

From The Central West

It has been hard for all of us not having any events to attend but I will try and organise another run soon.

But on the bright side, the Central West has never looked so good with the best crops we have seen in years, and now farmers are praying there are no frosts in the next few weeks or rain at harvest. Fields of golden canola are everywhere like fields of sunshine, it certainly lifts your spirits to see all these wonderful crops.

I have been keeping a sharp lookout for a start-up of the Cars & Coffee events but nothing yet, so with Gnoo Blas cancelled and perhaps Wellington Fair, I will look at a weekend somewhere for the Club early in the new year. So far the Parkes Show & Shine and Swap Meet in November has not been cancelled.

Most members have been keeping busy during this time with repairs and maintenance on their cars - and hopefully getting some driving time in, too.

Rob Grandsen, Bathurst, has had his brakes overhauled but unfortunately also had to replace a broken axle; not uncommon, particularly in utes.

On this subject, if you need parts or advice on where to get them, always contact the Club. Usually someone has done the job and has first hand knowledge of the process and where to get the required parts.



Rob Grandsen's
Morris Minor Trayback



John Hepburn, Orange: John has replaced the grill and grill panel as well as new engine mount towers. I called in to see John and he has had quite a battle with the front panel which was not quite right in its shape. Still, it's a big improvement on the appearance of the front of the car, the colour match is perfect. It also has a new valance which came off Graeme Gould's van. More jobs are being tackled on the traveller at the moment.

John Hepburn's refreshed 1000's front (left)

Robert Keen, Orange: After our run to Cudal, Robert has returned, this time in his Morris after some repairs, including a taller diff. For those who did not know, Robert is an accomplished artist and has completed a painting for the *Platypus Cafe*, Cudal. Great to see him have a solo run. BTW, Robert swapped the painting for a cup of coffee! Now that is generous.



Robert Keen's 'donation' to the Platypus Cafe, Cudal

Mitch Wilson, Dubbo: Mitch and his father brought their car out to start the process of getting it onto the CVS scheme. It passed the blue slip without a problem. Interestingly, its colour is Araluen Blue, the same Australian colour I sprayed the Austin Ute.



Mitch Wilson's araluen blue 1000

John Ballard, Dubbo: Since having the Ute registered, I have been driving it at least once a week to places like Bunnings, Woolies or for medical appointments. The problem I had with dirt from the petrol tank has stopped, hopefully. The only problem I have now is talking about the Ute everywhere I stop.

I have also changed the thermostat from 82 degrees to 71 degrees. These are available at many parts places and the cat number is Tridon TTI-160; the opening degrees are stamped on the back.

I will email all when I can arrange another run for us.

John Ballard
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