

## Southern Tablelands

### Coronavirus Breakout - Lake Alexandria, Mittagong, Sunday July 5

It had to happen sometime. COVID-19 had been keeping us indoors for far too long (and longer still if that current mess in Victoria ever gets over the border). The message went out - "We're escaping!"

And so it proved to be, a breakout from the dark days of the coronavirus that we all so desperately needed. The location was superb: plenty of space, idyllic scenery, perfect weather, wonderful people (Morris Minor owners of course).

We all brought our own food, etc to minimise possible contamination and most brought collapsible chairs. Sitting out in the sunlight on a beautiful, crisp winter's day, enjoying the conversations with like-minded enthusiasts and friends; yep, life gets pretty tough sometimes.

The walk around the lake took about ten minutes, a bit of light exercise that many took on, soaking up the warming winter sun's free vitamin D as they went.

What could make it better? Easy, our Wollongong/Illawarra friends took the time

and joined us for the breakout picnic, so two Morris Minor regions combined to celebrate the experience.

Someone said... "What about a photo for the cover of the magazine?" Unfortunately, our Morrises were not parked together (far too many locals enjoying the outdoors) so a suggestion was made to dismantle a gate and park the Morrises down by the lake. Um, no. However, there was an obvious spot up on the hill, under a huge gum tree. The rest, they say, is history. Enjoy the cover shot!

Thank you to all who turned up. And thank you, too, to Brian Nicholson, for donating a camera to the region to ensure we always have photos from our outings for the magazine.

#### Upcoming events include:

Sun 16 Aug - Nepean Dam, from 10.00am

Sun Sept 13 - Show and Shine, Auburn - all day but you need to book morning OR afternoon. See page 7.

Sun Oct 11 - Kiama. Contact Jim Beaver for more info

Sun Nov 1 - Sydney Bus & Truck Museum

Nov 7/8 - Wings Over Illawarra

Sun Nov 22 - Newington Armory, Sydney Olympic Park

Lake Alexandria, Mittagong, the perfect place to break out from a coronavirus lockdown.

