

## Sydney Report

Hello fellow Morris Minorists...

What a whirlwind of a start to the year it has been! This time last year it was fires and coronavirus restrictions, now it is floods and easing of coronavirus restrictions. Let's hope this trend of restrictions being eased continues and we can go back to the old normal again soon.

What a great start to the year for our outings too, February and March were jam-packed (or should I say dam-packed) with Morrie-related fun, at Woronora Dam, the Wellington weekend, and Breakfast with the Cars at Newington...

### Woronora Dam

A few more lessons learnt for me this day: 1 If you're going to specify a meeting place so there can be a convoy drive to the destination, make sure you're going to be there at said meeting place (which I wasn't, oops); and 2 If you're going to arrange with another member to meet there early to 'get a good spot', don't leave home late and then get half-way there and realise

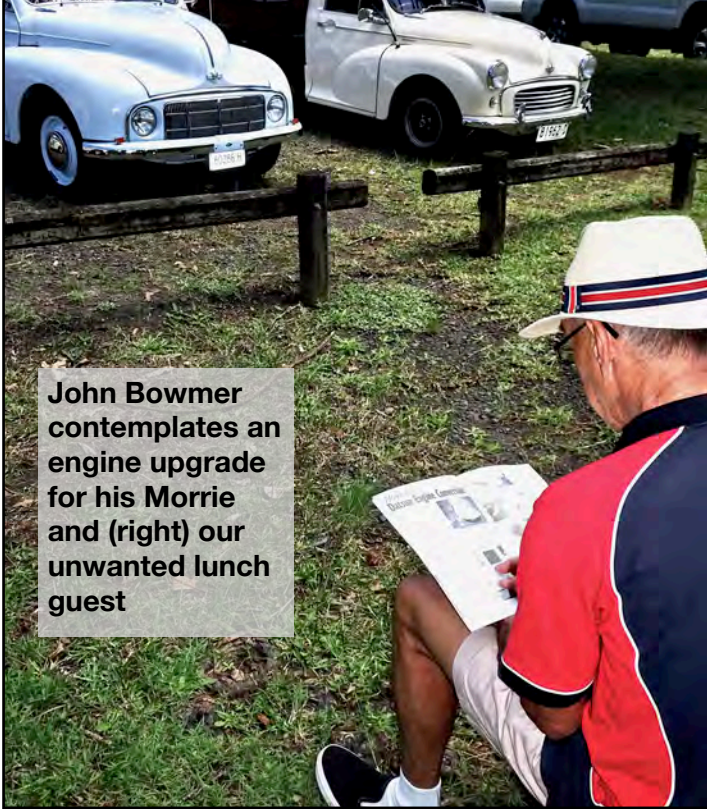
that you left your wallet at home, and then have to start all over again (sorry John).

Other than these two hiccups, I think it was a pretty good day. We had a great spot, and the cars looked spectacular all together as usual, a good roll-up as well with 20 people and 13+ cars. Some members got the barbies cranking with some awesome smells being the envy of those of us (me) with a (boring) salad.

A few took the walk down to the dam wall to take in the views, there might even be some photos somewhere in the mag too. A slightly unwelcome visitor in the form of a large (but I'm told not as large as the one that was there last time) goanna came along







John Bowmer contemplates an engine upgrade for his Morrie and (right) our unwanted lunch guest



and got amongst it with us, which did not sit well with some members, understandably. Overall, I think a nice day out indeed.

### Wellington Weekend

This being my first time, not only to this event but also being with some of these Morrie folk for more than a few hours at a time, I was a bit hesitant. That soon dissipated once we met up at Blaxland Maccas and were on our way. WOW, I can't even begin to describe what a great time I had with some really great people, a very memorable weekend away that I hope to attend again for years to come.

### Breakfast with the Cars at Newington

Did somebody say rain? I think someone must have because did it rain! It bucketed down! Most were well prepared with their Morris Minor Car Club umbrellas, as we met up in the rain and headed down to the café for breakfast. Things went a bit smoother this time with us all being very adept with the QR code check-in and mobile menu ordering procedure that is somewhat commonplace these days. A miserable day weather-wise, but great company and hot coffee and breaky (for most) was enjoyed once again. I must admit after this weekend,

and seeing a lot of the same faces for the past few weekends in a row, I wondered somewhat sadly how long it would be before I saw my Morrie friends again...



The start of eastern Australia's 'big wet'. Love the Morris Minor umbrellas!