



Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek - 12 August

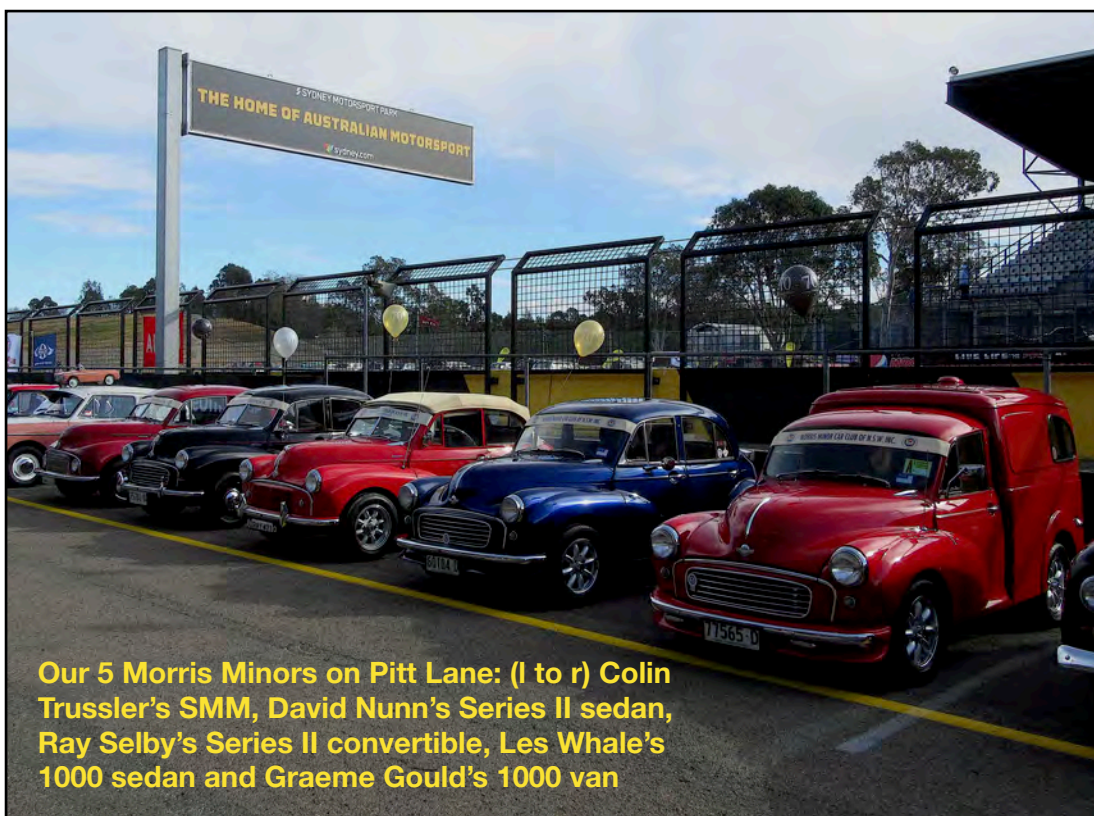
Shannons Sydney Classic is probably the second most anticipated outing of the year. This year was special though – it was a double celebration of our 40th anniversary and, of course, 70 years of the Morris Minor.

Our usual spot, quite central with lots of passing foot (and car) traffic, filled quickly, with a conveniently short walk to the hot coffee and (new this year) delicious hot chips. We were quite surprised at the amount of Yank metal, mostly Mustangs, that drove past that were left hand drive.

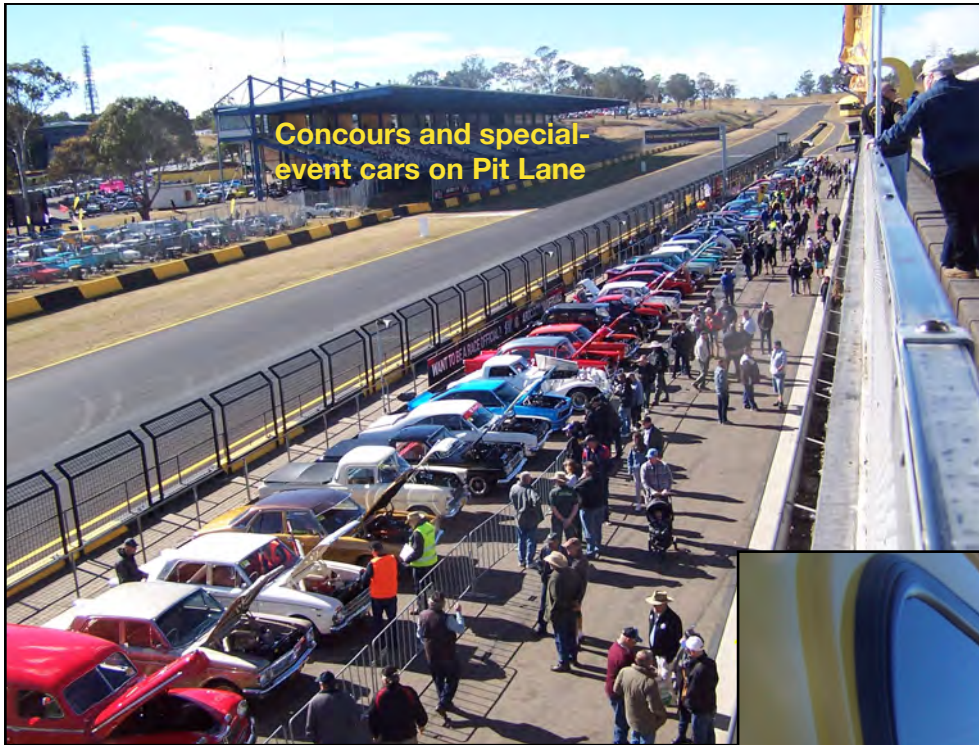
Discussions of all things Morris Minor ensued, comparing engines, gearboxes, paintwork – well, almost everything. If you ever want free advice, just roll up to one of our events for the jocular and camaraderie that our Club offers.

Of course the special feature of this year's Shannons Classic for the MMCCNSW was the invitation to showcase five of our

best cars on Pit Straight for the double 70/40-year anniversaries. These cars were chosen solely on merit, to highlight just how well Morris Minors can be restored and upgraded. Colin Trusler's cherry-red SMM, David Nunn's black Series II, Ray Selby's red Series II convertible, Les Whale's blue 1000 and Graeme Gould's red 1000 van were right in the middle of the best cars, and concours cars, available.



Our 5 Morris Minors on Pitt Lane: (l to r) Colin Trusler's SMM, David Nunn's Series II sedan, Ray Selby's Series II convertible, Les Whale's 1000 sedan and Graeme Gould's 1000 van



10 years). Last year – there it was! So this year I found more birthday and Christmas presents for me from the dog (my dog gives me really good presents).

This year the Fiats were next to us, with the sometimes-confusing sight of one of their owners straying into the Morris

Other notable anniversaries included along Pit Lane were Model A Ford (90 years), Jaguar XK 120 (70), Austin A40 Farina (60), FC Holden (60), Holden Monaro (50) and Datsun 1600 (50), amongst many others. All were well represented, too, along with our Club, in the free CMC 'The Preserve' magazine included in the goodies bag we received on arrival.

The Shannons Classic also offers the chance to find 'that' one-off model car that you've been searching for. In a London specialist model car shop I was told that I would never find the 1:43 scale 1961 shark nose F1 Ferrari that I'd been looking for (for

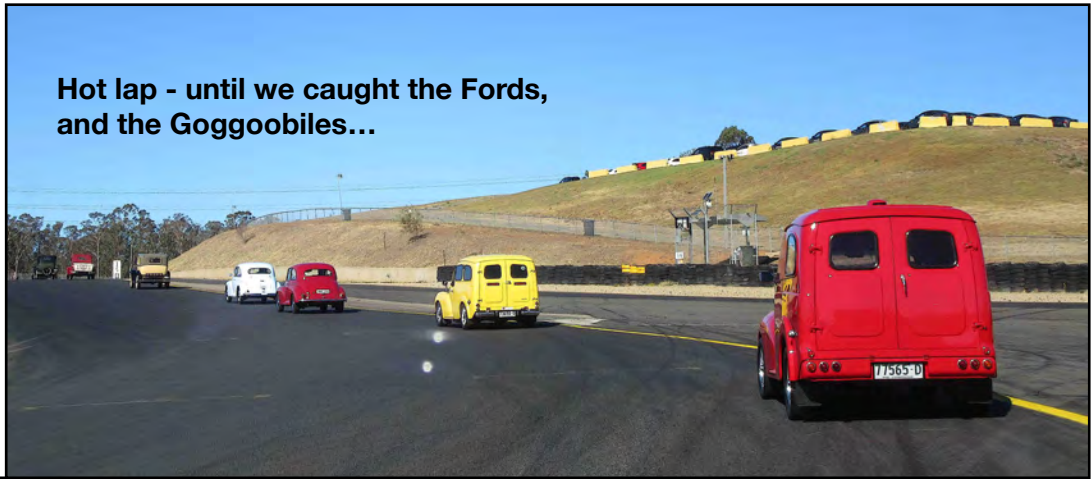


Minor area... The friendly banter between members of different clubs, including lots of really positive comments about our cars, is always part of the fun of Shannons Classics.



One of the best things about Shannons is the mouth-watering array of vehicles, from tiny to huge, from sporty to 'hold on', some a bit battered but most in amazing condition. Besides, it's good for you: walking around eyeing off other

Hot lap - until we caught the Fords, and the Goggoobiles...



peoples' cars is classified as exercise, right?

The one thing we all agree on, and we all like, is the chance to do a hot lap of Eastern Creek Raceway. Well, 'hot' wouldn't be the first word thought of this year; more like 'lukewarm', 'tepid' even... We were stuck behind the Goggomobiles ("G-o-g-g-o"... appropriate being a Shannons event) – but they were s-l-o-w. The chance to photograph the charge of Morries down the main straight was looking pretty slim as we were even overtaken by a double decker bus! Then, as the cover shot shows, there was a 5-second gap to get a

perfect pic.

All good things must come to an end but at least it was a chance to sit down after all the walking. Hopefully we won't get stuck behind the Goggomobiles again.

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**Excalibur Roadster
Lipstick Edition
(seriously)**



**1959 Cadillac -
fins, anyone?**



Buick Eight

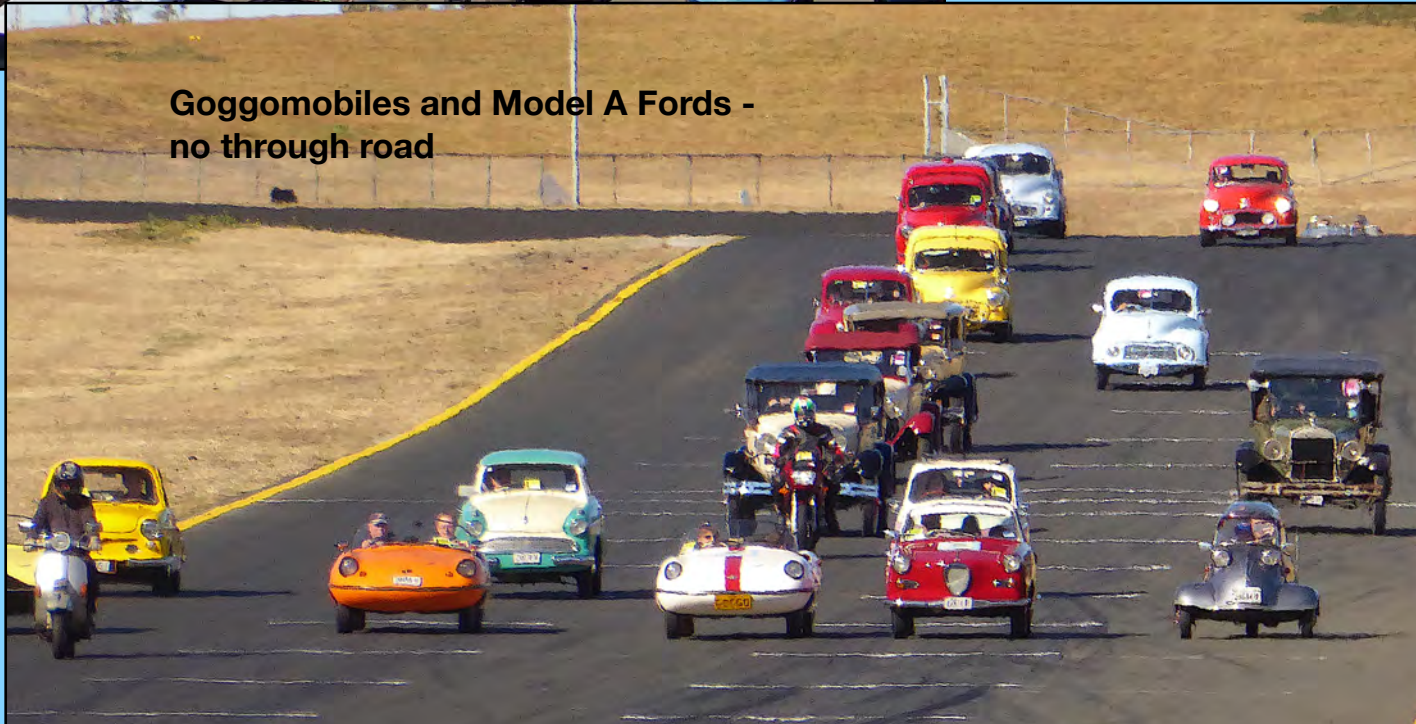


**1967 Mercedes Benz SL 'Pagoda'... "The roof doesn't
go down in the middle, it goes up at the sides"**



Shannons Classic

Goggomobiles and Model A Fords -
no through road



More Shannons!



Packard

The Police were there,
just in case...



Leyland Titan



Caddy cart

All faster than a
Goggomobile!



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