

From The Central West

The Central West, although still dry, is producing a good amount of all types of grain, particularly canola, and it is everywhere in the paddocks in its 'windrows'. For those who do not know, most canola is mowed and left in rows to dry out, then the harvester will pick it, remove the seeds (grain), which are small black balls about 1mm in size. This is then crushed and processed to make canola oil. Hopefully now the rain will hold off long enough to get it all to the silos.

Sue and I have been away again to Wagga Wagga and Coolamon, where I saw a 1952 Minor Convertible for sale, and as it was only a couple of kilometres from where we were staying, I went to have a look and convinced the seller to advertise it in our magazine. The bodywork and interior were very good and the motor started first turn and ran well being a 918 cc side valve; my only concern was there did not seem to be any reinforcements normal in a converted sedan. I have posted some photos.

Past Events

Mudgee Weekend 13 14 15 Oct This turned out a great weekend once again with

12 member arriving on the Friday for our evening BBQ, always a terrific opportunity to catch up and chat.

Sue had arranged for us to attend 'Sculptures in the Garden' on Saturday, the biggest outdoor Art show in NSW, and what a show it was. However, many visitors also spent time in the Olive Grove parking area viewing our cars! The many sculptures scattered around this farm was well worth the visit and walk around. Earlier on Saturday morning, most went to the local markets and purchased items, including pink regalia, as this was a 'Glenn McGrath' weekend in Mudgee. We followed up on Saturday night with an enjoyable meal at the local hotel.

On Sunday we joined with the Cudgegong Valley Vintage Car Club for a display at the old Railway station, a great show with our Club providing thirteen cars and another two Minors from the local Club, making 15 Morries in all. There was coffee and bacon & egg rolls and sausage sandwiches provided by the Vietnam Veterans Association. Many other vehicles were also on display and this was a good finish to a great weekend. Of course the only downside was Sue and myself and



Graeme and Sue Gould taking home COVID 19; I must say I had no symptoms and only tested after a call from Graeme.

The Club has booked 10 cabins in a row for the weekend in 2024 so please hop in early next year and secure a cabin.

Dubbo Cars & Coffee I had to miss this one last month as we were away in our caravan, but I have managed to organise the funds from the event early next year to sponsor and support Dubbo Prostate Support Group.

Coming Events 2024

Early February 9, 10, 11, will be our usually weekend attendance to the Gnoo Blas Classic at Orange. We have been attending this event for 15 years.

This will be closely followed by the Wellington Vintage Fair weekend on 1st to 3rd March. Both are great weekends away and I am currently organising both.

Cars and Coffee Dubbo Cars & Coffee is on again in 2024, every 1st Sunday of the month. This is a good chance for members to meet up, starting on Jan 7, Victoria Park, Dubbo, from 9.00am till 12.00 noon.



Members Cars: For myself I had decided some time ago to fit telescopic shock absorbers on the ute and so copied the ones fitted to the car. These were the originals made by the late Club member Barry Parsons. Will the help of my welder on site next door, and my brother-in-law, machined parts were built up and fitted. I am yet to try them out but it seems to rebound very well; they are not that hard to make.

Happy motoring and I hope to meet up with members early next year.

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Shock absorber 'kit'



Sculptures in the Garden: 'nice pair'