

Minor Minis...

The *Furry Cow Cafe* at Glen Innes scored a mention a couple of issues ago in the March-April *Minor Torque*. So good was the service and coffee that my brother and I, with our wives, dropped in again while returning from Tenterfield two weeks ago.

I scored a car spot right outside; owner Janelle Favell came out and asked if the Morrie was mine. "Yes." "Oh be still my beating heart", exclaimed Janelle. I thought she was a car aficionado, but more was to come out. Over another wonderful coffee, Janelle was shown a photo of my brother's car: "That's a Fiat X1/9, I used to own one!"

"Would you like a spin around the block in it?" asked my brother. Luckily husband Bruce looked after the cafe while Janelle - who looked just like the cat that got the cream - spent the next 15 minutes grinning from ear to ear.

Unfortunately time was tight; the *Furry Cow* was busy and we needed to drive to Tamworth. The moral of the story? Never underestimate the pleasure your old car, be it a Morris or Fiat or whatever, can bring to others, and usually at the most unexpected time. Oh, and if you find yourself in Glen Innes, the *Furry Cow* sells the best coffee, and gelato, and cakes, etc, with superb service. Just make sure you take an old car.



The Furry Cow Cafe, Glen Innes



Janelle Favell, loving every minute of her time in the X1/9



No more lockdowns, but Alan Bourne's jigsaw puzzle suggestions from *Minor Torque* Sept-Oct 2021 encouraged my good lady, who bought one online. Here it is completed (and partly completed, with glass of wine for concentration...).



Who'd have thought it?

Recently we were lucky enough to buy a small holiday house, in Orient Point near Nowra. It's a great spot, an old fibro cottage with a great large double garage on a decent slab. The garage is the best building on the block actually...

Anyhow, whilst showing a friend where it was, I looked up google maps, and what should I see parked outside our house? A blue Minor! Does anyone know this car? The house was a deceased estate and amongst the stuff left in the garage I found a grease gun and some Whitworth spanners (score!), so I wondered if it might have belonged to the previous owner. Having left the Traveller out there now and again (it lives in the garage) I haven't had anyone say "he had one of those" and the neighbours don't recall it. The google maps photo was taken some time in 2016 - does anyone know this car?

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A couple of shots from the latest Shire Run, from David Nunn

