

Australia Day, Berrima 26 Jan

Although we might get our Morris out once or twice in January to dust off the cobwebs, the new year for the MMCCNSW doesn't really kick off until Australia Day, when the Southern Tablelands Region hosts our club's regular yearly starter.

While the bushfires and COVID have played havoc with Berrima Australia Day participation for other car clubs since 2020, not to mention the street parade, our club has been a shining light in keeping the general public interested and engaged.

For the past three years there has been no formal street parade, but you can always trust Morris Minor owners to organise their own, driving their cars, or other people's Morris, up past the school and then parade slowly down the main street of Berrima - maybe it's just in the DNA of Morris Minor owners, who knows - but it is massively entertaining for all the other Australia Day revellers in the town.

A very early start for the Southern Tablelands members saw breakfast provided from about 8.00am, and then lunch too. It was a huge effort and one which everyone attending appreciated, so an equally huge 'thank you' to all involved.

Breakfast and lunch provided - thanks to the workers!



Terry Cullen, classic Australia Day pose



The cars attracted crowds all day



The line-up of Morris Minors looked very impressive, by far the biggest collection of a single marque on the day, and proved very popular with the hordes of people who walked by for a look. So many people took selfies next to their favourite



Morrie, or photographed their loved ones next to one; it was quite pleasing to see just how much pleasure our cars provided to the general public.

The best part of the day? It could have been the gift for each person who attended, but that depends on your perspective; for most it was a known for years,



Ray thanked all his helpers, and everyone turning up that made it such an enjoyable day. President Graeme thanked Ray.

like-minded car enthusiasts and salt-of-the-earth, genuine people.

All the best for 2023 - here's to a really good year with our cars, our health and our families.

Cheers,
Owen Sinden



David Bursill: "You'd smile too if you got to thrash someone else's twin cam Morrie!"



One horse power - only half the output of a Citroen 2CV

Vince and Judy Holloway
with a unique idea!
Photo: Mark Sullivan



PS In case you missed the link to the Australia Day parade at Berrima on Page 2, here it is again.

In Mark Sullivan's words: "Please find attached a video of our Morris Minor Parade at Berrima. It was taken by my daughter and you can hear Suzanne's voice in it." (Make sure you 'unmute' it, go to full screen, and turn the volume way up!)

<https://photos.app.goo.gl/bYPN8JBxgMPPY26B8>

PPS And about the Sullivan parade video, in the words of Sir Rom Mailliw... (you're not going to expect anything polite, are you?)

"Wow, so that's as fast as Morries can go down hill!" and...

"What did the guy in the second last car drop, a conrod or first gear? Or his pension card?"



Mark Sullivan: My grand daughter Arianna told me that she has been waiting years to go in a street parade in a Morris Minor. Her wish came true on Jan 26.