

## Gosford Car Museum - 17 June

### 'The Morris Outing Without a Morris...'

On Sunday 17 July, thirteen of us assembled almost on time at Figtree High School for the trip to Gosford. Jim Beaver arrived with the bus right on 7:15 am and we all piled in and made ourselves comfortable. We were: Ros & Peter, Bryan & Anita, Jim & Sue, Wendy & Ted, John & Mary, Alex with myself & son Colin.

Good time was made to the Thornleigh McDonald's where we had a comfort stop (and some breakfast). Just as we were pulling in we saw the Sydney people pulling out and into their Morris. From here it was only a short trip to Gosford. I was worried about finding the place – but there were plenty of signs.

The building itself is an old Bunnings Warehouse but is now stacked packed with an eclectic collection of older vehicles. The reason I was given for there being no Morris Minors on show is that they are very popular and no sooner do they get one in than somebody buys it. Being a 'waggoneer' I was a bit disappointed when an old American station wagon (complete with wood grain sides) was for sale in the "Surplus to Requirements" area.

Lunch was from the Museum canteen and I can vouch for the quality of their beef burgers. It was served from an old aluminium caravan that *could* have been an exhibit itself.

Besides the NSW Morris Minor Club (with people from both the Illawarra and the Hunter regions joining the Sydney members) there were several other car and bike clubs there that day. A bonus was that, for this weekend at least, entry was free.

It became quite windy on the way home and Jim had to work at keeping the bus in its lane on occasions. The heater in the bus was also a bonus although 13 bods soon heated up the interior.

On a personal note, I would like to thank Jim for his offer to drive for, without his help, collecting and returning the bus would have been quite awkward and had I been the driver we might all have been worse off...

*Ray Davies ...ooo0ooo...*





## Gosford Classic Car Museum 17 June

After a quick coffee and a bit of breakfast, 6 Morries left Thornleigh McDonalds on route up the Pacific Highway to Gosford Classic Car Museum. Arriving just after 10.00am, we were greeted by Tristan And Trevor, who had arrived from Muswellbrook.

A busload of Wollongong members arrived soon after, plus Martin and Marion Chapman and Dad in their modern. After a bit of Morrie chatter and morning tea in the sunshine, we entered the museum and to our surprise... entry was free for the day! Thank you to the museum!

Looking around a large collection of cars, commercials and motorbikes, from Aussie Fords and Chargers to Kombi vans and exotic sports cars, a land speed record breaking jet-powered machine and vehicles from the Eastern Bloc; just an amazing variety of vehicles all in fantastic condition.

There was also a large range of memorabilia and clothing available to buy.

After a good couple of hours we had lunch from the 'Streamliner Diner', itself a classic from the 1960's, and relaxed for a while before goodbyes and heading home.

All round a top day thanks to members who attended.

David Nunn  
Sydney Region Co-ordinator

Not just cars!



Austin Healey row



Classics at Gosford Classic Car Museum



## Gosford



The Mini club was there too



1970 Austin 1800 Mk II



Tristan Marsden's Series II  
with 17" wheels



Aussie Invader III, 1996, 'piloted' by Rosco McGlashan OAM. It was powered by a 36,000 HP jet engine from a Mirage fighter. With a strong but light kevlar body, top speed was around 1300 kph (the speed of sound is 1220 kph at sea level). It narrowly missed land speed record on the salt flats of Lake Gairdner, South Australia, in 1966. It did one way in 1028 kph (then a new record) but bad weather prevented the return run.

Les Whale



**More Aussie invaders.... Lunch at the museum; check out the streamliner caravan used as the kiosk.**

