

## Sydney Report

Hello fellow Morris Minorists...

It's beginning to feel a lot like summer... well, spring anyway.

What a great time of the year to be getting out and about again, and shaking off the dreariness of winter, and the rain, and COVID, etc (do you like my positivity?).

**Outings:** The Sutton Forest Inn lunch went off without a hitch (for most) with a nice drive and a hearty lunch enjoyed (by most). I say 'most' because sadly Terry and Fay Cullen had some electrical issues with their car, arriving with clouds of smoke coming from under the bonnet, and having had to be towed home after lunch. I hear they're back on the road again now so that's a relief that it wasn't anything too dire.

The Shire Breakfast run was up next (my first) and what a great morning out. A scenic drive through the Royal National Park and then out to Bald Hill (bit windy and cold though), and then back around to the café at Waterfall for a morning snack. Well worth the run I'd suggest, and now on the first Sunday of every month so you won't miss out.

Our August General Meeting/Auction night was a resounding success. Last year we raised just over 600 bucks, but this year we smashed it, collecting over \$1,700 on the night. Once again thanks to Stuart and his band of helpers (Jim Bowen & Gary Evans), not to mention the generous donations, and bidders. It was another great fun night with lots of laughs, and happy shoppers.

**Shannons Sydney Classic** was on (finally) after it's absence due to COVID, and yes, it was another great day out! A bit windy and cold through the morning but nothing a tasty bacon and egg roll couldn't fix. It was my first time around the track in a Morrie (thanks Bob), and it was good to see so many enthusiasts out enjoying their cars again after so long.

Did someone say **All British Day**? Not this year, again! The King's School groundsmen have decided that the grounds are too wet and will not dry by the second week in September. So, it's off... again... But there is an alternative run, on the same day (Sept 11) to **Prospect Reservoir**, from 10.30am BYO food, BBQ facilities will be available.

Now, keep the 9<sup>th</sup> October free for a ducking good time at **Barefoot Bowls at Club Mount Lewis**. Meet there at 9:30am for a 10am roll up, and why not stay for some lunch at the club afterwards. Please let me know if you're coming to this as I need to give numbers by the Wednesday before (5<sup>th</sup> October).

**Regalia:** Our first lot of beanies sold out in record time but don't worry, I have secured some more, and at the bargain price of only \$20 each, they may not last too long either. I know it's getting warmer now, but you don't want to miss out and have a cold noggin next winter now do you?

My box of old stock is not getting any smaller either so please let me know if there's anything you would like and if I don't have it, I can order it for you. I've still got Ladies  $\frac{3}{4}$  sleeve shirts in sizes 10-24 | Mens long sleeve shirts in sizes S, L, XL | Vests in sizes S & L | Mens polo shirts (old designs) in sizes S & L | Caps | Hats | Umbrellas | Windscreen Banners | Car Grille Badges & club stickers.

**My car:** First I was sick of the scraping, now it's the cleaning... 60+ years of grime and gunk is not easy to get off, and that stuff gets in everywhere. Things that are well secured in place and have been for the life of the car have somehow got gunked up and need to be taken apart to be cleaned properly. I'm not a patient man and this kind of slowness is doing my head in, but I'm persevering and looking forward (as I always say) to the result.

Cheers,  
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