

Wollongong / Illawarra

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The last couple of months have been extremely enjoyable. The National Rally has been and gone but, as many people will remember, there was a good time had by all. Our run to the Lawrence Hargrave Memorial and along the Sea Cliff Bridge was also very good. Both of these have reports elsewhere in this magazine.

Coming up in November there is the always-enjoyable Kiama Car Show. This is getting bigger each year and is a good day – even the time it rained! We have also planned a trip to the Garden Island Naval Museum. As this is inaccessible to cars we are taking the train and ferry. The details are not available at the time of writing but we will even have our own ex-RAN sailor as our personal guide.

December is always busy for everybody so we have limited our outings to just the Christmas Luncheon at the Gerroa Fishermans' Club. They always put on a good meal and Chris always wins the meat raffle.

I had a sad duty to perform recently when I attended the funeral of an ex-member. Phil Moran passed away as the result of an accident. Those of you who have one of his gear boxes in your car will treasure them even more highly now. There were four Morris Minors on display so we were well represented.

On a personal note, we (my son and I) attended *ChromeFest* last weekend. It is not really a Morris Minor-type event so we took the Chevs – and my son won the *Top Wild Custom* award.

Well, that's all there is for now. Until next time may all your problems be Minor ones.

Vale Joe and Phil

Recently we have lost two past members of our club. Neither has been attending meeting or outings for quite a while – but they are still dear to us.

Joe Epps was quite a talented musician as well as being a Morris man. Unfortunately he became quite ill and had to give away the Morris some time ago so didn't attend many outings since then. He passed away after a long illness last month.

Phil Moran was a very talented engineer and mechanic who gave up Morris when he got his sports car to 'play' with. He did, however, continue to build up gear boxes (and the occasional engine) and especially his clutch thrust arm with the roller bearing. If you have one of these it should last forever. He was one of nature's most sincere people.

Both of these men were very enthusiastic Members when they were active in our Club and both of them will be sincerely missed.

Coming Events

December 2018

- Tue 4 Regular Club Meeting and AGM
- Sun 2 Xmas Party lunch @ Gerroa Fishermans Club. Meet there @ noon
- Tue 25 Breakfast on the Beach @ Nth W'Gong

January 2019

- Tue 1 **No** Club meeting this month
- Sat 26 Australia Day @ Berrima. Meet @ Albion Pk church @ 8 am

February 2019

- Tue 5 Regular Club Meeting

May 2019

- Sat 4 WOI (Wings Over Illawarra) airshow
- Sun 5 WOI – This is the Car Club day



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