

From The Central West

The weather out this way has heated up a bit and now, high 30s are the norm with today 30 degrees celsius, I hope it cools before Gnoo Blas.

So, owing to medical reasons, I have let the team down a bit here in the Central West. But hopefully we can make up for it in the near future with many opportunities coming up; my health is good at the moment.

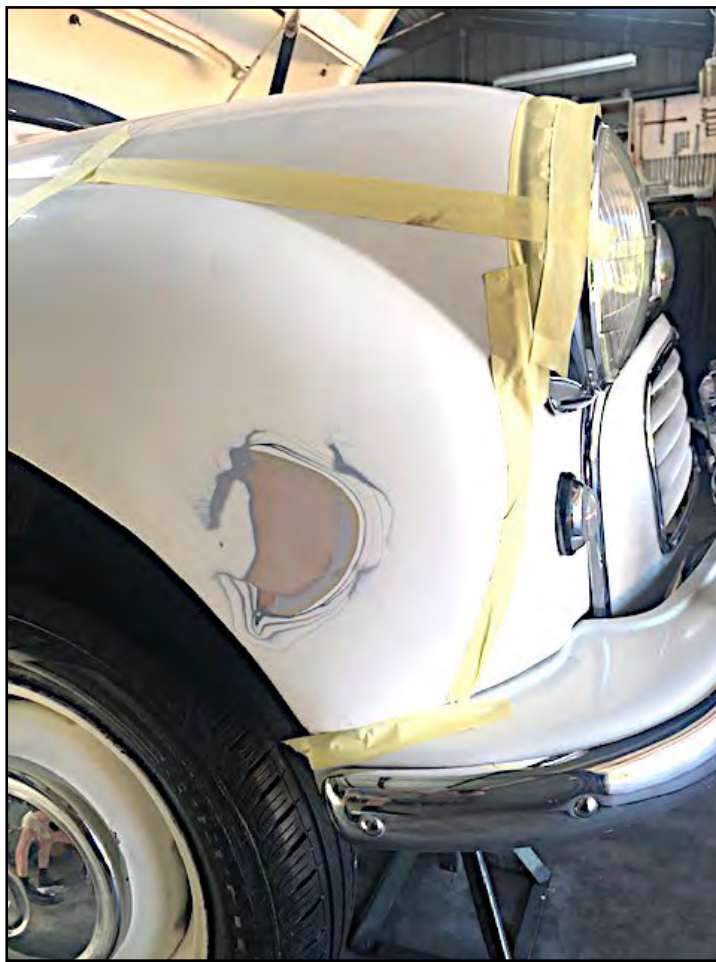
National Rally Adelaide 2023 I am looking forward to this and trying very hard to get my car up to scratch for the trip. I have never been to a Rally that was not an extremely enjoyable experience. Hopefully it is not too late to get on board. Details can be obtained from all region co-ordinators.

Events

Cars & Coffee Dubbo It was not on in January as usual and I missed December owing to a medical "no driving" from my GP. There were three other Minors there, wonderful. However, I will get there in February.

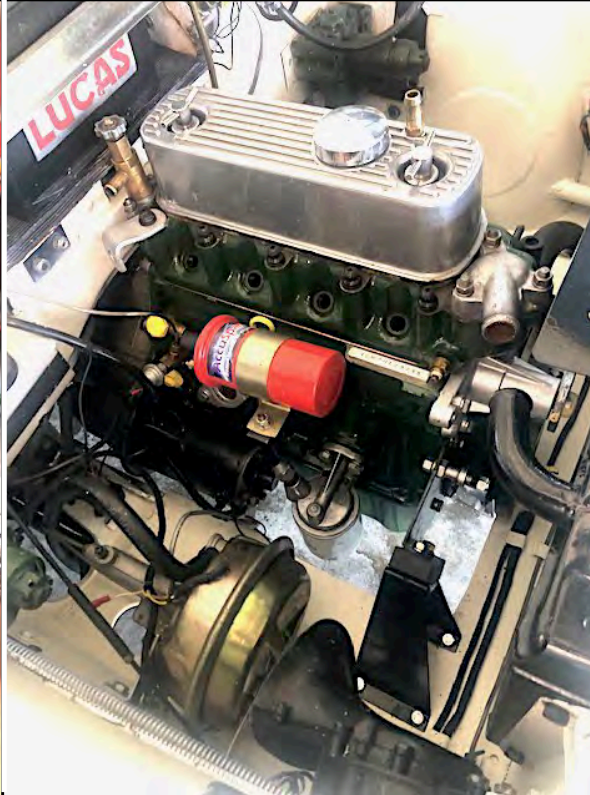
Gnoo Blas The date is the 11th of February and it is a very BIG weekend of cars, cars and more cars. The range and quality at this event has to be admired and I think this is our 18th year of attendance. It may be over by the time this is published so I hope we have a good roll up.

Wellington Vintage Fair This event that we support is usually a fun-filled weekend for those Club members who attend. I am hoping we get some good numbers this year. We will have our usual Friday 'Meet & Greet' BBQ and a run after the street parade on Saturday, with the main event on Sunday 6th, the Vintage Fair and Swap Meet. All members and friends would be most welcome to both events, Gnoo Blas and Wellington Vintage Fair.



John's quality paint job





Above: John's rebuilt engine before and after installation

National Rally, Adelaide I think this is well covered now and I am looking forward to it, hoping to finish my car and get it fully tuned.

Members Cars

I have a member here, Maree Adams, seeking CVS registration, and I know the car well. Once I have checked it over I will

send a report and photos to the registrar. The member has been attending Cars & Coffee and will be at Wellington.

A call from Don Gorton telling me he is waiting to get a new differential in his car, but it won't happen before Gnoo Blas. He also fitted some gauges in the dash,

and a new panel shelf, and LED taillights.

In early January I meet up with past member John Hepburn and helped him catalog a huge amount of new parts he has for sale (see *Minor Classifieds*).

For myself, I finally got my car going again with a new motor. See story below.

PS Looking forward to catching up with members over the next few months.

Cheers for now
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For this for those not quite sure just how much rain has fallen over the Central West region of NSW, here's two photos to tell you that we've had "a bit more than we need".

Above: Wyangla Dam, spilling at 230,000 megalitres per day. And, right, the not-so-grand view of the grandstand at Wellington Showground, looking down at the racecourse and general parking that visitors might otherwise expect to be dry.

