

Ballarat Morris Minor Club Inc.

Minor Matters May 2018



Some of the cars at our BMMC Invitation Weekend



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The Club meets on the second Monday of each month (EXCEPT January) at 7.30pm at the Club rooms in the Ballarat Airport Complex.

The Annual General Meeting follows the October General Meeting

Saturday afternoon Workshop from 1.30pm (at the Club rooms)

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Have you checkout the BMMC Website.....	Glen Whitbourne	0458 343 792	
			Www.bmmc.byethost4.com

Hello Members,

The last three club activities have been very busy and well supported.

- Being the Invitation weekend
- Out 4 coffee at Pipers by the Wendouree Lake
- And the Life Membership afternoon tea.

Thanks to the organizers and members supporting these activities

Thank you

A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

THANKS FOR THE MESSAGES AND WELL WISHES WHILE I WAS IN
HOSPITAL

MUCH APPRECIATED

MARLENE



EDITOR'S REPORT

Welcome to the May issue of the Minor Matters. A very big issue, the biggest so far!

What's in this issue:

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Coming in the next issue: Life Membership afternoon tea and photos

Happy Reading, Pauline :)

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BALLARAT MORRIS MINOR CLUB INC. GENERAL MEETING HELD 7.30 PM

9.4.2018 part 1

Present: Marlene Barrow (President), Sue Wylie (Secretary), Greg Andrews (Treasurer), Stuart Barrow, Glen Whitbourne, Jim Wardlaw, Geoff Brooks, Wayne Cunningham, Barry and Helen Dowsing, Max and Judith Phillips, Glenn Bird, Peter Diprose, John Hill, and Maxine Andrews.

Apologies: Phil Hoe, Carolynne Barrow, Marion Wardlaw, Lyal Siebert, Bill Walters, John Thomas, Michael Patmore and Norma Addison.

That the apologies are accepted. Moved: S. Barrow Seconded: S. Wylie AinF

Visitors: none

Previous Minutes: That the previous minutes as printed in the April edition of the Minor Matters newsletter be accepted with amendment

AMENDMENT: BMMC EVENT "Afternoon Tea" to be held on 15th April (not 14th April, as reported in previous minutes)

Moved: S. Barrow Seconded: W. Cunningham AinF

Business Arising:

1. National Morris Minor Rally: it was reported that this meet will be held and details of the event are forthcoming.
2. Committee Meeting held 12.3.18 and Special Meeting held 9.4.18:
 - The committee discussed nominations for Life Membership of the club for Lyal and Shirley Siebert, Jim and Marion Wardlaw and Max and Judith Phillips. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend these awards to the membership at a Special Meeting to be held on 9.4.18.
 - The membership were advised of a Special Meeting (via the Minor Matters Club newsletter) to be held on 9.4.18.
 - The committee recommendation was put to the BMMC membership on 9.4.18 and all in attendance agreed to the instalment of Life memberships for the above mentioned.
 - At the Special Meeting, discussion occurred regarding the current (2013) Club Rules (which do not refer to Life Membership). The President reported that Consumer Affairs Victoria (CAV) have advised that the current Club Rules (2013) have not been registered with CAV and therefore reference to the previous BMMC rules was made, which confirms authorisation of Life Membership awards.
 - A future committee meeting is to be held on 23.4.18 @ 7.30pm (club rooms) to review current club rules and bylaws for registration with CAV.

Correspondence:

The Secretary detailed the received and sent correspondence which was tabled. That the correspondence be accepted Moved: S. Wylie Seconded: M. Andrews AinF

Moved: G. Andrews Seconded: G. Brooks AinF

BALLARAT MORRIS MINOR CLUB INC. GENERAL MEETING HELD 7.30 PM

9.4.2018 part 2

Treasurer Report:

The Treasurer read the financial report which was tabled and can be located on the BMMC website (<http://www.bmmc.byethost4.com/?i=2>).

The Treasurer reported that a new account has been opened with Bankfirst (s99 account) which attracts 1.7% interest on amounts >\$2,000 and that a lump sum deposit (from ceased term deposit with Bendigo Bank) has been made into this account. The Commonwealth Bank Australia (everyday account) remains current, as does the Bankfirst (s1 account).

Moved: G. Andrews

Seconded: G. Brooks

AinF

That the financial statement is accepted and the listed accounts are passed for payment.

Carried.

General Business:

Don MacLeod: It was reported with sadness that Don passed away recently. Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this time. Marlene and Maxine have offered to write a Vale to honour Don's enormous contribution to the Club. Don was a much respected former member of the Club and was Club President in 1993 and 1997.

Invitation Weekend: Marlene extended thanks to all the helpers who contributed to making the weekend a huge success. Special thanks to Jim and Marion and Maxine and Greg. A special award was presented to Sue for her 'Hard Luck' in not being able to get her Morry to the meet due to broken Crankshaft and Water Pump pulleys. Sue reported that her Morry is now back on the road, thanks to the very generous support of club members (particular thanks to Barry and Greg for parts, Geoff for some expert advice, and Glen for the spark plugs, oil filter and fan belt).

Reports:

Library: No Report

Workshop: Geoff reported that the low light sedan has found a new home for her renovation at Neville Crowe's place.

Club Captain: Glen thanked everyone who supported the Invitation Weekend and reported that a great time was had by all.

Upcoming events include:

- 11th April: Out 4 Coffee – Pipers by the Lake @ 10.30am. Glen requested feedback if members would like a different day or time.
- 15th April: Afternoon Tea – BMMC Club Rooms @ 2pm
- 20th May: Court House Hotel – Smythesdale
- 19th August: Morris Minor Garage, Harcourt
- September: National Rally, Canberra

Wayne advised that the Albury/Wodonga Muster is to be held on 9th, 10th, 11th June - \$55 entry fee.

Greg advised that the next Historic Winton Motorway event to be held on 25th, 26th, 27th May and Shannons American Motoring Show to be held on 15th April.

Cars and Parts: No report

OAMC/FVV@VCC: It was reported that NSW are trialling a new Club Permit system.

Meeting closed: 8.16 pm.

Ballarat Morris Minor Club Activities 2018



May

Monday 14th May	7.30pm	General Meeting at the Club rooms
Wednesday 16th May	10.30am	Out 4 Coffee at Ballarat Specialist School FARM Café Norman St Ballarat North see you there
Sunday 20th May	11.45am	Meet at the Arch of Victory for a 12 midday departure to the Court House Hotel Smythesdale for a 1pm lunch

Note from the Editor: Correction for May General Meeting and Out 4 Coffee dates

June

Monday 11th	7.30pm	General Meeting at the Club rooms
Wednesday 13th	10.30am	Out 4 Coffee at Racers Café cnr Webster St & Wendouree Pde see you there
Saturday 16th	5.00pm	Meet at the Club rooms for a 5.15 departure to the Ballarat Observatory Cobden St for an informative evening on our night sky and a closer look at part of Ballarat's history, supper included \$20pp



1949 Morris Minor in good order.

Full reg MM950 in Feb

Re-built 2000–2002

Expressions of interest call David B. on 0427 388 545



Other Activities

May and June

May

May 5th and 6th 2018

Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally 111th Steam & Vintage Rally.

Fire Fighting Appliances and a salute to the CFA.

www.lakegoldsmithsteamrally.org.au



May 25th to 27th

Historic Winton

Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla, Victoria

The long weekend of historic motoring will commence on Friday 25th May with the Benalla & District Classic Car & Motorbike Tour, which is always great fun for all who participate, as well as spectators.

Call for Display Vehicles – Sound your sirens. Ring your bells. Organisers are currently seeking heritage emergency vehicles for a display as well cars and motorbikes with significant anniversaries. Clubs or individuals with below listed vehicles who wish to participate can receive complimentary tickets by contacting organizer Noel Wilcox on noelwilcox@rocketmail.com or 03 54 282 689.

The 2018 Anniversary and Special Feature List includes 110 Years Ford Model T including Speedsters, **90 years Morris Minor 1928 – 1934**, **70 years Morris Minor 1948-1971**, **60 years Morris Major** and **Austin Lancer**, just to name a few. Also 50 years Sydney to London Marathon. Special Feature Emergency Vehicle display – veteran, vintage and classic police cars, fire engines, ambulances and any other emergency vehicles are welcome.

Raceway entry fees Sat \$30, Sun \$35, weekend \$60, children 16 and under n/c, competition paddock \$5. Camping at the track \$25/head per night. Camping enquiries (03) 5760 7100.

May 26th and 27th

Ballarat Heritage Weekend

10am to 5pm Ballarat CBD area

Out 4 Coffee

Wednesday 11th April
at Pipers by the Lake



Who was there:

Barry and Helen—MM Sedan

Wayne—MM low light

David—Morris 8

Fiona—MM sedan

Glen and June—MM ute

Pauline

Carolynne

Neville G.

Jim and Marion

Max and Judith

Robert, Dorothy and 2 grandchildren Natalie and Catherine

Greg, Maxine and 2 grandchildren Annie and Brooke

Marlene and granddaughter Georgia



A picturesque venue for our coffee this month at Lake Wendouree with a record turn out of 24 people including 5 granddaughters (the next generation of morrians)! Also it was great to see David May in his newly bought 1938 Morris 8 on it's maiden run and looking good too! Plenty of chatter around the tables as we enjoyed our morning tea together and the more the merrier. Look forward to seeing you at the next Out 4 Coffee at **the FARM Café...**Glen ☺



Vale "Don MacLeod"

14.11.1934 to 28.3.2018

The MacLeod's joined BMMC in November 1988. They owned a Morris 1000 ute, Morris 1000 sedan 1964 and a Triumph GT6.

At the July 1992 AGM, Don MacLeod was nominated for Vice President and agreed to take on this role. At that time our constitution said that the VP would become the President the following year, and this is what Don did.

For July 1993 to June 1994 he chaired most meetings and, while not attending many Club runs, he fulfilled his duty as President admirably.

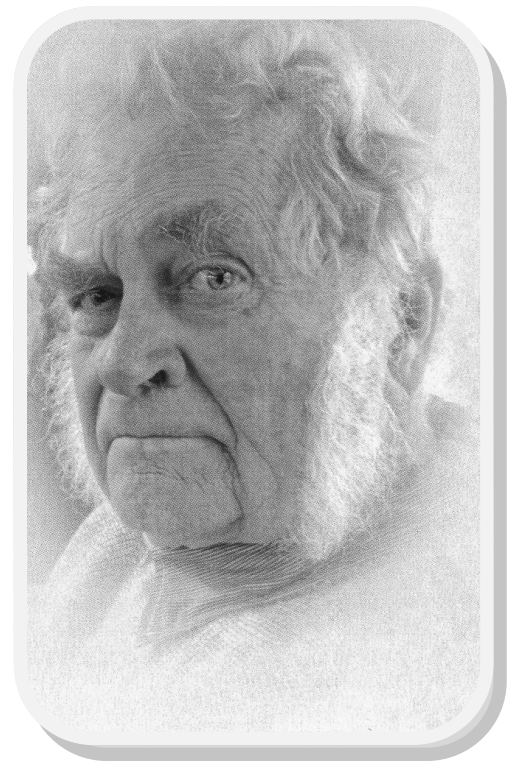
He and wife Marion, ran the Musk Lavender Miniature Pony Stud and attended shows around the State with their champion ponies and carriages so the time to devote to Club runs was limited. In 1996 Don became Vice President again so in July 1997 his second Presidency began.

He wrote the President report each month for the newsletter and felt honoured that he had the members' confidence. He commented that he would do his best for the Club.

He loved the friendliness of members, he took an interest in organising the loose photos, he and Marion helped with the Australia Day Trophy weekend and preparations for the 50th Anniversary of the MM. In March 1998 he suggested extending the kitchen and we now have a very workable space. Both of them helped with the Super Southern Swap Meet pick-up service which the Club provides by using two of their vehicles and they both loved the social side of meeting people.

We honour Don's memory on our President's Honour Board and extend our sincere condolences to his family, especially after also suffering the loss of Marion in 2017.

Maxine



Invitation Weekend 17th and 18th March

Tuesday March 13th saw quite a few members at the clubrooms cleaning and gardening, plus a bit of jaw-wagging, in preparation for the Invitation Weekend. Sue made it her mission to do the toilets, Marlene the kitchen and ledges and I did the floors and foyer, while the boys mowed and raked all the dried, crunchy leaves. The pressure washer came in handy to clean off the grime on the front wall (along with a bit of paint).

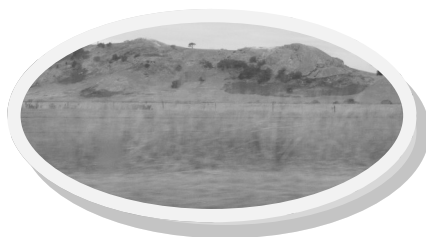
Saturday 17th March was a perfect Autumn day. After watering the very dry vegetable garden and a yoga session to stretch and relax, I headed into the BMMC clubrooms, detouring to collect the wraps for lunch from Subway. Greg had left earlier and picked up the slices from the Golden Nugget bakery at Stockland and Marlene made sure drinks were organised.

It was great to see familiar faces chatting about their Morry or health or what they had been up to for the week. Lots of green clothing in view as it was St Patrick's Day. Caroline had dressed up her car in green glittery streamers and a large green shamrock hat.

Lunch was a feast with plenty to eat then a delicious cup of tea to wash it all down. Photos of the Morries lined up were taken with John Hill and his woody arriving just as we were about to leave!



Max and Judith Phillips had their dark green ute, they were dressed in green clothes AND had a green leprechaun ornament from Ireland to boot. Ten cars (4 Morrys and a Viva) with sixteen Morrians headed out for the afternoon to the National Trust homestead of Mooramong, near Skipton. The drive out took us to Cardigan, Carngham, Mt Emu then Mooramong, the paddocks were dry and bare, pleading for rain.



Mt Emu



Invitation Weekend 17th and 18th March, Mooramong



Imagine our surprise when we entered the back yard of the homestead to see a large swimming pool, all sparkling and blue. The owner's, Clare and Donald 'Scobie' MacKinnon, had no children but their vast fortunes (Clare's from 1920's silent movie acting and Scobie's from being given the property of 11000 acres as a 21st birthday present and farming it well) enabled them to build a home with the works and entertain the rich and famous for over 40 + years. They left the property and buildings to the people of Victoria in 1978 after they died and it is open for tours and holiday stays as part of the National Trust of Victoria. We split into two groups, each with a guide with intimate knowledge of the property and it's inhabitants over the years after settlement. The home tour was extensive, with many rooms to talk about - the cool sunroom to help keep tuberculosis at bay and for those hot Summer nights, the music room with bar, the dining room with a table which could seat 18 or so, huge flower arranging room, extensive kitchen with a large AGA stove (twice the size of our Rayburn), a sewing room, library/study, office with a lockable desk which travelled the world with them when they were overseas, bedrooms on the huge side with bath, toilet and bidet, and all facing onto beautiful garden areas. A fascinating look into the high life of the 1940's to 1960's.



After 2 hours of house- wandering we went poolside to sit and have afternoon tea then headed our own way home, getting back to Bolwarrah by 5:30 pm.



Invitation Weekend 17th and 18th March



A few things done we dressed for dinner and drove back into Ballarat to the Midlands golf club. About 20 or so of us had a delicious dinner for under \$20 per person. The Barrow's had also gone home but couldn't find their keys to get into the house! They had to remove a small window and Marlene scrambled inside, but not before some time had passed.

All tuckered out by now we drove home whilst some continued to the main St of Ballarat for the White Night show/display. According to those who went the entertainment was worthwhile.



Sunday 18th March was a complete weather change - showers overnight and gale-force winds plus dropping in temp from 30 degrees to 10 degrees.

We got up as the dawn light began and left by 8:30. I realised I had the milk so we dashed into Ballarat, arriving at the Lake Wendouree Rotunda around 9am. Lots of fellow drivers were already there so Marlene organised the camp burner and kettle, plus thermoses filled with hot water so no one missed out on a warm morning tea. Hot cross buns with blackberry jam. Yummy.....

Caroline gave us a sheet with some of the history of each Lake we were to visit on the next part of the Sunday events.

With Marlene leading and Geoff bringing up the rear we began our Ballarat Lakes Tour.

Only 500 m along Wendouree Parade and we all pulled up in line and did a short walk around the North Wetlands area, with ducks and a heron some of the birds and many native plants. Some old huts reminded some of the members of the small zoo that used to be there.

Despite some light showers, whenever we stopped the sun shone.

Invitation Weekend 17th and 18th March

On the road again we headed out to Windermere, with only one wrong turn! Here we picked up four Central Goldfield members.

Taking a left we visited the southern end of Lake Burrumbeet, the water looking very angry as the fierce wind continued. A photo was taken of us all in front of an ancient gum, hoping no branches fell! Turning back we went through the Lake Burrumbeet Caravan Park to the Eastern beach shore where we felt the full force of the whipping wind. The CP had been full of tents the weekend before but none now.

Continuing along Remembrance Drive and onto the freeway then left into Dobsons Lane, we lastly explored the Western edge with a lovely view of the lake from high on the hill.

We then meandered our way north to Lake Learmonth, going through a town called Weatherboard. A toilet stop here but we didn't have time to do the Learmonth Heritage walk as it was getting on towards 1pm. A run for another time. The brochure put out by the Learmonth Historical Society is very informative but you'd need a couple of hours to walk to do it justice.



Thanks Max and Maxine
for the Photos

Invitation Weekend 17th and 18th March



Returning to the clubrooms, Jim and Marion and Co had been busy making the salad and cooking the snags. The fruit salad was made, the kebabs cooked, table set and nearly thirty of us were once more enjoying a lovely lunch.



Enjoying Sunday Lunch



Thanks Jim for cooking lunch!!!



4 members from the Bendigo Morris Club

We all had a very pleasant weekend with no major breakdowns, although there were a couple of times where the bonnet was up for checking.

This is a Bi-annual event where we encourage other clubs to join us, so let's make sure the people in the surrounding clubs put it on their calendars for 2020 and hopefully more will be able to attend. We learnt more about the Ballarat area and much thanks to the committee for their efforts.

Thanks Maxine for the great story :)

Invitation Weekend 17th and 18th March

Presentations were made for the...

- ♦ Greenest Green (Max and Judith Phillips),
- ♦ the Furthest Travelled (John Hill),
- ♦ Hard Lucky story (Sue Wylie) and
- ♦ the People's Choice (Fiona Nunn).

Congratulations to the winners

Who was there:

John Hill—Woody

Jim and Marion—MM sedan

Geoff -red convertible /grey mm sedan

Fiona and 2 sons—mm sedan

Glen, Gayle and Tori—viva

Glen and Pauline—ute

Max and Judith ute

Peter and Marion—mm

Ian—mini

Sue W—modern

Greg and Maxine—modern

Stuart and Marlene—modern

Anthony and Carolynne—modern

From The Bendigo Morris Club

Kurt

Wendy

Allan and Ann



Coming soon



Don't Miss

♦ **27th National Rally Celebrating 70 years of the Morris Minor in Canberra.**

Friday 21st September to Sunday 23rd September 2018

Australian Morris Minor Car Clubs' 19th National Rally celebrating 70 years of the Morris Minor

A message on behalf of the Canberra Region Morris Minor Club Inc.

Australian Morris Minor Car Clubs 19th National Rally organising committee

Morris Minor Clubs Presidents, Secretaries, Members,

It's hard to believe that it's been 21 years since the Canberra Region Morris Minor Club hosted a national rally in its region (mainly because the number of Easter events here made accommodation and facilities almost impossible to book) but we're about to put that to rights.

At the Victoria delegates' meeting, we flagged an event to be held in conjunction with the Australian Morris Minor Car Clubs, for the **weekend of Friday September 21 to Sunday September 23, 2018**. This would be the **19th National Rally**, to mark the 70th anniversary of the production of the first Morris Minor. We were encouraged by the positive reception our proposal received and, as time is pressing, we need some indication of intending numbers to help with planning.

We are developing a comprehensive program, including opportunities for the sort of camaraderie that has highlighted previous rallies. Over coming months we'll regularly keep people up to date with our preparations. As a teaser we're planning to include most of the usual events associated with a National Rally; chances to catch up with MM enthusiasts, to have some fun, and to tour our wonderful region. A highlight will be a display marking the 70th anniversary, planned for central Queanbeyan.

Contrary to the bad press that's generated by our fly-in, fly out workforce, the Canberra region is one of Australia's best kept secrets. Those of us who live here full-time are proud to have this opportunity to show it off to you. We're inviting you and your members to come and see for yourselves.

At this stage, it would be very helpful for our planning (for venues and the ordering of regalia and mementoes) to have expressions of interest, including possible numbers, of people (and cars) who are considering attending. We ask you to circulate to your members or discuss this at your February club meeting and get back to us with an idea, non-binding, of participant numbers by the end of February. We're not looking for a rock-hard commitment, just a show of hands, at this stage.

To help with your planning, our regular updates will include early information about where to book accommodation, so your members can arrange to come and visit our wonderful part of the world. We would encourage members planning to attend to [email us](#) at this rally address as early as they can so we can communicate directly with them.

Canberra Region Morris Minor Club Inc.



2018 Mighty Morrie Muster information

♦ Mighty Morrie Muster Albury/Wodonga

Queen's Birthday long weekend

On the long weekend in June, each second year, AWMCC holds the Mighty Morrie Muster. This is said to be one of the largest gatherings of Morris Minors, outside the Nationals. The event attracts entrants from Sydney, Southern Highlands, Canberra, Melbourne, Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo. Of course there are many entrants from other locations as well.

The 2018 MUSTER will be held over the Queen's Birthday long weekend in 2018. Details will be advised at a later date.

Taken from Albury Wodonga Morris Minor Car Club web page. awmmcc.org.au

ALBURY WODONGA MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB

2018 Mighty Morrie Muster Albury Wodonga

9th and 10th June 2018

The Muster is on!

The program will involve registration, meet and greet, tea, coffee and morning tea at the North Albury Sports Club, 1 Alemein Avenue, Bunton Park, North Albury NSW 2640 on Saturday 9 June 2018 commencing at 10am.

Then following registration from approximately 2pm there will be an informal concourse held at Noreuil Park Albury (same venue used for the National Rally conducted April 2015) and there will be a prize for the best vehicle displayed (people's choice).

Saturday dinner will be at the North Albury Sports Club at 6pm for a two course meal (drinks excepted).

On Sunday we shall leave Noreuil Park assembly area to travel to Corowa to visit Max's Motor Museum, Corowa which will include start up and running of a Rolls Royce V12 aircraft engine (bring your earplugs).

Lunch will be provided by the Corowa Girl Guides at the Corowa Girl Guide Hall (soup, sandwiches, slices, tea, coffee etc.)

Entrants can then visit the Corowa Whisky and Chocolate factory, 20-24 Steel Street, Corowa NSW 2646. Some may decide to cross the river and attend one or more wineries at the annual Winery Walkabout in Rutherglen.

Look forward to seeing you at the Mighty Morrie Muster on 9 June 2018 at Albury Wodonga. See you soon.

Best regards

Peter Lenne
President

More information and entry forms available from the Club Captain

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LAUGHING FOR 2 MINS IS JUST AS
HEALTHY AS A 20 MINS JOG.

SO NOW I'M SITTING IN THE PARK
LAUGHING AT ALL THE JOGGERS.



