

From The Central West

What?! Magazine time already?? I am just getting over Christmas and New Year!

And what a New Year it turned out to be with the devastating bushfires! I have a sister and some good Morrie friends at Lake Conjola, fortunately all were safe, with my sister's house one of the five that survived in the whole street.

Meanwhile, in The Central West, the drought has an ever increasing grip on us all with level 5 and 6 water restrictions and the regular dust storms almost daily. We awoke one night to find our whole bedroom covered in dust, including pillows and doona, not to mention carpet and ensuite.

Still, I hope we are all getting ready for a great year with our Morris Minors, as some great events are planned across the year.



Dust storms (above) a regular occurrence out here - and it gets in everywhere (below)



VALE Tony Taylor

Many of us would have known Tony and his immaculate Morris Major Elite. Tony passed away very suddenly last December from severe heart trauma. The funeral was held mid January and a large number of vintage and classic cars from his local club made up the cortege. I was very glad there were two members with cars representing the MMCCNSW and of course our new welfare officer made contact.

Events

Not sure if this Magazine will be out in time but two good events in the Central West this year are the Gnoo Blas Classic and Wellington Vintage Fair. Both are good events to attend and you would be helping local communities doing it hard. Please let me know if you are coming.

Gnoo Blas Orange Feb 15/16

One of the guests this year is racing driver Kevin Bartlett, who commenced his career here on this very track in none other than a Minor 1000 - could be a great photo opportunity!

All details are on the website gnooblas.com The show is Saturday, and we have this year planned our own Sunday run (in lieu of the organised one) to Heifer Station for a light lunch. You can attend any or both days but if you want to go to the dinner Saturday night you must book .

Wellington Vintage Fair and Swap Meet Feb 28/29 + Sunday March 1

We as a Club seem to make this better each year, from our Friday night BBQ to the Saturday parade and run, and finally the Sunday show. Any Club member who has not attended one of these weekends is missing out. Please phone if you need more info. I have already been notified of some members attending both of the the events.

Cars & Coffee Dubbo 1st Sunday each month. This event has gone back to monthly and a good event to catch up, and is also another outing to match the needs

for those on D or H plates. Starts at 9am and goes till 12. There is usually 60 to 80 cars there. Next one is 2nd February.

Members' Cars

Rob & Vicki Grandsen A new member from Bathurst and I am yet to see in person the little red tabletop which is a daily driver. Rob contacted me recently re the correct oil for the lever shocks I have always used power steering fluid, but I have been told hydraulic jack fluid is better. What are we all using?

Michael Johnson

Michael has finally got his new upholstery in (but not quite finished) it is now a 'real' Ozzie Ute with kangaroo hide upholstery.



Rob & Vicki Grandsen's ute. What a shine on the tray!



John Hepburn John's traveller is still undergoing some restoration at the moment, and I have helped him acquire a set of Major wheels which he will repair/paint and fit shortly.

John Ballard Very hot in my shed lately, up to 35 degrees with the air cooler on; it reaches 50 with it off. Nevertheless we have progressed, with my dear wife helping on many occasions, including fitting the seat upholstery. Tub is now on and all rear finished including towbar and lights. I have all parts except the exhaust pipe and tonneau cover needed to finish - cannot wait.

Hopefully we will see these new members and some new cars early this year.

Cheers
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