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

NEXT MEETING:

Club Meeting on Thursday 13th November 2025

Meeting to commence at 8:00 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.

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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Web Address: **www.morrisminorvic.org.au**

Username: **mmccv**

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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 November 2025

Hi Everyone.

I hope you're all enjoying the mix of Spring weather we've been experiencing. For the October General meeting, we were fortunate to have Judy Shephard as a guest speaker. Judy is an Occupational Therapist and Driver Assessor specialising in elderly drivers and licencing. The meeting was well attended and I'm sure that everyone present would have some key takeaways from Judy's presentation. We thank Judy very much for taking the time to speak to us.
Unfortunately, the Morrykhana was cancelled as the October event, but we are working with Roxburgh Park Secondary Collage to find a suitable date in the future.
The AOMC has accepted our application for their Membership Plus Insurance. This policy will commence at the end of October and will provide a significant cost saving to the club's Insurance fees. Thanks to Jim Gourley for all his work in preparing the submission. Jim has also had a change of position on the committee. At the last committee meeting, Jim was nominated and seconded to take the position of Treasurer. The role of the Treasurer is a key position in keeping the club running. He will still be handling the role of Membership Officer, but we really need a member to fill this position and there are also a number of other roles that are still available.
I look forward to seeing you at the November meeting.
In the meantime,

Keep On Morrying.

Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria
Russell Hatton

VALE
Ken Urqhuart

2025 has been a very sad year with a number of long-time members passing away.

The Club would like to acknowledge the sad passing of another one of our Club Members. Ken was a member of many years. 25 members attended his funeral on October 13th.

Sadly, his wife Barbara passed away earlier this year. Barbara was the Club Membership officer for many years and both Ken & Barbara were important contributors to our Club.

Ken will be sadly missed. The Club extends it's deepest condolences to Ken's family and friends.

MMCCV Marketplace

CLUB REGALIA

Want to buy some gear? Contact Alan Todd

Mobile 0419 505 200 or email

regalia@morrisminorvic.org.au

From now on we are aiming to include a list of all the regalia items we have for sale. This will make it easier for you to know what we have in stock so you can order directly from Alan Todd who is our Regalia manager.
Contact Alan Todd Mobile 0419 505 200 or email regalia@morrisminorvic.org.au

Long Line Jacket $75	Reversible Vest $45	Long Sleeve Rugby $40	Short Sleeve Polo $35
Club Badge Keyring $5	Club Cloth Patch $12	Club Mug $10	Club Logo Cap $15

This list will be revised in the next few months to be a more extensive representation of our stock.

Apparel available to order…

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

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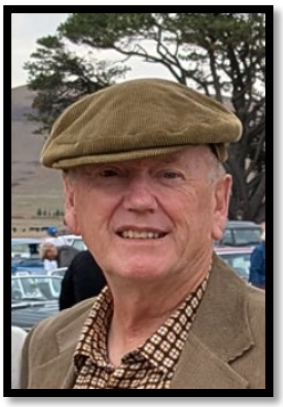
CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT NOVEMBER 2025



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

The Percy Scicluna Morrykhana – Cancelled for 2025

Roxburgh College, Thomas Brunton Parade, Roxburgh Park.

Due to the College not being able to facilitate our original date and ongoing difficulty with finding a new date we have decided to cancel the event for this year. We will work with the College to find a new date and keep everyone posted.

November - Christmas visit to Thorpe Garage – Saturday November 22
56 Alex Avenue Moorabbin

We are arranging with Thorpe and Mark form Morris Minor Australia in Moorabbin another visit to the garage this time with a Christmas theme. Mince pies and Christmas cake, a chat, and technical information. There will be Xmas cake and mince pies in place of the garage's traditional doughnuts.
As always, I will be looking for a volunteer to put their car up on the hoist.
More details to come.

December -Christmas function – Saturday 6 December 12:00-3:00 pm
Bridges Restaurant & Bar
1075 Heidelberg - Kinglake Rd, Hurstbridge

Cost will be $45 per person for two course Xmas lunch with drinks at bar prices.
We have decided to change to our Christmas function and move it to a lunch time event. We believe this will allow more people to come and drive their cars. We will have a sperate area for the event and there is easy access to building and ample parking. For those who would like to meet and do a short run to venue we will arrange a meeting point in Diamond Creek. More details to come with final arrangements.

January- Monday 26 January Australia Day Breakfast at Westerfolds Park
Fitzsimons Lane Templestowe
Our traditional Australia day breakfast and brunch in the park. More details to come.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria Inc.

MMCCV Treasurer's Report
Sept 2025

01/09/25-30/09/25

MMCCV Cheque A/C		C/M	YTD
Receipts			
Club Raffle	$	66.00	$177.00
Events	$	-	$0.00
Membership 25/26	$	40.00	$1,445.00
Membership 26/27	$	-	$0.00
CPS / AOMC Book Sales			$20.00
Regalia Sales	$	-	$0.00
Badges	$	15.00	$15.00
Reimburse overpayment	$	-	$0.00
Donation	$	-	$0.00
Deposit IWD	$	-	$0.00
Deposit Mystery Run	$	-	$0.00
Error Deposit			$0.00
Calendar	$	-	$0.00
Interest from TD	$	-	$0.00
Principle from TD	$	-	$0.00
Total Income	$	121.00	$1,657.00
Expenditure			
"Generator" costs	$	-	$0.00
Regalia	$	-	$0.00
Postage			$32.00
Badges	$	15.50	$70.50
Suppers	$	30.75	$76.10
AOMC	$	-	$0.00
Trophies	$	-	$0.00
Auditor Fee	$	-	$0.00
Run costs	$	-	$55.61
Deposit	$	-	$0.00
Refunds	$	-	$0.00
BMC Experience subs	$	-	$0.00
CAV	$	-	$0.00
Rent	$	-	$0.00
Stationery	$	-	$0.00
Events	$	-	$0.00
Subscriptions/software			$226.67
Calendars	$	419.80	$419.80
Insurance	$	-	$0.00
Presentations/Prizes	$	22.00	$22.00
PO Box Rental	$	-	$0.00
Equipment	$	-	$0.00
Total Expenditure	$	488.05	$902.68
Net Income/Deficit		-$367.05	$754.32

Unpresented Cheques

Nil

MMCCV Cheque A/C	
Balance as at 31/08/2025	$5,877.86
Net Income/Deficit	-$367.05
Balance as at 30/09/2025	**$5,510.81**

MMCCV Term Deposit A/C	
Balance as at 31/08/2025	$5,240.37
Interest	$0.00
	$5,240.37
Transfer to Chq	$0.00
Balance as at 30/09/2025	**$5,240.37**

MMCCV ACCOUNTS	
Cheque Account	$5,510.81
Term Deposit	$5,240.37
Balance as at 30/09/2025	**$10,751.18**

MEMBERSHIP REPORT NOVEMBER 2025

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

New Member:

Welcome to **Roland Willats** member #1845, who is restoring a 1965 Morry Ute which he recently acquired.

This is Roland's third Morry and his second Ute. His first car was a much loved Morry 1000 sedan, he subsequently moved onto restoring his first Ute which involved rebuilding the rear timber tray. Thirty years on and he saw his most recent Ute on Market Place, he couldn't resist acquiring it and turning its restoration into his latest project.

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 INC.

HELD AT THE HORRIE WATSON HALL, DEEPDENE AND ALSO VIA ZOOM ON THURSDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER 2025

Unfortunately, at the time of printing the Minutes of the September meeting were unavailable. They will be included in the December edition of the Generator.

Upcoming Runs

EVENTS CALENDAR 2025 - 2026

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

Date:	Event:	Details:
October 25	**The Percy Scicluna Morrykhana - postponed**	This event will be re-scheduled in the New Year – details to follow
Saturday November 22	**Christmas Visit to Thorpe Garage**: We are arranging with Thorpe and Mark form Morris Minor Australia in Moorabbin another visit to the garage this time with a Christmas theme. Mince pies and Christmas cake, a chat, and technical information. There will be Xmas cake and mince pies in place of the garage's traditional doughnuts. As always, I will be looking for a volunteer to put their car up on the hoist.	56 Alex Avenue, Moorabbin 3189
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Australia Day Run Monday 26th January	**Australia Day Breakfast at Westerfolds Park Fitzsimons Lane Templestowe**	Our traditional Australia day breakfast and brunch in the park.
February 2026	MG Car Club & Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria Swap Meet	Shannon's Insurance Buildings, 40 Corporate Drive, Heatherton 40 Corporate Dr, Heatherton VIC 3202, Australia

The Story of the Morris Minor...In A Dash (Part 4)

Thank you to Phil Plumbe, who has provided this very interesting item which will be serialized over the coming issues of the Generator.

By Richard James

My interest and love for the Morris Minor started at an early age. This is me at 18 months old with our 1969 Morris Minor traveller in Trafalgar Blue called 'Nelson' - reg number MBK 387G. My parents sold the car in the late 70's.

Ashtrays

Examples of the ashtrays used in the Morris Minor during production.

Heaters

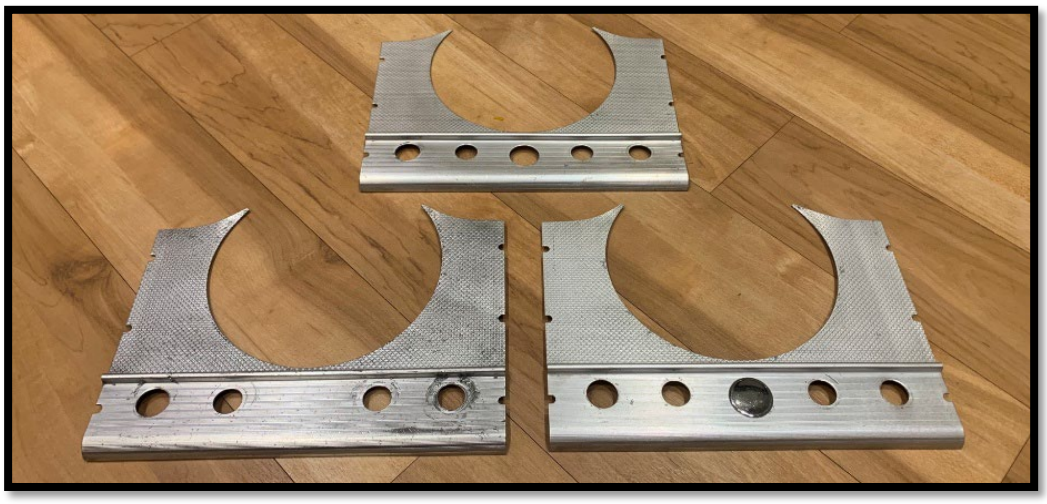
Heaters used in the Morris Minor from 1950 to late 1971/early 1972.

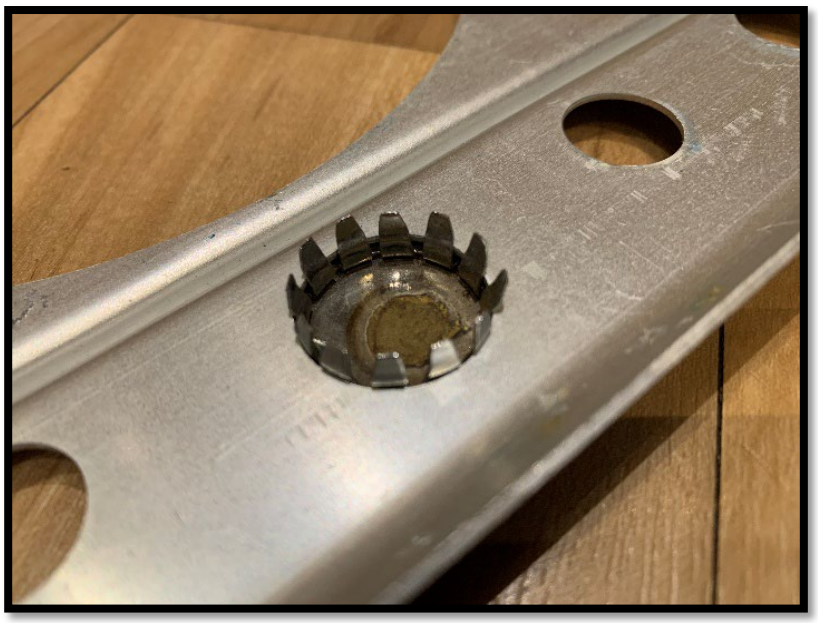
Heater switches

The switches below were used in each of the three round heaters. The first switch (bottom left) was used in the Smiths gold round heater which was used from 1950 to 1956. The knob was brown. The second switch (middle) was used in the Smiths round black heater and had a small black knob. The last switch (bottom right) was used in the Smiths round black heater with the metal ducting and had a bigger black knob - due to it being located behind a trim cover above the parcel shelf.

Late model aluminium speedo surround panel

The aluminium speedo surrounds used in the late model from 1964 to late 1971/early 1972.
The top surround in the picture (with the ignition barrel hole) was used in models from 1964 to 1970.
In 1971 when British Leyland upgraded the column and used the new style steering column with the integrated steering lock, the ignition barrel hole (centre hole in the aluminium panel) became obsolete, as the ignition barrel was located on the steering column. Remaining stocks of the speedo surround panel, had a chrome metal blanking plug fitted (bottom right panel) and these were only used in the traveller as by this time, the convertible, 2 and 4 door models had been discontinued. New aluminium speedo panels were pressed (without the ignition barrel hole) for use in the LCV models as of 1971(bottom left panel). As production of both the traveller and LCV models came to a close in late 1971/early 1972, it's feasible there was a cross over of where these panels were used as British Leyland tried to use up remaining stock before production ceased.





.....and finally, this is what I am currently working on: -
5 further dash models.

The top dash is going to be painted in BMC lilac coloured paint to represent the 1960 Minor Million dash.
The second dash down (green) is a late LCV dash.
The third dash down is a 1952 to 1954 Series 2 LHD and lastly the bottom dash (in green) is a 1964 to late 1971/early 1972 LHD late model and will be featuring a KPH black speedo.

And lastly a 1949 dash from a Morris Minor tourer purchased recently from Melbourne Australia. This very early dash has no windscreen de-mister vents, which were introduced to Minors in 1950. The dash was bought complete with the under-dash L/H and R/H strengthening panels still in place.

Photos courtesy of Phil Plumbe, Melbourne, Australia.

I haven't yet done any research work or obtained any parcel shelf panels / parcel shelf supporting bars, rear view mirrors or sun visors.
These are in the pipeline for the future.

I plan on doing a full write up over the next year or so and compare how each style of dash has changed from 1948, what's been discontinued and what's been introduced or upgraded until production ceased in late 1971/ early 1972.

There is a lot of written information that I haven't included (as I am currently working on a full write up) but for now I hope this gives you a picture so far of what I have been working on.

Richard James

Thanks again to Richard James and Phil Plumbe

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Tips for Morris Minor 1000 Owners. Parts A6 to A9 March 2025

Thanks to Roger Lindsay, who sent through these fabulous tips for the care of your Morry.

A6: Adding a radio and speakers.

Probably best done by a car radio specialist as it's a long job.

Also, be warned - a radio in a Morris may be disappointing in that it will need the volume up high to overcome engine and road noises, when at speed.

Not put off? Well, where to instal it? The speakers will fit under the dash or on the parcel tray at either end, but there's no obvious place for the radio. What about using the right glove box? This box is an enigma. The door can only be opened half way and access to it is through the steering wheel. Fumbling into it while driving is distracting. Most drivers don't use it at all. In fact, it's missing from the dash in certain models.

If you have the cardboard glove box installed, a simple option is to place the radio in it, connect the wires and secure it all down with cable ties. Not really satisfactory to me. I would prefer a more stable set up as you will be pressing the buttons a lot. My way allows the unit to be removed easily.

Before starting the installation though, there are many preparations to be considered -

Most modern radios only work for negative earth systems, whereas your car's original wiring is positive earth. The battery terminal leads will need swapping if so. Polarity will also need reversing at the control box?

Read the radio instruction booklet for the connections required, to its supplied wiring cables. The speaker connections are relatively straight forward. The 2 power inputs will have to come from tapping into existing power wires, or be attached to fuse terminals A2 and A4, such that the new wires will be protected. The former option will require locating the power wires in amongst the spaghetti of dash wiring now exposed once the box is removed. Fortunately, snap connectors are available to join a new wire to an existing one. Be respectful of all existing wiring as some of them aren't fused, so don't disturb them unnecessarily.

Once connected, the new wire ends and aerial should be long enough to allow the radio to be withdrawn from the glove box, if required in the future.

Once working, if there is a lot of static noise when driving, it's usually due to the original wire type spark plug leads. There might be noise suppression gadgets available but it's easier to replace the leads with modern carbon ones. The ends will need filing a little to fit into the distributor.

It is best to mount the radio on a wooden base as this will raise it to a central position, where the radio buttons are easily accessed.

If you are still game, these are the steps to install the radio.

1 Disconnect the battery.

2 With white-out, mark the back of the steering wheel and matching housing such that they may be aligned when re-attaching the wheel. Then remove the steering wheel (It just gets in the way).

3 Remove the glove box door and cardboard box. (Consider discarding the box altogether, though it offers some noise reduction I guess).

4 Select a piece of wood about ½ inch thick (e.g. 5 ply), and saw out a rectangle of roughly 9" by 6". This will become the base for the radio. Check it fits easily into the glove box.

5 Screw the radio onto the base, with the buttons lining up with the base long edge.

6 Ensure base plus radio unit, can be easily inserted into the gap. Position the unit centrally, with the face forward but just behind the door when it is closed. Mark the position.

7 Ensure aerial wire and radio wires are in position, with enough slack to allow unit to be slid out for disconnection.

8 To secure base, drill 2 suitable holes from under the dash up into the base. When drilling, ensure there will be no damage to the spaghetti of existing wiring, or to the radio.

9 If it is desired to return the cardboard box, it will need matching holes drilled, with a hole at the back to feed the wiring through. The box may also need packing under it.

10 Attach wiring plug and aerial to the radio.

11 Secure the base with 2 x 2" hex screws. Don't over tighten them.

12 Battery on, test radio works. If so, re-attach door and replace the steering wheel. Happy listening.

A9: <u>The Future.</u>

Sadly, the future will probably see less Morry's on the road. There's fewer wrecks around, so cheap 2nd hand parts will decline. New parts will still be available from England, but at high prices. Also, the population of potential restorers who remember Minors from their youth, are aging.

Oh well, it's been a great hobby to keep them running, and I have enjoyed the challenges. As long as I can, I'll just 'Keep on Morrying'.

Lastly, don't be quick to criticise previous restorers, for seemingly doing what you perceive to be dodgy repair jobs on your car. When future owners take over your car, they will probably be criticising <u>your</u> work! To avoid this (and protect my reputation), I tag some dodgy job with a card reading "I didn't do this, it was the previous owner!"

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email editor@morrisminorvic.org.au

or

Contact: Barb Went 0409 002 531

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Set of 4 Morris Minor wheels 2.

Stripped then repainted in Morris Minor Carnation Red with proper hand painted yellow trim circles
Never been fitted to a car after painting
Olympic Air-Ride crossply tyres that still have some life left
$400

Brian Glass
Panlook1@iprimus.com

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Other Upcoming Events:

Lesley and I along with Wayne and Lyn are planning on doing a tour of Tasmania in early February 2026 in our Morris Minors. The plan is to start in Geelong and board the Spirit of Tasmania at 8.30am for a day sail. It arrives in Devonport at 7pm.
Itinerary is first night in Devonport then Sheffield, Deloraine, Launceston, Bridestowe, St Helens, Bicheno, Freycinet, Ross, Richmond, Hobart, Port Arthur, Russell Falls, Queenstown, Strahan, Gordon River, Roseberry, Tullah, Cradle Mountain, Smithton, Stanley (The Nut) then back to Devonport. We have yet to work out where the overnight stays will be. It will be about 21 days long. About 1300 kms from leaving Geelong. People can do a shortened trip if they want.

Graham Dines

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Florence Thomson Tour - May 1st to May 3rd 2026

PLEASE NOTE - Applications close on November 28th 2025..

Ladies, the Florence Thomson Tour for female drivers in classic cars is happening again.

We will be based in the midst of Victoria's rich farming country, just 191kms form Melbourne.

Click on the below button for more information on the tour and to download the application form.

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EDITOR'S Report

Hello everyone,

We were very fortunate to have Judy Shepherd (pictured below) come to the October Club Meeting to talk about Driving and Driving Assessments. She covered all aspects of driving as we age and what to do if we have concerns about loved ones driving skills.

Judy Shepherd

She covered aspects that relate to driving assessments that may be recommended for medical reasons. She will cover when a driving assessment might be requested, who might make the request, the process for assessment and possible outcomes.

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.

Barb Went, Editor