

Wellington Trip Friday 1st March 2024

Off we go again to our yearly jaunt up to Wellington for the Village Fair and Swap meeting.

The trip up to McDonalds at Blaxland was held up on the M7 due to an accident but we eventually arrived to have breakfast. Jim Bowen and Peter Fogarty had already arrived, and we were joined shortly after with the arrival of Ann Thompson, Stuart Treuer, Brian Condon, Mark and Karen Schnebli. David Bursill had contacted me the night before saying that he would not be attending because his dad was not well and he had decided not to go. David was sorry that he would miss the weekend, but family always comes first in these types of situations.

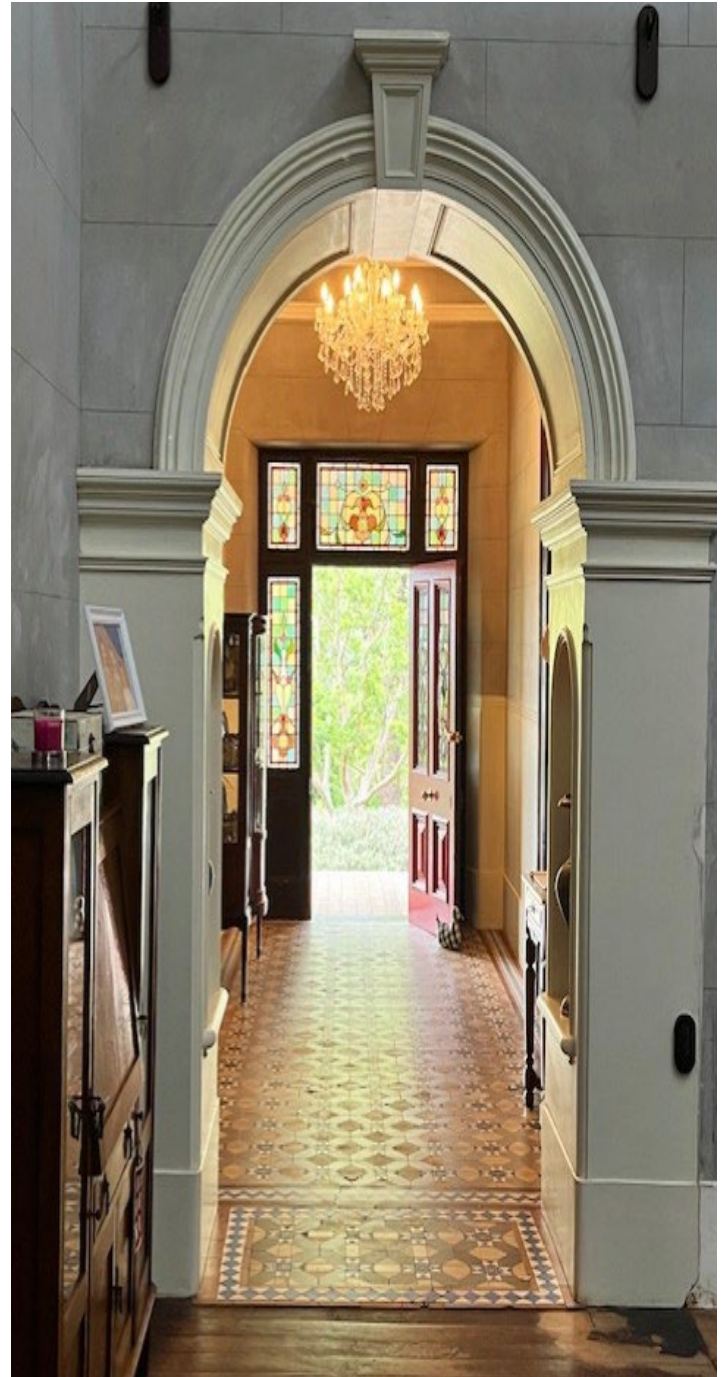
Our next port of call was Lithgow where we normally stop to refuel, stretch our legs, and have some refreshment if desired. The weather forecast for the Central West was predicted to be hot so the trip from Lithgow to Lucknow, which is just out of Orange, was bearable so another stop this time for lunch. Fred Missingham, Indra, and Owen Sinden arrived soon after for a well-deserved break. Ann and Stuart headed onto Orange where they were going to pick up the club's trailer from Rob Keen's place.

Wellington Caves was the destination which was 97 kilometres from Orange. The temperature was getting hotter, around 39 degrees in the heat of the day. but all Morrisies made the trek with not a problem. There to greet us was Colin and Janet Trusler who had set up camp some days before as well as John and Sue Ballard who this year decided to bring their caravan and the ute. John then drove back to Dubbo in their real car and came back in the four door Morris. This meant they did not have to drive backwards and forwards to Dubbo each day with considerable savings in time and fuel costs

The barbeque was offloaded from the trailer and set up for the usual Friday night meal after which John Ballard gave us a rundown on the events for the weekend.

To end the night a few of us had a couple of ports,

which is traditional, before retiring for a good night's sleep ready for Saturday's events.



Nanima House

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Saturday 2nd March 2024

Saturday morning saw us departing from the Caves at 8.30 am for our trip into Wellington. We all lined up to be checked in by the Rotary Club before the Parade started at 10am. A leisurely drive through the Main Street, around the block and back to the start took around half an hour. Our club was recognised by the Parade Announcer as being the “Backbone” of the event! What a great accolade.

After the Parade, we headed to Nanima House (an old house being restored and having featured on Restoration Australia), by the local Minister and his wife, Carl & Jennie Palmer. After a brief talk about the history of the house, it's construction and how it came to be owned by the Minister, we were led on a tour of the house.

Nanima is a Pastoral property purchased around 1830 with Nanima House being built around 1900 in the Edwardian style of the day. It was owned by Charles Barton, Wellington Commercial Bank Manager and Uncle of Banjo Patterson. Constructed on site from locally sourced materials such as Wood and Sandstone, from its high ceilings to ornate plaster work, the house was a treat to be able to visit. Although it is being renovated to the best of their ability to keep it as original as possible, it is still a functioning home and so some things had to be modernised. A fabulous kitchen and an indoor pool were some of the highlights. As the house is built from Limestone, the pool water must be filtered through Copper and Silver, or it would eat away at the house.

After our tour of the house, we finished our visit with a High Tea in the dining room. Each place was set with a matching Cup, Saucer, and Plate as well as a linen napkin tied with twine and a sprig of lavender. We were served like Royalty by some local church ladies including the very lovely Edna (friend of Club Secretary David Bursill). Tea, coffee, sandwiches, scones with jam and cream and cakes, some of which were specially made for us by an elderly neighbor.

After our visit was over, we had a free afternoon to explore the local area. Some took a drive past the Wellington Jail to look at the massive fields of Solar Farms being installed; the local Art Show displaying a range of artworks by the prison inmates; a refreshment or two back at the Caves and others just needed a nap. We all gathered again for dinner at the Cow and Calf, a local pub, for Rissoles, Chicken Parmi, Mushrooms or a dessert or two.

As ever, the evening ends with a glass of wine or port back at the Caves.

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Sunday was another beautiful day though slightly cooler, thank goodness. All cars were looking at their shiny best as we headed to the Wellington Vintage Fair and Swap Meet. Our trusty club members erected the three gazebos, in club colors of cause and we settled in for a good day. Cars were well aligned, and we welcomed Paul McGuire our new member from Wellington with his newly acquired Morris Minor Series 11. A few worthy purchases were acquired by some club members during the day.

Thank you to Graeme Gould for the new Car of the Day Award won by Paul McGuire for his exceptional chrome work. The day finished quite early this year, so a well-earned rest was had by all. Some people engaged in a late afternoon swim and then we all enjoyed an evening BBQ at the camp kitchen by the pool. Jim Bowen managed to repair his radiator assisted by club members and so managed to stay on another evening. The BBQ was followed by a game of ladder golf. This test of skill was won triumphantly by Owen Sinden thus ending the reign of Stuart Truer as the lawn game champion. A lot of great good humor and fellowship was had by all. So, another good weekend of sharing and fellowship of the Morris Minor Club NSW came to an end. Fond farewells see you all next year

Sue Ballard

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SHIRE RUN

The monthly Shire run was held on the 4th of February. Two lowlights, two panel vans and one series 2 met at Maccas, Heathcote. As always, we took the usual route through the National Park stopping at Bald Hill/Stanwell Tops to observe the amazing views of the southern coastline. Students from a photography school asked if they could take a series of photographs for their portfolios which we were happy to oblige.

After that we headed off for our traditional stop at Waterfall. The weather forecast was for a rather hot day, and we all finished our meal and travelled back home before the heat of the day struck.
Graeme Gould

