director), Geoff Shepherd, Richard McKellar, Mark Parrot and Dave Bulluss (CVMMC). Braidy has set up a Facebook page (Morris Minor National Rally 2027) dedicated to the rally. This will contain information and updates regarding the event so make sure that you follow the group to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have any questions regarding the rally, please direct them to this group.

The National Rally, to be held from 19th – 22nd of March 2027, will incorporate a dinner that will be dedicated to the 50th birthday of the MMCCV. The club committee is also planning a separate 50th birthday run at some stage in 2027 for those members that cannot attend the National Rally.

Our event for February was the combined MG Car Club/Morris Minor Car Club Biennial Swap Meet. Our club had 7 stall holders with a variety of items for sale. From the feedback I received, everyone was happy with their sale results. On a personal note, I was just happy that I didn't end up going home with more that I took to sell!

March run,
Sunday 15th of March is the International Women's Day (IWD) lunch.
This year the event will be held at the St Anne's Vineyard in Myrniong. Please see the flyer in the coming events page for details. Bookings are essential so please get your deposits in before the closing date.
I look forward to seeing you at the March 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.	

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT MARCH 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

Mark is looking for suggestions or ideas for future runs or events for year.

March 14 Ross Carr celebration of life 2 -4 pm.
Clifford Park Activity Centre Wonga Park
Open to all club members. Please bring your car if you can.

March 2026– International Women's Day Luncheon Sunday 15 March
St Annes Vineyard, Myrniong

Last year we hosted our first International Women's Day lunch. This year we are going to continue the tradition. Let us celebrate our lady car enthusiast by gathering together.
All cars welcome.
This year we are going to again host a lunch at winery which will be open to all car clubs, friends, and family with the aim of raising funds to donate to a women's charity.
This should be a momentous day with the aim of getting as many people along as we can.
We are asking for a $10 donation per car to support the WomenCAN 'Driving to Employment' program
https://www.womencanaustralia.org/driving-to-employment/

Cost $65 per head for 2 course meal, purchase drinks from the bar
https://stanneswinery.com.au/weekend-dining-myrniong/
RSVP $20 deposit to MMCCV bank account with member number or name by 6th March.
BSB 633000 Account 146935168
For further details contact Sussan Hatton 0417 568 789 or Mark Bosley 0407 418 115

April 19 AOMC All Aussie car show Manhattan Hotel Ringwood.
The event is open to everything manufactured or assembled in Australia.
It will be gold coin entry with the proceeds going to charity. The event will be supported by Penrite with give aways of Penrite products on the day
Lunch in Sports bar @12:30 afterwards.

Florence Thonson Tour 1- 3 May
Entries have now closed. We expect to have 5- 6 cars going and wea are always one of the most popular makes and models on the tour. 111 cars and 229 people are booked in to participate.

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.

Visit to Kate's house.

Morrykhana

SECRETARY'S REPORT MARCH 2026

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.
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Toowoomba and Downs Morris Group
Geelong Morris Minor Club & BMC club.

We have received approval from AOMC Insurance for our swap meet.

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I have extended an invitation to other clubs to join our combined swap meet.

Special Request – Wedding Car.

I have a request from Ruth Bayfield enquiring whether there are any members who would be available to drive her to her wedding in August at Monstalvat in Melbourne. Her father was a member of the Northeast Morris Minor Club branch in England and has unfortunately passed away and in his memory, Ruth would like her wedding car to be a Morris Minor. I have Ruth's mobile number so if anyone can help, please contact me on 0407 418 115.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

DONALD ROSS CARR

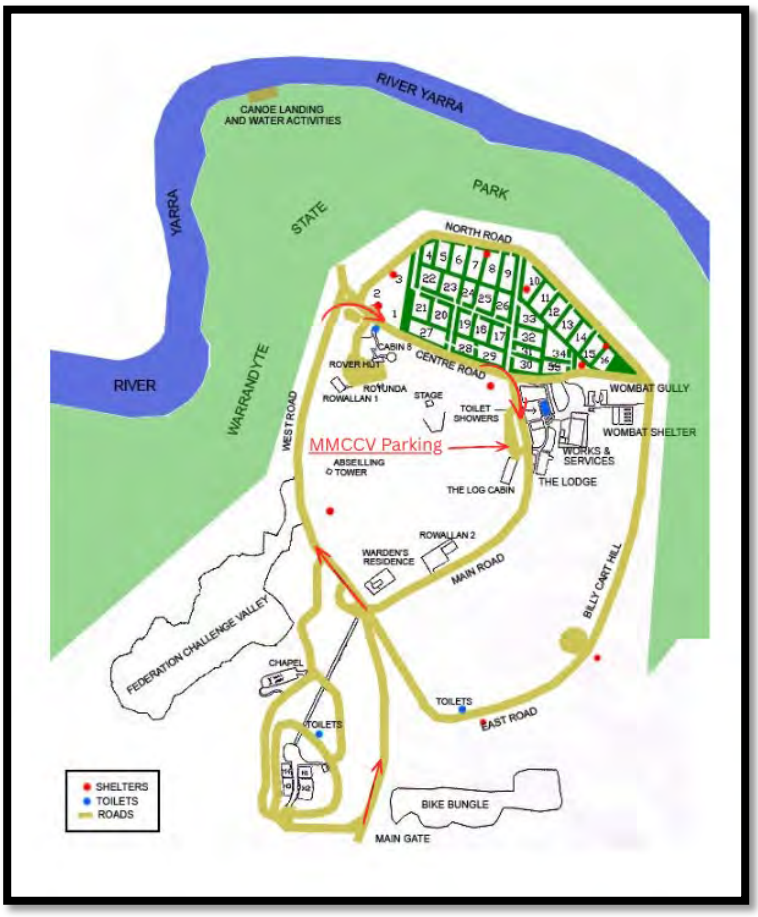
Come and join our family in a celebration of Ross' life and share stories and memories of his generous spirit

Saturday March 14 2026

2 - 4pm

Clifford Park Activity Centre

5 - 7 Clifford Drive, Wonga Park



CPS Officer Report:

Unfortunately, there is no report available at the time of printing this edition of the Generator.

More images of the MMCCV & MG Swap Meet

MARCH 2026 TREASURER'S REPORT

MMCCV Treasurer's Report
Jan 2026

01/01/26-31/01/26

MMCCV Cheque A/C		C/M	YTD
Receipts			
Club Raffle	$	45.00	$342.00
Events			$1,395.00
Membership 25/26	$	40.00	$1,685.00
Membership 26/27			$0.00
CPS / AOMC Book Sales			$20.00
Regalia Sales	$	60.00	$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	$	20.00	$385.00
Interest from TD	$	-	$0.00
Principle from TD	$	-	$0.00
Total Income	$	165.00	$4,167.00
Expenditure			
"Generator" costs	$	-	$0.00
Regalia	$	-	$0.00
Postage	$	20.50	$52.50
Badges	$	27.50	$180.50
Suppers	$	19.13	$142.78
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	$	138.04	$2,123.04
Subscriptions/software	$	42.00	$359.67
Calendars			$419.80
Insurance			$299.97
Presentations/Prizes			$181.97
PO Box Rental			$0.00
Equipment	$	-	$0.00
Total Expenditure	$	247.17	$4,999.74
Net Income/Deficit		-$82.17	-$832.74
Unpresented Cheques			
Nil			

MMCCV Cheque A/C	
Balance as at 31/12/2025	$4,005.92
Net Income/Deficit	-$82.17
Balance as at 31/01/2026	**$3,923.75**

MMCCV Term Deposit A/C	
Balance as at 31/12/2025	$5,240.37
Interest	$0.00
	$5,240.37
Transfer to Chq	$0.00
Balance as at 31/01/2026	**$5,240.37**

MMCCV ACCOUNTS	
Cheque Account	$3,923.75
Term Deposit	$5,240.37
Balance as at 31/01/2026	**$9,164.12**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT MARCH 2026

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

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.

Held at The Horrie Watson Hall, Deepdene Thursday 12 February 2026.
The President welcomed members present in the hall and online and opened the meeting at 7:31 pm.
Committee Members Present:
President: Russell Hatton; Secretary: Mark Bosley.
Editor: Barb Went; Membership: Jim Gourlay, Regalia: Alan Todd; Geoff Shepherd
National Rally delegate: Richard Mc Kellar.

Attendance: As per attendance sheet.
Apology: Catrina Bruce, Rob Smith and Trevor Darfield
New members: John Olster
Guests: No guests
Acceptance of Minutes: Minutes of the previous Committee Meeting held January 8 2026 accepted on the motion of Jim Gourley and seconded by Barbra Went.
President's Report:
Tonight's meeting is to kick start forming a committee for the 2027 National Rally and our upcoming 50th anniversary birthday celebrations.

A group has come forward with a proposal to organise national Rally in march 2027 located in and around the Benalla district. A committee has been formed and will consist of Rally Director Braidy Davies and David Bullus from the Central Victorian Morris Minor Club, Richard Mc Kellar, Geoff Shepperd and Mark Parrit from the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria.

The committee will organise the 2027 rally and incorporate an event for the clubs 50th anniversary celebration.
Benalla has been chosen as the location for the event.
Notification of committee members will appear in the next generator.
Planning is already underway with plans for a Facebook page, email address and a logo and rally poster designed by Richard McKellar
Committee members will be meeting with local council on 25 February to discuss how they and the community can support our event.
The committee will have an information pack available by the next meeting in March.

Vale - Ross Carr. It was with sadness that we learnt of the passing of Ross 27 January. Ross was a founding member of the club and a life member having served the club in many roles including president. A memorial for Ross will be held on Saturday 14 March.
Barbra Went will email members with details. Condolences to all of Ross's family and friends.

Australia Day run was a great success. This annual day on the calendar organised by Michael Dobson always has a

great turn out. Members were able to come and go and stay throughout the morning enjoying food a cuppa and a good chat. We also had plenty of interest in the cars from members of the public. Once again, a big thank you to Michael Dobson for arriving before dawn to save our spot and providing a BBQ.

Morrykhana, we have lost our connection with Roxburgh secondary College which hosted the event and will have to find a new venue. As a club we should continue this event.
Russell and the committee are investigating a new venue and we will keep members updated.

Next year will be our 50-year celebration as a club. There will be a 50-year celebration incorporated into the 2027 National Rally but the committee has decided we will also organise an event in Melbourne later in the year for people who cannot attend National Rally.

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 review and submissions for CPS plate scheme have been completed and has gone to Vic Roads and department of transport.

Vice President's Report:

Position Vacant. Volunteer required, a great position to become involved in the success of the club.

National Rally:

Richard Mc Kellar spoke to the meeting about the plans for the upcoming national Rally.
Planning for rally is in preliminary stage. Base for rally will be Benalla 1between 19 -22 March 2027.
The planning committee is composed of members from our club and Central Victorian car club. The committee will consist of Rally Director Braidy Davies and David Bullus from the Central Victorian Morris Minor Club, Richard Mc Kellar, Geoff Shepperd and Mark Parrit from the Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria
The committee is meeting with the local council on 25th February, who are very supportive of our event.
Initial events are being planned for a Silo trail tour, Ned Kelly museums and track time at Winton Raceway. The event will also include a gala and a 50- year celebration dinner.
There is a variety of accommodation options in the area including Airbnb, B&B, Motels and caravan parks. The committee will talk to accommodation providers about blocking out rally dates for members to book.
The committee is busy working on establishing a Facebook page, email account and designing a poster.
More information will become available over the next few weeks, with a commitment to having an expression of interest form and itinerary available at March meeting.

Secretary's Report:

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I have extended an invitation to other clubs to join our combined swap meet.
We received an invitation to Ballarat Car club week end event 21 – 22 February.

Treasurer's Report:

Jim Gourlay
Cheque account: $4,005.92
Term deposit: $5,240.37
Combined balance: $ 9,246.29

Membership Officer's Report:
Jim advised we have one new member John Olster who is busy recommissioning a 1000 that has been in the garage for a long time. This gives us a total membership of 170 members including 6 Life members.

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

Mark is looking for suggestions or ideas for future runs or events for year and is planning to combine events with other clubs.

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Editor's Report: Nothing to report

CPS Officer's Report: Geoff is finalising the name of office bearers who can sign off club plate renewals including Geoff, Russell, Jim and Mark.
Stewart Carr will be our assistant CPS officer and technical scrutineer.

Regalia: Alan & Leigh advised that our Combined swap meet with MG car club will be on 21 February at Shannon's Insurance in Heatherton.

General Business:

Wanted & For Sale: Nil
Tips and Hints:

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8:45 pm.

Mark Bosley
Secretary - Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria

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FEBRUARY 2026 RUN REPORTS:

AOMC All European Day 15 February Yarra Glen

A great day with a variety of British and European Cars on display. We had several members com through on the day

and enjoyed a chat and picnic under one of the trees on a beautiful summer's day. There were several Morris

Minor's on display from our club, The Morris Car Club of Victoria and the Leyland and BMC car club. We all joined into together and enjoyed each other's company while comparing cars.

Photos courtesy of Craig Ellis & Barb Went

Mark Bosley

Combined MG and Morris Minor Car Club combined swap meet Saturday 21 February.
A great day held in the Shannon's Insurance car park in Heatherton. We had 8 sites booked with a variety of parts available. Hopefully everybody made their site booking fee back through sales. During the morning many members visited the site looking for parts or just to say hello. As an event it did bring a lot of members together for a casual chat.

The event was also important as a club for our insurance scheme through the AOMC. We had to apply for a special permit to cover us for the swap meet as it fell outside of normal automatic cover for events. We had to provide detailed risk assessments and plans to the AOMC to get permission from them and insurance underwriters. We are one of the first clubs to undertake this procedure and it involved much discussion with AOMC representatives.
A big thank you to Alan and Leigh for liaising with the MG car club to organise our part of the event and a big thank you to Jim Gourley help me working through all the paper work and procedures for the insurance exemption.

Mark Bosley

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Photos courtesy of Russell Hatton & Barb Went

EVENTS CALENDAR 2026:

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

Date:	Event:	Details:
March 12th Club Meeting	8.00 pm Thursday 12th March	Horrie Watson Pavilion Deepdene Park, Whitehorse Road, Deepdene 3103
Saturday March 14th	Ross Carr – Celebration of Life 2pm to 4pm	Clifford Park Activity Centre 5 – 7 Clifford Drive, Wonga Park
March 15th 2026	International Women's Day Luncheon St Annes Vineyard, Myrniong	Last year we hosted our first International Women's Day lunch. In 2026 we are going to host a lunch at winery which will be open to all car clubs, friends, and family with the aim of raising funds to donate to a women's charity. We are looking to head to a winery in the Macedon Ranges and include as many clubs and friends as we can. More details to come.
May 1st – 3rd 2026	Florence Thomson Tour	Ladies, the Florence Thomson Tour for female drivers in classic cars is happening again. Based in Shepperton.
March 12th – 14th 2027	Auckland Morris Minor Club National Convention	More details to come

Tips for Newbies or Welcome to Morris Minor Ownership

By Braidy Davies

Not everything on the list will suit you or your Morry so pick what suits you.

Brakes require anticipation: No, the brakes aren't broken, yes, they are properly adjusted. They are just drum brakes. No discs, no ABS. Learn to look two cars ahead.

Larger rear-view mirror: 25cm x 6.5cm or 6.0cm depending on your clamp. Use a template to figure how big you need to keep the clamp tight on the ball. Helps with blind spots.

Panel removal tools: These are plastic and will save your interior paintwork chipping when you need to remove the inner door panels. From auto stores.

Electronic ignition (EI): Get rid of unreliable condensers that can't be tested – EI are relatively easy to

install just make sure you know if the earth of your battery is from the negative or positive terminal. (A positive earth is where the strap going to the car body is coming from the positive terminal on the battery). About half the Morries on the road have them.

Radial tyres: This is less of an issue in recent years as it's almost impossible not to get radials but tram tracks are so much better with them.

Brake fluid in master cylinder: This needs to be checked regularly and is easy to do when you know the master cylinder is under the carpet on the floor of the driver. The fluid should be just up to the lower lip of the neck. Use a toothpick like a dip stick. This is the first thing to look at if your brakes become worse.

Steering rack oil: This is on passenger side foot well and needs to be topped up with every grease and oil change – remind your mechanic

Drainage holes: These are under sill panels under the car and are small vents in the structure of the car to let rain drain out and can get clogged with mud. There are more under the doors and at the rear of bonnet sills.

Jumper leads: This is car ownership 101 along with tools and jack.

Know how to change the tyre: Morries have different jacks (some types need the car door open) and nuts and its worth checking if you have the right socket before the flat.

Air in spare tyre: 101

Never slam the bonnet closed: This causes the strut under the bonnet to break and damage. Close gently and push down firmly to close fully.

Start your car in neutral to reduce strain on the gearbox and clutch.
Always carry a rag.

Petrol tank splash back: Stop at about 2litres before full wait (for petrol to settle) and pump slowly.

Whitworth spanner collection: so many nuts fit perfectly with Whitworth (a weird British measurements of spanners as opposed to imperial and metric)

Download a digital speed as the one in most Morries is not accurate. I use DigiHUD which has lovely big numbers.

This is not an exhaustive list – I'm sure everyone has their own tips and hints and I would love to hear them and I'll add them to the list.

braidy@rocketmail.com

Thank you to Braidy for this great list of tips, a fantastic reference for people like me 😊

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 **2.**

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

1955 MORRIS MINOR SEDAN - UNFINISHED RESTORATION FOR SALE **1.**

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.
My wife used the car as a daily drive while we were living in two NSW regional towns, where it proved to be incredibly reliable. After moving to Melbourne in 1994 the car was garaged and laid up.
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 **1.**

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

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An image from Graham & Lesley Dines Epic Tour of Tasmania

Other Upcoming Events:

Morris Minor National Rally 2027

ITS ON 19th – 22nd March 2027

We are excited to invite you to the 22nd National Rally in 2027. The Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria along with help from the Central Victoria Morris Minor Club are holding it in Benalla, a small town in central Victoria at the heart of Ned Kelly country.

A committee has been formed and plans are well advanced.

The outline of the Rally starts with a Meet and Greet and registration on the Friday, a Show and Shine on Saturday with a dinner together at night, a run on Sunday with the gala and awards dinner that night and another event on Monday morning before we all head home. This is just the first proposal and subject to change.

Below is a link to the Facebook page where we will keep you updated.

https://www.facebook.com/groups/4251328961747771/

If anyone else wishes to be on the mailing list please email mmNatRally27@outlook.com.

We expect to send out expressions of interest within the next month.

Hoping to see you all in Benalla with Morrys everywhere!

Braidy Davies

Rally Director

International Women's Day (IWD) Lunch for Lady Car Enthusiasts!!

Date – Sunday 15th March 2026

Location – St Anne's Vineyard, Myrniong https://stanneswinery.com.au/weekend-dining-myrniong/

Run by - Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria Inc (MMCCV)

Dress code – smart casual

Cost - $65 for 2 course meal (plus drinks)

Supporting the WomenCAN 'Driving to Employment' program with a $10 donation per car. https://www.womencanaustralia.org/driving-to-employment/

IWD is a worldwide day to recognise the need for gender equality and celebrate achievements to-date!

- Let's celebrate lady car enthusiasts by gathering together;
- Recognise their achievements; and
- Support disadvantaged ladies in seeking a driver's licence, enabling them to study, work and live, through charity WomenCAN!

All car types welcome, as well as male partners and supporters.

For further details, please contact Susan Hatton (0417568 789).

Bookings essential and numbers limited.

RSVP (with $20 deposit to MMCCV Treasurer) by 6th March 2026.

Pictures from our 2025 IWD gathering

50 Years Celebrations – a history
Part One the Dr. Dave We Knew

This photograph appeared in 'BlackBox Dave Warren and the creation of the cockpit voice recorder' written by Janice Witham and published by Lothian Books. All efforts have been made for permission to publish photograph re copyright to no avail.

As we get closer to our 50-year celebrations, I thought it might interest the new and not-so-new members to share a few stories from someone who was there from day one. The first one is our founding father and patron, the late Dr David Warren AO.

To most of us, he was 'Dr. Dave'. He lived on a hill in Glenhuntly Road, Caulfield, and was surrounded by Morris Minors in various states of decay. The number of people he introduced to Morris Minors was staggering. There were cars parked in the street, in the drive, and on the front lawn. The garage was filled to the brim in parts, and there was a further assortment of parts under the clothesline.

A visit on a weekend would see Dave dressed in khaki shorts, barefoot, and nine times out of ten, bare-chested.

He was always doing something for someone, whether it was selling a car, selling a part, or fixing someone's problematic car. He seemed to be on call 24 hours a day.

He instigated the establishment of a club for Morris Minors, and through an initial meeting with Geoff Shepherd, the seed began to germinate.

Geoff Shepherd was an apprentice motor mechanic at Rolls-Royce and, at that stage, owned a very original grey low-light sedan. He lived in Caulfield, not far from Caulfield Park, which became our meeting point for several club runs over the next couple of years.

Dave had a knack for explaining things in a simple, logical way, and his 'maintenance' talks, complete with easel and butcher's paper, were well regarded by those in attendance. It was often a fortuitous occasion when Dave suggested giving one of his talks, as in some cases nothing had been planned for that night's entertainment.

Later, he organised 'touring' trips to far-flung places across Australia, attracting members keen to use their cars. Some trips lasted ten or more days. The camaraderie of these events is still talked about today. Hindsight suggests this might have been a tax dodge on Dave's part, something we will never know.

My father bought my first Morris Minor 1,000 from a colleague's wife in 1976, and I was still on 'P' plates when I first met David and Geoff.

I always looked forward to visiting the Warrens, Ruth (Dave's wife) and their daughter, Jenny. We used to have conversations in the kitchen, seated around their large table.

None of us had a clue how to set up a car club, yet Dave took it all in his stride and, before long, had a plan we were to follow. He made it quite clear that he was to play no part in serving on any committee but would act as a 'mentor' if we needed a guiding hand.

I must, at this stage, mention two guys I went to school with, David Floyd and Simon Duffield. I dare say these names might ring a bell with some of you.

David Floyd, whom I had known since my first days at school, had parents both involved in the 'old car movement'. David went on to become an accountant and would become the club's treasurer after Simon Duffield. The inaugural Treasurer was Jenny Warren but ended up going interstate. Before the club was formed, he was renovating a sedan in the side street of his parents' house in Armidale.

I met Simon Duffield toward the end of my school days, and even then, he had the idea of customising a Morris Minor panel van, which eventually came to fruition, even sprouting a set of teeth!

But back to Dave Warren.
The first thing he suggested was that we draft a basic constitution comprising eight points. It's interesting to note that the subscription fee was set at a $5.00 joining fee and a further $10.00 subscription.

The committee comprised the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and Executive Officer. Later the Newsletter Editor was added to the committee.

The inaugural meeting was held at the home of Geoff Shepherd, 32 Malvern Grove, North Caulfield, on Wednesday, 16th February 1977, at 8.00 pm.

Dave acted as Chairman, overseeing the first gathering that explained to prospective members the 'whys and wherefores' of what the club was all about.

The next meeting, again at Geoff's Shepherd's house, was held on Tuesday, 22nd March 1977, where a committee was chosen. Dave, acting as chairman once more, handed the meeting over to the newly installed President, Geoffrey Shepherd.

Dave was not finished yet. Before the March meeting, he had asked everyone interested in standing for the committee to write a brief resume so voters would have a sense of who was running.

Certainly, there was enough interest in forming a committee, of which Malcolm Lamont was elected Vice President, Joy Williamson, Secretary
Jenny Warren, Treasurer, Simon Duffield, Executive Officer.

When Jenny Warren went Interstate, Simon Duffield became Treasurer and Chester McKaige became Newsletter Editor/ Executive Officer.

Dave then stepped down as 'inaugural Chairman', handing over to the Foundation President, Geoff Shepherd. The MMCCV was up and running.

David Warren died in July 2010. His funeral was held in St. Kilda and drew a large crowd from all walks of life, including many members of the MMCCV and their cars. Typical of Dave, his coffin was made of plywood with rope handles, and mourners were invited to write a few final words on it as a mark of respect. On top of the casket was written, 'Flight Recorder Inventor; Do not open' (a play on the 'Flight Recorder Do Not Open' label on his flight recorders).

In conclusion, I must say that if it hadn't been for Dave Warren, the MMCCV wouldn't be anywhere near what it is today. I think I speak for most of my siblings back then when I say we all learnt a lot from Dave, a real gentleman.

C. McKaige

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Thank you to Chester for this first of a 2 part summary of Dr Dave Warren's influence on the MMCCV.

OTHER EVENTS:

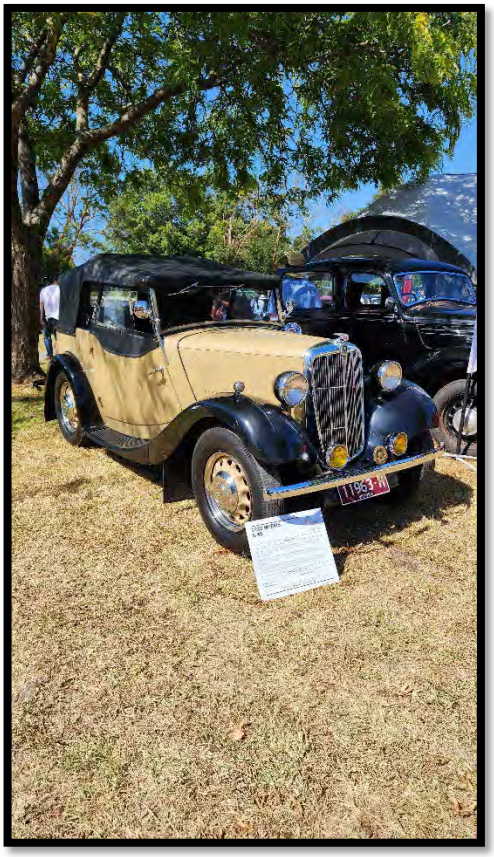
EDITOR'S MARCH 2026 REPORT:

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 late. My apologies in advance for this inconvenience.

Barb Went, Editor



Some of the other vehicles at the AOMC British & European Day at Yarra Valley Racecourse.

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