

From The Central West

As for Morris Minors, not a lot has happened out here over the last few months, COVID-19 and extreme heat making members stay at home. But as far as the countryside goes, the paddocks are full of baled hay and the sound of headers reaping what looks like being the biggest harvest ever - just 80% up on last year. Providing the hot dry weather holds, the run should finish in time for Christmas, but rain could spoil all that when it causes the grain to become 'shot and sprung', which means the head or seeds start to grow and swell making it stock feed and worth little. So, no shortage of *Weet-Bix* in the foreseeable future.



Fair is on or off, likewise Dubbo Cars & Coffee.

Members' Cars Members Colin & Jandy Dray have moved on, but I am pleased to say their Minor stayed, bought I believe by Len Jones of Kandos, who has a few models now.

Just been away myself with the Caravan Club and visited Bob's Shed in Quirindi - well worth a visit. Besides a few 1950 shops set up, there are several famous cars and a terrific display of early 50's memorabilia. I remembered the spark plug cleaning machines and noticed a set of Morris Minor con-rods and a Leyland twin carb inlet manifold.

Events I have just cancelled a run for Sunday Dec 6 as I had no interest; hopefully some shows/runs will happen next year. I am still trying to find out whether Wellington



John Ballard - Dubbo - My Ute is getting regular use and I am watching the 60 days' use slowly dropping. I also picked up a dual timing chain and waiting to find a cam to fit with it.

My saloon has had a small rust problem on both rear doors and I have been fixing them cosmetically twice a year but now I have picked up two good rear doors from fellow member John Hepburn (thanks!) and my wonderful brother-in-law has them stripped down and welding up a few minor rust spots. I will then repaint them and fit. I also started installing a bee hive heater I have had for many years.



This is the first door done. I gave Lindsay, Sue's brother, a help with an electrical job he was doing so he took the doors home soaked them in acid. Some small rust holes were found but he is doing them.

Tom Deveigne - has had his car out for an alignment after fitting a replacement steering rack.

Denis Woodford - This car is very close now as Denis goes about fitting the headlining (not an easy task) and the complete trim set bought at great expense from Newton UK; these sets are really top quality.



Bob's Shed, Quirindi (not to be confused with Bob's Country Bunker from The Blues Bros)

Stay Safe
John Ballard
Central West

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all.
John & Sue

