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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

The Annual General Meeting of the MMCCV Inc. to be held at 8pm on Thursday 12th May 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

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, 12th May 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 what an experience.

I made it back after what could best be described as an eventful trip to the National. It got off to a bad start for the fact that I had to leave twice. The first time, I got as far as Yarra Glen and realised I did not have my Motel details with me, and had no clue as to where I was staying. Second attempt was better, but I was now running an hour late. All went fine. I stopped at Goulburn overnight then hit the road for Port Macquarie very early Friday morning. I was making good time and had an ETA of around 2pm. just enough time to make registration, which finished at 3pm. There was a small traffic jam at Newcastle, but that didn't take too long to get through. Then about an hour further down the highway: a 20km long standstill crossing a bridge at a small town on the Pacific Highway. It took an hour and a half to negotiate that 20k's and stopped me from making it to registration. I was not happy. After a glass of wine at the Friday night meal, I was feeling a little more relaxed, and ready to enjoy the weekend.

After an enjoyable two days, I headed for home early Monday morning. I had made up my mind to take a longer, inland route, via Tamworth to avoid that bridge again. I stopped overnight at West Wyalong just on dusk. When I left the next morning, there was a queue at the service station so I decided to try and make it with the fuel I had, plus the small jerry can of fuel I was carrying due to my inaccurate fuel gauge. The next major town was Narrandera. I was sweating on making it, as the needle had been sitting on empty for about half an hour. I pulled into the Shell service station with my fuel pump ticking madly and was thankful that I had just made it. I went to start the van: nothing. Bugger. I called the NRMA and he diagnosed a faulty starter motor. He then attempted to give me a tow start. There was a loud bang, and when I tried to turn the motor with the fan belt, it was seized. Oh no. He towed me to a Motel where I booked in for the night. As it was a public holiday on the Tuesday, I had to wait until the next day to get any assistance. While I was waiting I removed the starter motor. It was jammed in, and when it was finally removed, the motor freed up. That was a relief. The next morning after trying unsuccessfully to call a mechanic, I called the NRMA man again, and he tow started the car. Off I went, and finally made it back without turning off the motor. What an adventure. Thank God for McDonalds Drive Through.

Still it was a great weekend. The club managed to pick up 4 awards. Congratulations to Mark & Sue Parritt, Rhonda Brumhead, Ken and Barbara Urquhart, and last but not least, the OBE that was awarded to Jack Vears. (Though Jack & Joy had gone to bed when it was awarded).

Thanks to the Morris Minor Car Club of NSW for all their hard work.

Frank.

THE LITTLE BLUE VAN

At around 12.30pm near Glenrowan on Easter Thursday while travelling to Beechworth, the traffic in our lane started to slow down and we noted far ahead in the distance a small blue panel van travelling along somewhat slower than the rest of the traffic. As we got closer to the little blue van we both got a little excited realising that it was a Morris Minor 1000 in remarkably good condition. As we began to pass the van in our high four wheel drive, we both said at almost the same time that it looked very much like the van of our illustrious president Frank Borg but both thought probably not. As we came almost level with the van but just behind the driver's door I said to Veronica that it was definitely Frank's van. "How can you be so certain" she replied "we haven't seen the driver yet". "Ah that's easy" I responded "the driver is wearing his often worn flannelette shirt" having spotted Frank's flannel encased arm resting on the driver's window-ledge. Sure enough when we drew level there was Frank with a smile on his face completely oblivious to our vehicle. As we drew away we mused whether his happy countenance was due to a happy memory of something very pleasant or simply from driving his lovely Morris

Michael and Veronica Dobson

MEMBERS ONLY WEB ACCESS

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

Username: mmccv **Password:** plates

MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF VICTORIA INC. HELD AT THE HORRIE WATSON HALL, DEEPDENE DATE 14-04-2011

The President opened the meeting at:- 8.00 pm Sharp. In doing so he Thanked Joanne Hawkesworth for volunteering to care for supper tonight.

Apologies: Standing Apology, Editor, Graham Dines; Lesley Dines, Malcolm Baker, Jack Vears, Veronica Dobson, Mark Roberts, Ern Miller.

Attendance:

Approx. 34 members were present at the meeting as recorded in the attendance book.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: as published in the Generator were accepted as printed.

Correspondence:

The following correspondence was presented to the meeting:-

OUT:-

B Cheslett	Thanks for copy of owner's Manual
Wintersun Organisers	Advice re D. Warren
Morris Minor Car Club of NSW	Re interchange of magazines.
Melbourne Age write up on the Morris Garage.	

EMAIL IN

Classic Motorparts on Line	plus catalogue
Julie Cassidy	1962 Morris Minor For Sale
AOMC Cavalcade of Transport	Information on Picnic Day 15 th May 2011.

ADVERTISING

Ebony's Promotional Products

Stubby Holders etc

EVENTS:-

Daisies

Rockabilly Band Dinner & Show 16th April 2011.

Shannon's Auction, Sydney

2nd May 2011

Wintersun

Festival @ Port Macquarie 3rd to 13th June 2011.

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

Treasurer's Report: John Druery reported "As per the Generator", continued to say that the major expense, the club website hosting is paid for.

Membership Officer: Barbara Urquhart Membership has increased to 108 members.

Club Captain: Mark Parritt some administration regarding the National Rally tour to Port Macquarie discussed.

The date listed for May run as listed in the Generator is incorrect. The entry should read Sunday 22nd May, not Saturday 21st May.

Mark displayed an "Appreciation Certificate" awarded to the club for the contribution in the Mornington Peninsula display on Australia Day. The certificate would be mounted in the clubs "Events History Folder".

Regalia: Peter Luxmoore new club hats are now available for purchase.

**Buy, Swap, Sell: Tom O'Regan mentioned 'Flashlube' is available cheap at Supercheap
Graham Harper is in need of a fuel tank.
Neil Cheney needs a globe holder.
Mark enquired if a non vented fuel cap is suitable for MM.
Answer: Morry caps need an air hole.**

GENERAL BUSINESS:

- 1. Mystery Nut and bolt: Gary Turner showed a heavy bolt from which holds the wing of a 747 aircraft. One bolt worth \$8,000.00 made from Titanium.**
- 2. Rusty Springs, Avenel: Barbara mentioned the overnight club run to Rusty Springs in September which included a murder mystery. Overnight accommodation is \$100.00 per couple, weekend including meals and extras for under \$200.00 per couple. Those interested should contact Barbara.**
- 3. Ross Carr said that after 40 years he and Ann were on the move from their home in Balwyn to nearby Paynesville. Club members were invited to contact Barbara to obtain address and call in on their new home.**

For Sale: as per Trading Places in the Generator.

The Meeting Closed at 8.30 pm.

Raffle draw took place under the control of Percy and Cheryl Scicluna followed by supper with thanks to the Turners and Joanne Hawkesworth.

MONTHLY MEMBERSHIP REPORT

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

Family 18, Email family 23, Standard 29, Email standard 40 , a total of 110 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

Mark Warrender member # 1567, owner of a 1960 1000 white 2 door currently being restored, also Mark is an enthusiastic motor cyclist.

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

WELFARE

Best wishes to Mark Powell, he is in Dandenong Hospital recovering from major surgery, he will be home by the time you receive this Generator.

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 MAY

Freddie Arp	02
Kevin Dorney	02
Jim Gourlay	02
Garry Kerr	07
Russell Witcombe	10
Tom O'Regan	12
Mario DiPilla	12
Peter Climas	13
Erin Kelly	20
Robert Ryan	21
Leon Carney	22
Mark Parritt	23
Anthony Buc	29

Barbara Urquhart Membership Officer.



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TREASURER'S REPORT

Jan 1 - Mar 3, 11

Income	
Club Raffles	135.25
Events	10.00
Library Returns	60.00
Membership	
Dues	2,670.00
Miscellaneous	
Income	70.00
Regalia Sales	212.00
Total Income	3,157.25
Expense	
Bank Service	
Charges	72.27
Gifts and	
Donations	500.00
Subs	235.00
Licenses and	
Permits	41.80
Newsletter costs	367.28
Postage	104.00
Professional Fees	100.00
Supper	74.63
Trophies	40.80
Total Expense	1,535.78
Net Income	1,621.47

Cheque Acct is \$7,942.96, Term Dep \$5415.75 Total= \$13358.71

Club Captain's Report

We had a great run up and back from the National Rally at Port Macquarie. Thanks to Lesley and Graham Dines for arranging the run and thanks also to those who arranged the daily run. The rally was a great success and it was great to see a good number of MMCCV members there all having a terrific time. (See details of the rally and run report further on in the Generator.)

I understand that we had a good turn out for the Classic Showcase at Flemington Racecourse. Thanks to those who made it out there. I look forward to reading the run report about the event.

Our next run is up to Marysville on the Sunday 22nd not the 21st as advised in Morries on the Run. This is a picnic run so please bring all necessary things for lunch. There is a good bakery in Marysville if you wish to purchase food there. It will be interesting to see how well the town has come back after the bush fires. I will give more details on the run at the next club meeting.

Please advise me if you are coming to the Mid Year Lunch and pay your deposit by the June Club meeting. If you are not coming to the next two meetings and wish to go to the Mid Year Lunch please give me a call and I can then organise different arrangements for paying the deposit.

Keep on Morrying
Mark

UP COMING EVENTS 2011

May Sunday 22nd

Marysville Run

The start of the run will be Chirnside Park Shopping Centre, Chirnside Park at 10.00 AM.
This will be picnic run so please bring chairs and what you will need for picnic. There is a bakery in Marysville for those that need to buy some bread etc., for lunch

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

Entry forms for the rally in the last Generator

July 17th

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

Toolangi Tavern, Toolangi. (near Kinglake West)

Cost approximately \$25.00 per head.

Please advise Mark Parritt if you are going. When booking a \$5.00 per person deposit will be required. **Bookings required by the June Club Meeting**

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 Parrett 59764437 or e-mail msparritt@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

We have booked the same venue as last year's Christmas Party
Details closer to the time.

Other Events
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

27 May, 17 June,

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 Eltham Hotel afterwards.

Bookings are essential for daytime concerts contact

Barbara Urquhart 9817 5385 membership@morrisminorvic.org.au



TRADING PLACES

May 2011

Contact: Graham Dines : 0400 893 483

Or email editor@morrisminorvic.org.au



Parts for Sale

Footscray Motor Wreckers, a famous wrecker in the Western Suburbs for many years, is in the process of closing down. Members have been invited to browse the stock which includes a full range of Morris Minor panels and mechanical parts including 'as new' complete clutch assemblies. For an appointment on a Saturday, ring Don on a Friday or phone any time during the week 03 9391 3800. Notice placed by Club Secretary.

FOR SALE 1971 Morris 1300GT For Sale

Engine No. 12YDTAH8159

Rego No. XKI 898

Price \$15,000 ONO

Cameron Mollison

0408 057 227 or email cam_mollison@yahoo.com



FOR SALE

Richard and I have a coral (original duco) (appears pink so we call it the Pink Panther) 1962 Morris Minor 1000 which I bought about 1967-68 from Gould's Motors and then sold in 1970 to my sister in law in 1970 to save up for our wedding. She drove it for many years and her husband who is an amateur mechanic/science teacher kept it on the road. It eventually became their farm bomb up near Yackandandah where they live.

We rescued it about 6 years ago for sentimental reasons as it was languishing in their shed and began to have it restored by mechanics in Warragul and latterly Upper Beaconsfield... the interior has been redone ie roof and seat upholstery... new tyres and enough work on the motor to get it a roadworthy certificate for registration about four years ago. We now live in Berwick and last year let the registration lapse after we had been unable to sell it through the Trading Post. My husband is not mechanical at all... .. and we can no longer afford the luxury of such a big toy

We have spent over \$6000 on it over the years but are willing now to sell it for at least \$2000.

We would love you to look at it should you be interested. The label reads Nuffield Australia.

Yours sincerely Ann Prideaux Our phone number is 0397070993 and my husband's mobile 0418515336.

Dear MM club,

I am a past member and I have some morris parts the club might like to have. The parts I have are a 1954 dash complete with gauges ("right hand" speedo kind) Door handles and window winders. Original Glass and chrome brake lights

Regards,

Craig Burton. 044 999 7617

Wanted:

1 x Series MM wheel and tyre, with the old stud pattern 4.5" PCD

Tread on tyre not important as long as it holds air.

To be used for a spare.

Call Leigh Smith

0414 974 730

FOR SALE:

LANDROVER 1952 SERIES 1. Very straight body – had an easy life. No rust in chassis or firewall. Hardtop canopy, 5 brand new tyres, many spares and lots of work done. Includes complete 1957 LWB Ute Restoration and Workshop Manuals. Make an excellent project. VIN26660615. Price: \$4,750.00 ONO.

Contact Phone No: (03) 51 561 078 (please leave a message if no answer).

PS If anyone has a rear cross member (gearbox support) to suit a Morrie 1000 ute or van I would love to hear from you Ph: 51 561 078. Les Bradd

Have a few items that we want to sell.

Victorian Number Plates – “MORR59” Standard size, white text on black background.

\$450.00

Steering Wheel & Centre for 1959 Morris Minor. Great condition, needs minor restoration for small cracks.

\$200.00

Contact James Robbins on 0418 862 822, Po Box 7547, Melbourne Vic 8004

Email linelink@internode.on.net

For Sale - A 1962 morris minor 1000 four door sedan The serial no. is 6923690 The registration no. is HOC262. It is located in Point Lonsdale (Bellarine Peninsula), Vic

Asking price \$5,200

Ph: 03 52584570



Julie Cassidy

RUN REPORTS

RACV Classic Showcase Flemington

We set off for Flemington under cloudy skies & with the forecast promising, sunny breaks in the afternoon.

On arrival we were greeted by our esteemed President wearing his other hat as a parking attendant & were directed to our allotted area.

A number of our Club cars were already there with picnic tables set up (& we thought we had got there early) so we lined up with the others.



After morning coffee & chit chat it was time to wander around & look at other cars.

Most British makes were represented & many outstanding restorations, in particular 2 lovely Austin 7 vans ,as usual Mercedes Benz had the greatest number of vehicles on display, this being their annual concourse.

After lunch it was time to check out the rest of the cars on display & met up with Kate Hudson at her stall of Morry nicknacks & other memorabilia .

Richard McKellar was there promoting his Morris Million book which was being well received. I thought our Club display was well represented with 12 Morrisies & 17 members?

Attendees

Ken & Barbara Urquhart, Kelvin & Joanne Hawkesworth, Brian & Karin Moore, Gary & Sue Turner, Mal Baker, Peter Luxmoore & friend Terry Lewis, Warren Corlett, Frank Borg, Richard McKellar, Jeff O'Donnell & friend Keith Hansen, Stephen Dynes & his father Barry, Laura Jennings & Ryan Desira & Kate Hutson

Ken Urquhart

MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB of VICTORIA

Easter 2011 Nationals – Port
Macquarie NSW

DAY 1 – Melbourne to Beechworth -
230 kms

Bob & Judi from Rusty
Springs



Lesley &
Graham led

9 Morris
Minors met at

Wallan in preparation for their journey to Port Macquarie for the National Titles. Meet & greet with coffee, then off at 8.35 to Rusty Springs to meet up with Lyn and Wayne , Ann and Bruce, Percy, Cheryl and Leigh Smith. Carol & Dave had car trouble so they missed out on a great lunch at Rusty Springs with mine hosts Judi & Bob .

Bonnets up at Rusty Springs



Car park crowd at Rusty Springs



Lunch at Rusty Springs



On leaving Rusty Springs, Kelvin & Jo's car started losing oil so a top up was required.

Highway to Beechworth viewing the tapestry in the Town Hall before checking into the Carriage Motor Inn.

Walk to the Hotel Nicholas for dinner, 25 of us. Jeff & Julie Stanyer joined us for dinner.

How did Barbara's glasses get under John's bed !!!



Kelvin & Jo's car being checked

DAY 2 – Beechworth – Gundagai - 287 Kms

Barbara & Ken led

Petrol fill up in Beechworth then left before 9am towards Holbrook for morning tea/coffee.

We headed off on the Jingillic Rd to Tumbarrumba for a necessary stop. We then continued on the Snowy Mountain Highway to Laurel Hill Picnic ground for a picnic lunch.

We stopped for apples at an honesty system roadside barrow at Batlow. Toured Tumut, Caravan Park & all !!!

We travelled on the Wee Jasper road turned off to the Brungle Creek road to finish in Gundagai. Checked into the “Tucker Box

Motor Inn”. A great value motel.

Everyone agreed it was a wonderful scenic Morry road trip.



Morries on the road

DAY 3 - Gundagai To Katoomba - 384 kms

Left Motel before 9 am

Lyn & Wayne in charge but Bruce & Ann leading !!

Stopped at Cootamundra for lunch supplies, Lyn managed to find another teddy who needed a home.

The Dines car happened to be parked outside the local newspaper office, we were interviewed by local reporter, photos taken also. Hopefully article will be emailed to Graham (Check their email address as I gave an incorrect address to an employee.)

Morning tea stop at Wallandbeen, 9 cars today with Jo & Kelvin rejoining us.

Urgent toilet stop, (for some), at Cowra .

Minor fuel vapour lock for Mark after stopping at road works half way up a hill.

Lunch at Carcoar, a quaint village time has forgotten, a few shops open so a few purchases made !!.

More fuel pump problems for Mark & Dave.

At Bathurst John & Ann left us to visit family at Oberon for 2 nights, Jo & Kelvin took a run around Mt Panorama, Jeff, Gladys & Rhonda off to Lithgow. We were reduced to 5 cars plus Bruce & Ann in a modern.

Car trouble for Mark on a long hill (road works again) Blokes replaced his fuel pump, a large audience as cars were queued for miles because of the road works. Eventually, we arrived at the caravan park after dark. Some cooked in, while 8 others went to the RSL Club for an excellent meal.



MM's at morning tea stop at Wallandbeen

DAY 4 - Katoomba

Rest day for some. Dave worked on his car with help from the blokes.

A group went on the Zig-Zag railway. Others did their own thing.

In the afternoon we all went to Scenic World, most did the 3 options (what goes down, must come up & what goes across, must come back), all within walking distance from the caravan park.

Ann and John went on a trip from Lithgow north along a disused railway track to the “Gloworm Tunnel”, a 400 yard long curving tunnel that was cut through the mountains on the Lithgow to Newnes Shale oil mine and distillery plant. The Newnes railhead also was the receiver of a 15km pipeline from Glen Davis Shale oil mine further up the valley. The walking portion along the old rail bed was not easy and inside the tunnel was quite wet. However, the sight (sparkle) of the glowworms on the walls of the tunnel was magnificent

BBQ dinner at the park (we took over the BBQ area as we sometimes do !!)

Evening walk to view the lit mountains including the 3 sisters, torches to the fore.

DAY 5 - Katoomba to Cessnock - 285kms

John & Ann our leaders today



Morries filling up – with petrol



Meeting for Day 5 to Cessnock

Fuelled up and off to Bell on the Bells Line off Road, a second road across the Blue Mountains connecting Richmond to Lithgow, to meet up with John & Ann plus Jo & Kelvin.

The trip to Richmond included some very steep hills which made the Morries work hard. We had morning tea at the Info centre, opposite the RAAF Richmond Base.

We had lunch at Wiseman’s Ferry, no charge to use the ferry. We were quickly over the Hawkesbury River to drive alongside the river for many miles - just lovely. Very windy, lots of different scarecrows along the road celebrating the Scarecrow Festival, you name it & it was there.

There was a 4 wheel drive on its roof further on. It looked like a lone driver and she was being helped at the side of the road.

We eventually arrived at Cessnock for our overnight stay.

We dined at the local Ex-Servicemens Club and waddled out after attacking the smorgasbord dinner offering.

DAY 6 - Cessnock to Port Macquarie - 273 Kms

Left motel, really a hotel, for Port Macquarie at 8.30am , highway most of the way, saw lots of Morries.

Morning tea by the river at Bulahdelah, a cut lunch walk to the toilets except for the couple who used the hotel !!!!

Detour at Kew via Ocean Drive, great to get off the highway, through a few small villages to our accommodation. Parted way with some as the groups accommodation was spread all over the town.

Druery's & Urquhart's headed for the same accommodation but their respective GPS sent them on a different route with the same end result, they both have the same brand GPS, explain that one !!!!!!!!!!!!!!! The afore mentioned couples walked to the local RSL Club for an enormous dinner.

John & Ann detoured home to catch up with some Morry friends.

Ann's Report on the return trip – Port Macquarie to Melbourne

Day 11 – Port Macquarie - - Tamworth 272 kms



Leaders: David & Carol

David's 60th Birthday

Barbara had to return “borrowed” cutlery to the Dines/Parritt cabin where we had enjoyed a final night at Port Macquarie BBQ. Departed in very heavy rain (liquid sunshine) which was not a lot of fun with MM wipers and various leaks in some of the MM's.

Participants for our return journey convoy were: Carol & David, Graham & Lesley, Barbara & Ken, Lyn & Wayne, Sue & Mark, Ann & John and Bruce & Ann (in their modern towing their trailer tent).

Ginger Creek, a recommended morning tea stop, was closed Tuesdays – and yes it was Tuesday! We were impressed by the pretty purple flowered trees and when asked if anyone knew their name the only response was “gmf” – interpretation “got me fooled” from Graham. David's description of our travelling up the mountains to Walcha was “driving with our heads in the clouds” and he advised us he was taking us to “great heights”. There were many potholes to be dodged on our way to the top of the Great Dividing Range.

As we had 2 Ann's in our convoy a decision was made, on the suggestion by Graham, was that Ann Druery be known as AnnD (ie Andy).

Joke on the way to our first, desperate, toilet stop was that perhaps the toilets might be “disabled” – how true we arrived at 10.45 am to find the toilets closed for cleaning and on being advised it would be at least 15 minutes before they would be available, the decision was to move on with our legs crossed – except for a couple of the men who took advantage, ie Bruce under the umbrella alongside his car and David disappeared into the bush. We passed several rest areas, but no toilet facilities. Finally after departing at 8.30am, we arrived in Walcha at midday – found the toilets and then a pleasant park for our lunch.



Repairing wiper blades

Arrived at the “Golden Guitar” at 2.20 pm.

Evening meal was at the local Service Club to celebrate David's 60th birthday in style. Courtesy bus was organised to pick us all up and deliver us to our respective accommodation sites. David & Carol very generously paid for all our drinks and we were presented with our “take home” lollie bags and balloons to blow up. AnnD



60 – Party Boy

had prepared a golden birthday hat and Barbara had organised a very large card, which was duly signed with our comments and good wishes and presented to David. Part of our enjoyment was a table of French Renault drivers. Sue practiced her French by having a conversation. Others managed to make them understand by speaking with the French folk in English.

DAY 12 – Tamworth to Dubbo – 328 kms

Trip lead again by Barbara & Ken

8.30 am departure – some looking very “seedy” following the previous evening celebrations.

At Werris Creek we spent some time strolling around the Rail Museum grounds. The museum was not due to be opened until later in the morning. A volunteer did arrive early and opened up allowing a quick viewing of the museum, but we all enjoyed the great garden and memorabilia in the surrounding grounds.



Werris Creek Railway Station

Morning tea was in the parking area at Caroona store.



What were the Morrians doing gazing into the tray of someone’s modern ute? – answer checking maps details out of the wind!

Teddy bears were held out of Morrie windows “waving to their mum who was travelling in the Morrie behind” - poor bear must have been terrified.

Short lunch break at a park at Dunedoo where several were tempted by the produce from the local PIE shop!

We toured the township of Mendooran to locate their murals painted on various buildings.

During the drive a large pile of pumpkins for sale were sighted, Bruce’s estimation of the number of pumpkins was 37 (reason? - his favourite number)!

Arrived at Dubbo and sections of the convoy headed off to their accomodation and various meal arrangements for the evening.

DAY 13 – Dubbo

Dubbo Zoo was the choice of some of our group. The adventurous few chose to ride hire bikes around the zoo, whilst others preferred the comfort and familiarity of their Morries.



John Ken Ann & Barbara

The hire bikes were quite a challenge to ride, no gears, foot brakes and of course we all missed out assist electric motors!



Graham Les

DAY 14 – Dubbo to Narrandera – 392 kms

Led by Graham & Lesley



Departed Dubbo 8.30 am and travelled on the Newell Highway to the CSIRO Telescope outside Parkes for morning tea and to gain a bit knowledge.



This was our longest distance in 1 day.

A few kms out of Forbes we witnessed a rare site, an old time swaggy trudging along with his swaggy and pans – looked very old and tired.

Travelling on the Newell Highway was a bit more traumatic than our usual “Morry” roads, with many B Double trucks passing, often 2 at a time!

Who has the wonderful LONG skinny legs?

We took a “tour” to check out the township of Ariaiah Park

where we discovered many window displays of gone years. Many more teddy bears were added the Morry collections. “Wowsers, bowsers and peppercorns” was the town logo. Morries parked alongside their appropriately coloured petrol bowsers.



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Tweety Bird



*Ken & Barbara
being passed by 2 B*

Arrived at the Lake Talbot Park at Narrandera in time for a wine and preparation to head off to dinner at the local RSL Club via the courtesy bus. After dinner we watched the “Royal Wedding” before heading back to our accommodation. It was discovered that during their owner’s absence, some bears decided to party on the bonnet of their MM – some were even discovered the next morning with empty wine bottles and in various stages of party fatigue!

DAY 15 – Narrandera – Echuca - 274 kms

Lead by Mark & Sue

Scenery during this section was not very interesting, but we were kept awake by the antics of the various teddy bears (the numbers were constantly expanding and pre-loved bears were welcomed into their MM families)

Morning tea at the Lake at Jerilderie was a pleasant break – until the ladies disappears to a “Sale” ably lead by Ann R. We were entertained by word association games which started by several of the men discussion their careers within the PMG/Telecom/Telstra.

Arrived at Echuca in time for a picnic lunch at the Port park and were joined by the MM members who had travelled up to Echuca to join us. Percy & Cheryl, Leigh, John & Dawn and Bill & Greg.



*Graham cuddling
Carol's Red Hat Lady*

Unfortunately after lunch, Mark took Sue home due to Sue having succumbed to a cold including a chest infection.

Sometime during our move into our final motel (for this trip) a pre-loved bear purchased by Lesley was placed on the bed in “Andy’s” room as a gift to be dressed up at a Red Hat Lady mascot. Dave made

Carol’s day by buying her a Red Hat Lady doll.

The enlarged MM group enjoyed a meal and our own entertainment at a Moama Bowling club.

DAY 16 – Echuca – home - approx 220 kms

Lead by John & Dawn

Follow a shopping frenzy at the Moama Market, the MM's formed their final convoy of this trip and headed towards home. Leigh, due to being unwell, decided to delay his departure for a day.

The convoy stopped at Heathcote, where we all converged on the local bakery to purchase lunch. Follow our goodbyes, Dave & Carol, Wayne & Lyn and Ann & Bruce headed off in a different direction, the rest of the convoyed travelled towards Melbourne. John & Dawn left the convoy at Kilmore with John & "Andy" departing at Donnybrook.

Thanks to all the MM Victorian members we all had a wonderful experience during the trips to and from and also at the Port Macquarie Nationals.

Morris Minor Car Clubs of Australia, 15th National Rally, Port Macquarie 2011
by Richard McKellar.

The picturesque harbour town of Port Macquarie was the destination for 187 Morris Minors over the Easter Holidays. Hosted by the Morris Minor Car Club of New South Wales (Australia), three days of activities kept the attendees busy.

Traditionally, Friday is the arrival day, where cars are scrutineered and placed into the various classes for judging. Coach tours departed from the Westpoint Club (Rally Base), and many of the participants were given a guided tour of the various historical sites of interest. Some of the older buildings in Port Macquarie were built by convict labour as early as 1824. The town is now a very popular tourist destination, and attracts "sea change" retirees from other states to settle. Port Macquarie has the reputation of summer living all year round.

Friday evening commenced with an informal dinner and the Official Australian Launch of Richard McKellar and Ray Newell's latest book – *Morris Minor One in a Million – A father and Son Restoration Story*. An in-depth look at the book with a 30 page slide show, walked the audience through the book concept and the thought process of putting a book of this type together. The Launch provided light entertainment for weary travellers. Copies of the book were presented as lucky door prizes. A special presentation was made to Bob Gilliland, a local NSW Car Club member – whose book – *My Morris Minor Rebuild* - inspired Richard to put his restoration story into print.

The book was well received and was eagerly purchased. Many members could not put it down until reading it from cover to cover! Comments on the quality of the book and the advice and information given, were passed on to Richard.

The book was launched as part of the Fiftieth Year Celebrations of the Morris Minor Million Milestone.

Vehicles arrived early Saturday morning and were immediately positioned within the Concours area. With judges briefed and armed with clipboard in hand, the daunting task of comparing / fault finding / and checking was underway by 10.00am.

The standard of cars was high as many participants eagerly awaited "Judgement day" With any Concours, there were standout cars that dazzle and push the bar higher.

With the judging concluded by midday, thoughts turned to the much anticipated Rocker cover races. Competition was fierce for first place. I was amazed with the amount of effort many members had gone to with regards to the presentation as well as the science and engineering of their machines.

The day concluded with the evening meal, band and light entertainment with some games that required audience participation. I was under the table with a few other unsociable members...

keeping out of the way in case I was one of the unlucky chosen ones, for some embarrassing games all in the name of fun!

Sunday was the day for some crusin' and sight seeing. The route took in some of the picturesque sites of Port Macquarie and surrounding areas. Pristine beaches flanked by Rain Forests was all a bit hard to take as we made our way at a leisurely pace to the Wauchope Showgrounds, our lunch time destination.

The BBQ was well underway way and with bacon and egg roll in hand, we sat in the old wooden grand stand and viewed our magnificent highly polished Minors glistening in the sun.

Sunday night was the night of the presentation dinner, held at the Port Macquarie Sports Club, trophies were awarded members of our club.

Maintained (first place) - Rhonda Brumhead – Series II Sedan

Original (first place) – Ken and Barbara Urquhart – 1000 Sedan

Restored LCV (first place) – Mark & Sue Parritt – 1000 Van

Monday morning we returned to the Activities Centre, for breakfast and the farewell morning tea...and a chat about the winning cars.

The NSW Southern Highlands Morris Minor Car Club will be hosting the next National Rally in 2013 in the Moss Vale area NSW.

As we parted for the long trip home, we have all left with fond memories of yet another great National Rally.

More photos of the Rally can be viewed at www.morrisminorgarage.com



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A GENTLEMAN'S AGREEMENT THING OF THE PAST??????

Recently I telephoned a gentleman in Melbourne regarding an advertisement to sell a Morris Minor which appeared in the Trading Places section of The Generator.

We chatted for a while and it appeared the gentleman has come by difficult times - health wise, could no longer work on the Morrie which was an unfinished project and wanted it to go to a good home. The vehicle was a hybrid with lots of spares. I have several project Morris under way at present and believed the vehicle and parts would be a welcome addition to the workshop.

I asked the gentleman if he was flexible on his price, he said yes and happily accepted my offer, agreeing I could collect the vehicle in a few weeks time due to my being busy building a new house on our property – not enough hours in the day. We said goodbye agreeing I would send a 50% deposit in the next few days.

Next hurdle – convince Margaret I really needed this vehicle and associated spare parts. I stopped the steam rising with a glass of chardy and “she who must be obeyed” agreed that the new vehicle and parts would be an interesting addition. Life was good.

Most of Sunday was spent servicing the tandem trailer in preparation for the big trip to collect the new ute at Dandenong – repacking wheel bearings, greasing suspension etc. Sunday evening I wrote out the deposit cheque and a short letter confirming our gentleman's agreement, ready to post on Tuesday following the Labor Day holiday. Monday afternoon our phone rang, answered by Margaret and the gentleman told her another “gentleman” from the Morris Minor Car Club had responded to the advertisement, offered more money and the ute had been sold. He didn't even have the gumption to talk to me!!

I was reminded of three things as a result of this exercise in frustration and futility:

1. Don't believe everything a gentleman tells you – not all of us keep our word;
2. The next Morrie I bring up our driveway will come in backwards so Margaret thinks its going out; and
3. GENTLEMEN is also a fancy name for an out house.

Oh well, what goes around comes around!!

Enjoy cruising along.

Les Bradd