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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the MMCCV Inc. to be held at 8pm on Thursday 10th March 2011 at the Horrie Watson Pavilion Deepdene Park Whitehorse Road, Balwyn, 3103. (Melways Map 46, Ref A8).

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE 2nd THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH

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Club Regalia

Clothing

Short Sleeve polo Shirt \$29.00

Long Sleeve Denim Shirt \$39.00

Reversible Vest \$35.00

Winter Jacket \$55.00

Pit Crew Shirts Navy/White
(Men And Ladies styles) \$37.00

Tee Shirts \$17.00

Club Logo Caps \$14.00

Cloth Club logo patch \$10.00

Accessories

Stubbie Holder \$9.00

Gold and silver Key rings \$8.00

Pens \$5.00

drink coaster set \$35.00

Lapel shirt pins \$5.00

Club Flags (2 kinds) \$5.00 each

Stickers for cars

Keep on Morrying (chrome) \$1.50

Keep on Morrying (white) \$1.00

MMCCV \$1.00

I Love my Morry \$1.00

Magnetic MMCCV [round] \$30.00

For Purchases Contact Regalia Officer

Peter Luxmoore

CLUB PERMIT HOLDERS

Club Permits & New Registrations may now be signed at General Meetings by the Secretary, Jeff Brumhead 9435 6220.

Renewals may also be sent by post to Wayne Cunningham direct at 4 Cullinan Court, Ballarat North 3350, 0407 994 642, together with a return stamped addressed envelope.

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AGENDA FOR GENERAL MEETING MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC

Thursday, 10th March 2011 Horrie Watson Pavilion Deepdene Park
Deepdene 3103.

1. Apologies
 2. No. of Members Present (Quorum)
 3. Confirmation of last minutes
 4. President's Report
 5. Treasurers Report
 6. General Business
 7. Close of Meeting
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well another AGM successfully run.

I would like to thank all the members of the executive committee for staying on for another year, although a little reluctantly in a couple of cases.

We do have two changes in the appointed positions, welcome to Stewart Carr, who is going to be one of our AOMC delegates now that Ross Carr is about to move out of town. Thanks also to Martin and Cindy French for volunteering to look after the library. They have been doing it for some time to help out Lochie when he was unavailable, but now the change is permanent.

Jeff Stanyer has decided to step down from his position as National Delegate, so we will need to find a replacement. We have someone in mind, and the position may even be filled by the time you read this.

I believe the run to Wayne & Lyn's home in Ballarat was well attended. I'm sorry that I was unable to attend.

The next major event is the Mad Hatters Car Rally, organised by the Geelong Morris Minor Car Club. It has been well accepted and all the allotted accommodation has been booked. If you still want to attend, you will have to find somewhere to stay yourself, or you can just do a day run.

Also the National in Port Macquarie is fast approaching. Although the cut off date for entries has been reached, I think it is not too late to book.

That will do for this month; see you at the meeting.
Frank.

Morris Minor Car Club of Victoria Inc. Now has a Facebook Group
www.facebook.com/?sk=2361831622#!/group.php?gid=115320241832162

MEMBERS ONLY WEB ACCESS

Please note that access details for our Members Only Web Page have changed to:

Username: mmcev

Password: rotate

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC. HELD AT THE HORRIE WATSON HALL, DEEPDENE 10th FEBRUARY 2011

The President opened the meeting at:- 8.04 pm

Apologies: John and Dawn Irving, Leigh Smith, Jeff & Julie Stanyer, Bill Zahra, Gary and Sue Turner, Graham & Rosalee Harper, Wayne Cunningham, Lyn Waites and Bob Terry.

Attendance:

Approx. 42 members and visitors were present at the meeting as recorded in the attendance book.

New Members & Visitors: Rob Smith, no car.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: accepted as printed

Arising: **Donation to QLD Flood Appeal:** John Druery indicated he had not arranged the cheque at this stage. Put to members that the decision to donate \$500.00 was made before the Victorian floods became an issue. Did members still want to donate the \$500.00 to Qld or would they consider a donation to Victoria? It was decided unanimously that \$250.00 be donated to Qld and \$250.00 to the Victorian Flood Appeal.

Correspondence:

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:-

IN –EMAIL

Lions Club of Wangaratta

Swap Meet

OUT:-

Rotary Club of Williamstown

re Dr Dave Warren

EVENTS:-

Shannon's Auction

Sydney

7th February 2011.

Rotary Club of Williamstown

Classic Car Show

13th February 2011.

Lions Club of Wangaratta

Swap Meet

17th April 2011.

President's Report: Frank Borg "As per the Generator".

Treasurer's Report: John Druery, full reported to be given at the following A.G.M.

Membership Officer: Barbara Urquhart Unfinancial members would not receive their Generators after this month.

Club Captain: Mark Parritt Expects 5 cars travelling to Ballarat 19th February for Lyn & Wayne's, needs to know exact number. An email to go to members regarding Sunday. March Run to Geelong, Organisers are accepting late entries.

15th National Morris Minor Rally: Graham Dines gave a report regarding preparation for the rally, A meeting of those attending would be held at his home where an exchange of information would occur. Recent advice indicates a total of 146 entries received for the rally.

Regalia: Peter Luxmoore has a Model MM / Series 2 manual to give away. Hastily claimed by a club member.

A.O.M.C.: Secretary indicated next meeting on 21st February. Don't forget the RACV Classic Showcase at Flemington on 3rd April 2011.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1. Minor Million Book: Richard McKellar thanked the club for support received in promoting the Minor Million book. To record his appreciation he presented a copy to the library. Copy received with acclamation from members.

2. Morris Garage – Harcourt: Richard indicated that a coming addition to the collection is a genuine, fully restored “Royal Mail” van which was coming from U.K. He gave an interesting description and explanation of the van.

3. Council Clean Up: Daryl Lloyd spoke of 6 Morris Minors on a property near Wangaratta available for sale. The person has to dispose of these as a result of Council order to clean up the property.

4. Diff Centre Wanted: Graham Dines would like to locate a 3.9 Diff Centre.

5. Box of Spare Parts: Ray Wood has a large collection of spare parts to move or it will go to the tip. Parts too numerous to mention.

6. Wedding Cars wanted: Peter Powell asked if two Morris Minors could be located for his son to celebrate his wedding. The occasion would be a Thursday night.

7. Table Cloths – Christmas: Barbara would like Christmas table cloths taken home from the Christmas party to be returned as soon as possible.

8. Club Email Addresses: John Druery reported that most of the club email addresses had changed. The club now has 9 email addresses offered free by the server, Vicnet. This was a considerable saving as we previously paid for each address. Addresses would be circulated by email.

There being no more business,

The Meeting Closed at 8.32 pm.

The Annual General Meeting followed, please see separate minutes.

Raffle draw then took place under the control of Percy and Cheryl Scicluna followed by supper with thanks to Ken Urquhart and his helpers.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership statistics as of March 4th are as follows:-

Family 19, Email family 21, Standard 25, Email standard 28 , a total of 93 members. plus 9 life members.

If you have a car on the Red Plate scheme remember to always carry your membership card with you when you use your car.

If any member would like a membership card sent to them please send a stamped self addressed envelope to the PO Box.

Should you have any Membership queries or suggestions do not hesitate to contact me at 9817 5385, or email - membership@morrisminorvic.org.au

NEW MEMBERS

Erin Kelly, membership # 1561, owner of a 1960 silverpine green 1000 original sedan, rego # PIO 672

Michelle Freeman, membership # 1562, owner of a 1962 green 1000 4 door sedan unregistered.

We welcome you & hope you have a long & enjoyable association with our Club.

Welcome back to Phillip Neville membership #1280 after an absence of some years.

WELFARE

John Irving is encased in plaster following surgery on his ankle.

Percy Scicluna has had more surgery on his nose, hopefully the last.

Ern Miller is having surgery on his ankle, hopefully this will solve his problem.

Bill Zahra broke his collarbone and has now recovered sufficiently to be back at work on light duties.

To those members of our Club who are not well, we wish you the best & hope you recover quickly.

If you know of any member/s who are on the sick list, please let me know.

MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS FOR MARCH

Gwen Coleman	03
Michelle Middlehuis	05
Gerald Pocock	06
Jane Lovel	07
Bill Zahra	08
Ryan Desira	14
Therese Powell	19
Ruth Warren	20
Margaret Sanson	22
Helen Izzard	22
Bruce Sherwin	27
Graeme Dwyer	27
Sue Cheney	28
Lesley Harrington	29
Christine Murray	29
Cindy French	31

Barbara Urquhart Membership Officer.

WHAT KIND OF MEMBER ARE YOU

Are you an active member, the kind who would be missed,
Or are you just contented that your name is on that list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock,
Or do you stay away and criticise and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along
Or are you just satisfied to be the kind who just belongs?
Do you ever work on committees to see there is no trick
Or leave the work to just a few and talk about the clique?
Come to the meetings often, help with the hand and the heart,
Don't be a sitting member, take an active part.
Come and think it over and when you go along
Think, am I an active member, or do I just belong

TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan 1 – Feb 18 2011

Income

Club Raffles 87.25
Events 10.00
Library Returns 60.00
Membership Dues 2,120.00
Miscellaneous Income 50.00
Regalia Sales 212.00
Total Income 2,539.25

Expense

Bank Service Charges 51.83
Gifts and Donations 500.00
Licenses and Permits 41.80
Newsletter costs 77.88
Postage 18.00
Professional Fees 100.00
Supper 43.59
Trophies 40.80

Total Expense 873.90

Net Income 1,665.35
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The bank balance is \$7,211.44

A.O.M.C. REPORT

MEETING HELD 21ST FEBRUARY 2011.

PEKING to PARIS RALLY: Rhys Timms gave an extremely interesting pictorial talk on his experiences when participating in this world famous rally in his MG. To his credit he completed the rally without being trucked in on any section in spite of a broken front axle, broken shockers, cracked chassis and for the last stretch across Europe to Paris, no clutch. He spoke of using a team of local repairers for his major damage repairs taking one and a half days and costing \$150.00 compared to the “cheque book” entrants who paid \$100.00 per hour for their repairs. Most had to be trucked in on some sections and some flown ahead of the rally after repairs taking some days, cost \$30,000.00.

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME:

Rod Amos spoke of the introduction of the revised scheme which had a few minor hiccups. One delegate mentioned the inability of the software to accept change of address which I am sure one of our club members can relate to.

A delegate at the meeting emphasised the fact that the Club Permit Scheme is not to be used for commercial gain pointing out the annual problem at Bendigo where police booked site holders using their exempt registration trailers for swap meet purposes. He suggested that to use Club Permit vehicles for conveying swap meet items would invite the same problem.

Next Phase: concentrates on modifications and replica vehicles. The definition of replica vehicles includes re-badging and altering standard cars to a high powered or up market models. (Possibly Valiant Hardtops to Pacer Hardtops).

Rod mentioned how in the past, the VSI 8 consisting of several A4 pages was the guideline to light modifications, he showed the draft National Guideline which was a book over an inch thick which may be the basis of future decisions. He pointed out that modifications were for minor modifications, not hot rods which come under a different set of guidelines.

SEMINAR Saturday 30TH July 2011: Programmed to be a half day, 8.30 am start at the Chevrolet Club Rooms, Moorabbin. Subjects for this seminar would be aimed at the club Executive positions of President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as speakers from the Incorporate Affairs talking on constitution changes and speakers on administration of the Club Permit Scheme.

CHILD RESTRAINTS AOMC is looking at engaging professional auto engineers to find answers to this dilemma. A commercial company, ‘Older Car Repairs’ distributed pamphlets on Anchorage systems for pre 1976 vehicles, Phone 9877 7754.

Jeff Brumhead
Club Delegate

REVISED CLUB PERMIT SCHEME LOG BOOKS

Any member with Club Permitted vehicles who have not received either a temporary or permanent log book for each vehicle should contact Jeff Brumhead, phone 03 9435 6220 or email secretary@morrisminorvic.org.au as soon as possible.

Arrangements can be made with Vicroads to obtain your log book, it appears you may have been overlooked.

Do NOT use your vehicle, even for a club run, before checking with Jeff Brumhead , contact as above. Without a log book entry it can be treated as an unregistered vehicle.

Members with renewal notices which include the windscreen / log book stickers, please check the lower part of the form before sending it to the Club Authorising Officer, the form now requires your signature (Permit Holder).

Club Captain's Report March 2011

I did enjoy the weekend away to Ballarat though the weather was a bit unkind. It was good to catch up with Lyn and Wayne and see their new property. (More in the run report).


Graham and Rosalee Harper have arranged the Mid Year Lunch to the Toolangi Tavern. (Details in Morries on the Run). Craig Warner is arranging the November Run up to the Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally (again details in Morries on the Run).

Our next run is to the Geelong Mad Hatters Rally. If you are coming and have not registered yet, you will need to do so urgently as they will not hold registration open much longer. I am looking forward to this weekend as it looks interesting and should be a fun weekend.

On the 20th March, Graham and Lesley Dines are having a BBQ at their place for those going to the National Rally. We plan to discuss who is going in the convoy and what we are each taking (eg spare parts) and anything else pertaining to the Rally. Meeting is at 3pm followed by a byo BBQ tea.

Oh what a busy lot of Morrians we are.

Keep on Morrying
Mark.



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 (Map Ref: 69 F8)

UP COMING EVENTS 2011

March 12th 13th 14th
 Morris Minor Car Club of Geelong, Mad Hatters Car Rally

For those who wish to travel down in a convey to Geelong, be at the Shell Service Station at Todd's Road just before the West Gate Bridge at 10.30 am on Saturday the 12th March. Remember that you have to take the Airport road to get to the Shell service station. Don't forget your Mad Hatters Hat

Contact: Mark Parritt 03 59764437 or msparritt@bigpond.com

March 12th 13th 14th
 Casterton Rally.
 Please contact Joy or Jack Vears 95606186

April 3rd
 RACV CLASSIS SHOWCASE
 Formerly the British & European Motoring Show
 Entry forms available at club meeting.
 Make your own way there
 Contact: Mark Parritt 03 59764437 or msparritt@bigpond.com

April 22nd – 25th



**15th National
Morris Minor Rally**

hosted by the
Morris Minor Car Club
of NSW Inc.

15th National Morris Minor Rally Port Macquarie NSW.

Rally web site www.morrisminornsw.org.au/nationalrally

If you wish to join in on the Run Up and Back with Mark & Sue Parritt and Graham & Lesley Dines. Please contact Mark on 03 5976 4437 or e-mail msparritt@bigpond.com

Don't forget the meeting and BBQ on 20 March at Graham & Lesley's home at 2/42 Highfield Rd Canterbury 3126 for all those who are going on the National Rally It is a BYO BBQ and the meeting starts at 3pm followed by the BBQ. Ring Lesley on 03 9836 7415 if you are attending.

May 21st

Marysville Run

Details of this Run will be in the Generator closer to the time.

Contact Mark Parritt if you require any further information 59764437 or e-mail msparritt@bigpond.com

June 11th 12th 13th

Queen's Birthday Long Weekend.

The Mighty Morrie Muster at Albury

Run details and Entrance forms will be available closer to the event. Accommodation at the Boomerang Motel/Hotel is now fully booked.

There are cabins available at the Albury Motor Village Tourist Park (Top 10) at 372 Wagga Rd Lavington. This is the Tourist Park next to the Rivers Factory Outlet store and is close to the Boomerang Motel. Their number is 02 6040 2999. Most are arriving on Friday 10th and departing on Monday 13th but some are staying an extra night for another small run.

July 17th

Mid Year Lunch (Christmas in July) Graham & Rosalee Harper

Toolangi Tavern, Toolangi. (near Kinglake West)

Cost approximately \$25.00 per head

Further detail as we get closer to the date

Mark Parritt 59764437 or e-mail msparritt@bigpond.com

August 21st

Martin & Cindy French

Further details as we get closer to the date

Mark Parritt 59764437 or e-mail msparritt@bigpond.com

September 17/18th 2011
Rusty Springs B&B

RUSTY SPRINGS B & B is at Avenel north of Seymour. It is Rustic & Unique, Quirky & Unusual and 1.5 hours from Melbourne.

This venue is owned & operated by new members Bob & Judi McGrath

There are 3 types of accommodation The Barn, Frog Cottage & Brewery Lane

Check out Brewery Lane at the Web site : www.rustysprings.com.

\$100 per room per night includes breakfast

If you wish to go, Contact Barbara Urquhart for more details. memship@morrisminorvic.org.au
ph 98175385

October 30th

Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally
(near Beaufort)

Further details as we get closer to the date.

For any further information contact either Craig Warner Ph 80807597 or Mobile 0428509907
Or Mark Parritt 59764437 or e-mail mpparritt@bigpond.com

November 1st

Melbourne Cup Function

Further details as we get closer to the date

November

No Run arranged. If anyone can arrange a run for this month contact Mark Parritt 59764437 or e-mail mpparritt@bigpond.com

December 8th

Christmas Party

Details closer to the time.

Other Events

April 17th

Lions Club of Wangaratta

12th Annual Wangaratta Swap Meet & Collectables Market

Wangaratta Show Grounds, Evans Street, Wangaratta

Sunday 17th April 2011

The Lions Club of Wangaratta seeks support from your club in promoting our Annual Swap Meet. Please find attached a 'Wangaratta Swap Meet' flyer for your information and publication to your members, in the coming weeks.

Commencing in 2000, the Wangaratta Swap Meet has raised over \$133,000 with all proceeds donated to the local community. The Swap Meet is a wonderful event and major fundraiser for the Lions Club of Wangaratta.

It attracts over 450 trading sites selling everything from Car Parts, Bric-a-Brac, Collectibles, Memorabilia, Tools, Craftwork, Local produce and Antiques. There is entertainment for children,

and food and drinks are available all day. It also features a 'Yesterday's Heroes' Show and Shine competition, which further attracts over 200 restored vintage and veteran motor vehicles. The show and Shine competition is conducted on a mowed grass area with ample space provided between cars.

This year, the Swap Meet has also attracted a 'Auto Sound Quality Competition' which we believe will attract over 50 entries. Another feature this year will be the 'Dyno and Performance Horsepower Competition' in six categories.

Limited camping is available on site or a full range of accommodation is only 2 kms away. Contact Wangaratta Visitor Information, Freecall: 1800 801 065, or visit www.visitwangaratta.com.au for information on accommodation and other attractions that our beautiful city has to offer.

We would like to have your Club members visit the Wangaratta Swap Meet for a great day out in Regional Victoria. Entry is \$5.00, and those 16 years and under are free. Perhaps some of your members might like to book a trading site at just \$20 per site.

Further information may be obtained from:

Fabian: 03 5721 8673 / 03 5721 9036 (AH) – Site bookings
Ron: 03 5722 3996 (Mob: 0448 284 734) – General Enquiries

Regards,
Chris Beilby
03 57219564, Mob:0409 418 882
Advertising Coordinator
Lions Club of Wangaratta

May 15th
Cavalcade of Transport
Drive to Yarra Glen Racecourse, there are a number of starting points
All Enquires 98900524

ARMY BAND CONCERTS 2011



Dates:- for Daytime concerts

11 March 25 March

Free concerts are held at 11 am in Newman Hall at the Defence Force School of Music, Simpson Barracks, Crew St MacLeod
(Mel Ref 20 F 8).

Lunch at the Lower Plenty Hotel afterwards.

Bookings are essential for daytime concerts contact
Barbara Urquhart 9817 5385/ memship@morrisminorvic.org.au



TRADING PLACES

March 2011

Contact: Graham Dines : 0400 893 483

Or email editor@morrisminorvic.org.au



Give Away

Hi,

My name is Ian Johnson. My son and I were members of the Victorian Morris Minor Club, approx. 18 - 20 years ago. With your help we restored a SilverPine green MM1000, HJU336.

The reason for me to contact you is we have 2 MM 1000 engine blocks, both with sumps on with crank & pistons etc. One has head and valve gear. They have been left laying down the side way of the house since our restoration. If you know of anybody who would like to have these they are welcome to them. They are free, just come and pick them up.

The pickup suburb is East Keilor.

For any more details or info you can contact me via this email address or home ph. 9390 5951 or Mob. 0418 525 537.

Thanks,

Ian Johnson.

For Sale

I have a 1956 4 door morris minor with a split windscreen. It is currently unregistered as it hasn't been running for a while. There is slight rust around the bottom of the doors but the body is in reasonably good condition.

The engine number is P4/277173 and the car number is 407013/68952. It also had type FAB51 on the silver plate. I can be contacted on 0402822755. The asking price is \$700 ONO. Thank you, regards Wendy Clark.



FOR SALE

Morris Minor Split Windscreen Low Light Ute (tray)

Datsun A15 motor with 4 speed Datsun gearbox.

Marina Disk Brakes, Mag Wheels, Telescopic Shockers front and back, Marina Diff.

New Seats (Gemini High Back), Tacho (Smiths), 2 speed wipers and heater.

Plus a shed full of bits (Trim, Bumper Bar, Front End, Disk Brakes etc)

\$1200.00 ONO

Alpine Radio/CD, (CDM 9821)

Plus Alpine 6 CD Disk Changer

Plus all cables and books.

\$200.00 ONO

1 – Kicker Sub Amp (Impulse 352X)

1 - 10" VDO Daton Sub Woofer plus sub box (Box made for Sedan Boot)

\$200.00 ONO

RING JEFF ON 03 9798 7692 anytime

I bought a Minor about 5 years ago, unregistered and in need of love. It was always meant to be my project to do up, but family and life have got in the way.

I was wondering whether there would be anyone who would want to love this car?

It is White 1960 model. It has parts in the boot and I have a loved owners manual. The plates on the body say:

Type FB 51

Car No 8724612/06978

Eng No 9M/U/H/160224

Colour Black

Nuffield (AUS) Pty Ltd, Toynton Ave, Zetland NSW, AUS

Warm regards,

Rebecca McCRea

9888 3291

Hi

My name is Kathie and I have some Morris minor parts for sale.

I have a beautiful interior to suit a Morris Minor 59 model with all panels, a convertible roof, and 2 morrises, one 4 door and one 2 door for wrecking. I also have lots of spare parts i.e lenses etc

Prices negotiable.

My phone number is 0458125392.

RUN REPORTS

Ballarat Run Saturday 20th February

Sue and I left home at 11 o'clock in Muriel to meet up with fellow Morrians at the BP service station at Rockbank. It was a tough drive, the wind so strong at Carrum Downs I thought that we were going to go sideways! Fortunately it did let up a bit as we got onto the South East freeway. We made it to the BP service station in time for lunch at 12.30. By 1 o'clock we had all arrived except Barbara and Ken who were caught up in city traffic. They phoned, advising they were a long way behind and would catch us up. So off we went: 4 Morries, 1 Morris Oxford and 1 Modern. It was a slow old trip due to the head wind all the way to Ballarat. I now know the aerodynamics on a Morrie are not so good. The only problem the convoy had was when the branch of a tree that had blown onto the highway got stuck under Brian Moore's car. We arrived at the Golden Sovereign Motel about 3 o'clock to find Graham and Rosalee already settled in their motel room, then 10 minute later Ken and Barbara turned up. (All together at last).

Subsequently, our hosts for the run (Wayne and Lyn) arrived. It was good to see them again. Wayne had brought along a booklet about Ballarat and a map marked with the places we could visit the following morning, most importantly their house and where we were going to have dinner. It was time then for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles. Dinner was at the Lake View Hotel on the banks of Lake Wendouree - great to see water in the lake as the last couple of times we've been to Ballarat it has been bone dry. Dinner at the Hotel was very good with an interesting menu. After dinner we all went for a walk along the banks of the lake to settle the vast amount of food we had consumed. The wind had dropped by then and it turned into a great evening stroll.

On Sunday we woke up to a very pleasant day but by the time we'd had breakfast clouds had arrived and it had started to rain. As usual the weather was not going to stop we Morrians, so it was off to the Ballarat trash and treasure, a big market with lots of interesting stalls. Most of us bought a few things. After an hour or so at the market, the rain progressed from drizzle to downpour so it was off to Wayne and Lyn's place for lunch.

I will now hand over to Gary to finish off the report.

Morries on the Run

Mark

Ballarat Run to Lyn and Wayne's.

Sunday 20th February 2011.

By Gary Turner.

We set off from Somerville at around 7:30am from Martin and Cindy's place in Somerville. Martin was in his beautifully restored Morris Oxford with no Cindy this trip and Sue and I were in Sue's new van, "Angus".

Pretty uneventful run to our first stop which was at the BP Road House at Melton where we grabbed a coffee and waited for whoever was meeting us there. After a short time Joanne and Kelvin Hawkesworth joined us along with Mal and Margaret Baker, Jeremy and Maeve Rodseth. Around 9:30am we all set off in convoy with "Angus" leading the way. We made pretty good progress towards Ballarat but we somehow lost the end of the convoy coming into Ballarat but we all seemed to find our way to Lyn and Wayne's place.

A number of members were already at Wayne's as they had come up the night before.

After arriving Wayne had us all park in his driveway and the sight of all the Morries looked quite impressive. There were 11 Morries, 2 Morris Oxfords and 2 modern cars. Then it was time for lunch and drinks and a good catch up with Lyn and Wayne. The day was a typical Ballarat day with rain, wind and cool temperatures and a bit of sunshine put in just to tease us all. At around 3pm it was time to hit the road for the trip home and we all planned to leave in some sort of convoy which somehow didn't eventuate.

All in all it was a great day of driving our Morries and a great opportunity to catch up with some terrific members of the club.

Members attended were Ken and Barbara Urquhart, Mark and Sue Parritt, Cheryl and Percy Scicluna, Graham and Lesley Dines, Jack and Joy Vears, Graham and Rosalee Harper, Kelvin and Joanne Hawkesworth, Brian and Karin Moore, Jeremy and Maeve Rodseth, Wayne Cunningham and Lyn Waites, Gary and Sue Turner, Martin French, Ray and Pam Wood, Mal and Margaret Baker.

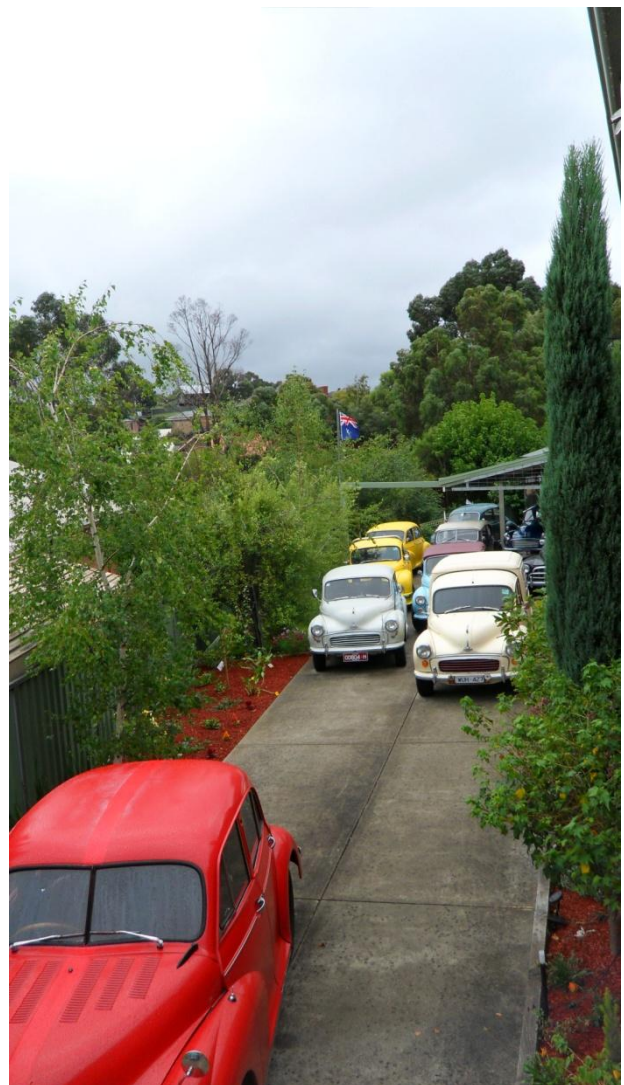
After all that Lyn has been through with her cancer she looked remarkably well and happy which was great to see.



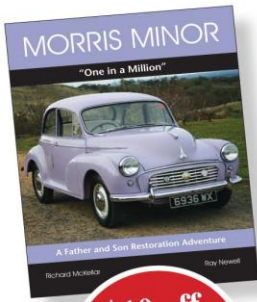
Martin French in his Morris Oxford.



Joanne and Kelvin Hawkesworth in their Morris Minor.



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