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## The “WOBBLE KNOCKER”



**Two of our club members cars have been put on display at the Museum  
Of Vehicle Evolution at Shepparton recently and have proved quite  
popular with the visiting public.**

**Thank you, Bryce Eishold, with his 24/80 Wolseley and also to Shane  
Coutts for his Morris Minor Low Light Tourer.**

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*The following members are authorised by the club to sign VicRoads renewals.*

Gary Turner, Francis Borg, Sue Wilson, Terry Sawyer, Vincent Stok, Russell Linden.

*The following members are authorized to sign Standard Declaration and Eligibility forms for the CPS.*

*These members are club scrutineers and Safety Officers.*

Gary Turner, Francis Borg, Terry Sawyer, and Vincent Stok.

*(No new cars will be admitted to the scheme unless the VicRoads CPS person, Sue Wilson, grants prior permission.)*

*Club Scrutineer's and Safety Officers are for signing off on the VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration Forms and for advice only. As of March 31, 2017, all cars must require a RWC including all those of pre-1949.*

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Hi members.

Welcome to another "Wobble Knocker" Number 101 for March 2023.

**MEMBERSHIP 150 CLUB CARS (CPS) 140**

As you can see by above the club has reached another milestone of 150 members. This happened a couple of weeks ago and we welcome the new members to our club.

Welcome to Lee Mountford – MG and Kevin Page – Mini. Welcome to the both of you.

**NEW.** We have a new Windscreen Banner which has been professionally printed on vinyl with our club logo and name. This is easy to read and will last for years. The banners are 1.8 meters long which fits my Jaguar easily and are 10cm wide. Full colour logo, black printing on a white background. They will cost members \$10.00 including postage. Photo on my Jaguar in further in the magazine.

**NEW.** Next year in August is our tenth year anniversary in which we plan to do something a bit special. We were thinking of bringing out a grille badge to celebrate the occasion but I've found these types of things are short lived and quite expensive for a small run. So with the help of a few people we will be bringing out a new grille badge which will be the same as our club logo, BMC on one side, Leyland on the other. It will have 'Established 2014' on a small panel underneath with three mounting holes. The colour will be the same as our current logo and will have gold highlighting some of the writing. They look fantastic and are currently in production. Because of the size they will be \$40.00 each and Sue is happy to start taking pre-orders now for them. They will look brilliant beside our original grille badge.

Please take note of some changes to our run calendar as due to some circumstances we have had to change and add several upcoming events. You will be kept informed of these changes so please keep an eye open on emails from the club. For those who don't communicate by email and wonder what's happening, contact Sue on 0421841939. Runs are subject to change every now and again so keep an eye on our Facebook page for all the latest updates.

Don't forget the Bendigo weekend run. **Only 2 rooms left.**

I do apologise if I tend to go on and on about M.O.V.E., The Museum of Vehicle Evolution but I do volunteer there up to 2 and 3 shifts a week and love the place, the changes, the staff, and the other volunteers. I get so much information there that I feel I must share it to our Melbourne members who are missing out in seeing this wonderful museum and I really don't have much else to write about as this place consumes so much of my time. Plus, when I'm at the museum it gives my ears a chance to have a rest from being at home!

Gary Turner

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars



## **SAT – SUN 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH. BENDIGO WEEKEND AWAY. (FINAL CALL)**

A weekend away to Bendigo with guided visits to the Central Deborah Mine and the Chinese Museum. Need to know numbers now so please contact Sue ASAP. Limited rooms available.

## **SUN - 22nd of APRIL (Special Event)**

Melbourne to M.O.V.E. Event. Members are encouraged to enter. I know it can be a bit pricy, but it will be well worth the money.

## **SUN - APRIL 23rd – Yarra Bend Park / Studley Park, Kew**

Mini Golf and “Drive the Boulevard” with lunch at the historic Studley Park Boathouse on the Yarra. Further details are in this newsletter. A great turnout would be good.

Co-ordinator’s: – Craig & Scott.

## **SUN - MAY 28<sup>th</sup>. 46<sup>th</sup> HISTORIC WINTON.**

This is a yearly event, and, in the past, it has been a brilliant day. Car Club displays, FREE entry tickets (Limited quantity) as well as much more. Make a weekend of it if you wish.

## **SUN - JUNE 18TH – 2nd ANNUAL “Battle of Waterloo”**

Picnic Run with British & French Car Clubs – combined run from Waverley Gardens Shopping Centre to picnic at Cardinia Reservoir - Host BMC L Club & CCOCA (Citroen)

Co-ordinator for BMCCC Paul Buck.

## **SUN - JUL 23rd – Club AGM – Wallan Hotel as requested by members for lunch and the clubs AGM.**

Run Co-ordinator: Gary & Sue

## **SAT - AUG 19th - Westernport Gippsland Run – Cranbourne to Tooradin Foreshore for coffee, then on to Poowong Country Pub by meandering country roads.**

Co-ordinator: Derrick Jones

## **SUN – SEPT 24<sup>th</sup> – WINE TOUR – Heathcote area.**

This year our member Brett Huxtable will be taking us on a tour of wineries in and around the Heathcote area. Always a popular run this so get in early.

**Authorised members who can sign your renewals are:**

**Sue Wilson**

222, 65 Channel Road, Shepparton, Vic 3630. **0421841939**

**Terry Sawyer**

15 Kingfisher Court, Carrum Downs, Vic 3201 (Also new vehicles) **0417344371**

**Francis Borg**

1321 Murradoc Rd, St Leonards, Vic 3223 (Also new vehicles) **0414989822**

**Russell Linden**

70A Richelieu Street, Maidstone, Vic 3012. **0411449955**

**Vincent Stok**

27 Mawby Rd, East Bentleigh, Vic 3165 (Also new vehicles) **0411416912**

**Gary Turner**

222, 65 Channel Rd, Shepparton Vic, 3630. (President) **0426951939**

(Also new vehicles)

**PLEASE.** If posting your renewal to be signed, send the whole form, and do not detach any part of it until it has been signed.

Also please send a **STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE** so it can be returned immediately.

**REGALIA**

Car Club Banner	\$10.00
Embroidered Cloth Badge	\$10.00
Club Cap	\$15.00

**CLOTHING**

T-Shirt	\$25.00
Polo Shirts	\$30.00
Rugby Jumper	\$35.00
Club Dress Shirt S/S	\$35.00
Leather Bomber Jacket	\$220.00

Contact Sue or Gary for orders on **0421841939**.



*The line up of cars at the British Motoring Day at Caribbean Gardens.*

## MARCH RUN

*25th and 26th MARCH 2023.*



Staying overnight on the Saturday night the club has organised several things to do both days.

### *Saturday:*

For those who want to travel in convoy meet Calder BP at 10am for a 10.30 depart and travel the 1 ½ hours up to Bendigo meeting at the Eaglehawk Motel, 401 Eaglehawk Road, by 1pm. Otherwise meet at Motel.



Approximately 1:30 we will all travel the 6 Kilometers to the Bendigo Central Deborah Gold Mine where at 2pm we will be going on a guided tour.

You must wear closed shoes, no open top shoes. Boots or sneakers would be perfect.

After the mine we will return to the motel and prepare to go out to dinner at a place to be determined.



### *Sunday.*

Breakfast in Bendigo then we will board to Bendigo Historic Tram and travel into Bendigo to visit the central gardens and the Golden Dragon Museum where we will have a guided Tour.

Afterwards we will have lunch, also at a place to be selected then you are free to travel back home.

**Costs:** Motel \$130.00 Club subsidy \$30.00 You will pay **\$100.00**  
Mine Tour for seniors \$30.00 Non seniors \$35.00  
Tram is FREE. Golden Dragon Museum \$10.00 Con or \$12.00 Full price. Group

At the time of writing this out of the 15 rooms booked only 2 are left. Be quick and let Sue know so you don't miss out.

RSVP ASAP to Sue 0421841939.

**JUST TWO ROOM LEFT**

## RUN REPORT

*Caribbean Park Gardens  
AOMC British Motoring Show.  
26<sup>th</sup> February 2023.*

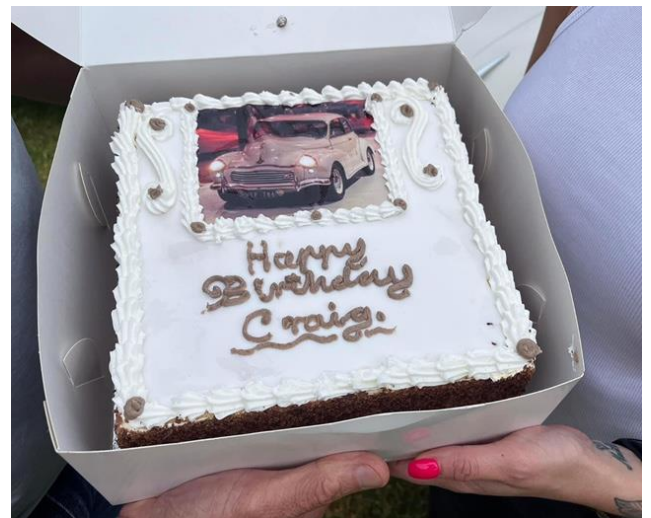
From all the reports I managed to find on Facebook this was a truly magnificent day with many club members turning out on the day. Bryce reported that there were 27 club cars at the show of which I have managed to include some in this report. Seems members like the fact that the venue is very centralized so we will consider making this an annual event if it is held again. Not only was it a great day for those attending but it was also a celebration of sorts for Craig Ellis whose daughter, Samantha Nanette helped him celebrate with a Morris Minor Cake. Happy birthday Craig from all the members all be it a bit late!

Nice to see Ian James and Sue attend in his beautiful truck and caravan. Always a favorite of mine each time it comes along.

Thanks to all who attended and promote the club with the red banners, great to see.

Thanks everyone for the photos that were posted on Facebook, I hope you don't mind me using them for all or members to see.

Thanks to Paul Buck and everyone else who helped and attended.



*Craig Ellis being spoilt by his lovely daughter, Samantha.*



*Ian James and Sue in Ian's Truck and caravan.*



*Club Cars at Caribbean Gardens British Motoring Show.*





## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The very first Melbourne to MOVE event will be held on Saturday the 22nd of April 2023.

Spots are now on sale. Spots are limited so don't miss out.

Join the procession of rare, collectible, and historically significant vehicles, as they make their way from Melbourne's Northwest suburbs through the fantastic Victorian countryside, and lesser travelled roads to the sunny Goulburn Valley, home of the world-class MOVE museum. In the spirit of the "Bay to Birdwood" and the other great classic car runs of the world, we have little doubt that "Melbourne to Move" will build to be a must-do for every classic car enthusiast and be a cornerstone of Victoria's motoring landscape.

The event will start at CMV Truck and Bus in Derimut (NW Melbourne) and the cavalcade will make its way North through small towns and stops then onto Nagambie for lunch and then onto Shepparton and the Finish line Festival at MOVE.

Your entry will include lunch by the lakeside in Nagambie, and dinner at MOVE, and full access to the museum and the Finish line Festival at MOVE. The festival will include the run participant's cars on display, live music, food trucks, local wine and produce, and heaps more. MOVE will provide manned, secure parking for vehicles overnight as part of your entry fee.

Prices:

Vehicle Entry (Includes (1) Driver

\$280+ GST

Passenger

\$110+ GST

Passenger (under 17)

\$40+ GST

The cost of this Melbourne to M.O.V.E. will include lunch at Nagambie, Dinner that night at M.O.V.E., Security overnight undercover for cars if required, free entry into the museum plus heaps more. **WORTH EVERY DOLLAR from what I have seen and heard, come up!!!!**

Motel is next door to M.O.V.E. and have a special deal on the rooms for entrants.

Come and join in this inaugural Melbourne to M.O.V.E. run and see some of the beautiful Goulburn Valley.

**Details contact Gary 0426951939**

## A message from Sue.

Please keep an eye open for your Club Permit Scheme Renewals from Vic Roads. We have had a few members where VR has not sent it out so keep in mind when its due.

Make sure you pay your CPS renewal after it's been signed. Some people haven't or have thought they had. This could be a very costly mistake for you.

Yes, you do have a *3-month* grace period but don't drive your car in that time. The day your CPS is due to be paid is the day it expires so if you do forget you will be fined over \$800.00 and will need to get a new RWC to put it back on the CPS.

Just don't forget and write down your due date on a calendar or something else you see often.

The club is not responsible for sending you out reminders although we sometimes do.

On another note, **PLEASE** keep your contact details up to date especially your email address. It's important that we can contact you at any time.

Thanks, Sue.

**CURRENT MEMBERSHIP 150**

**CARS ON THE CLUB PERMIT SCHEME 140**

(With another 5 cars getting ready to come onto the scheme)



This is the artwork for our new logo and our new grille badge.

# 46<sup>th</sup> HISTORIC WINTON

27th and 28th May 2023



[www.historicwinton.org](http://www.historicwinton.org)

Winton Motor raceway, Benalla, Victoria



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## The selected anniversaries being celebrated at the 46th Historic Winton in 2023 are:

**120 years** - Buick Motor Company, Ford Motor Company, Standard Motor Company, Harley Davidson

**110 years** - Morris Oxford Bull Nose, Aston Martin.

**100 years** - Alvis 12/50, Amilcar CGS, BMW Motorcycles, MG, Triumph (cars).

**90 years** - Singer Nine, Morris Ten.

**75 years** - Land Rover, Morris Minor, Porsche 356, Vauxhall Velox, Vauxhall Wyvern, Citroen 2CV.

**70 years** - FJ Holden, 1st Redex Trial, Sunbeam Alpine, Triumph TR2, Lagonda, MG Magnette.

**60 years** - Corvette Stingray, EH Holden, Lightburn Zeta, Hillman Imp, Triumph 2000, Vauxhall Viva.

**50 years** - Leyland P76

**Other displays in 2023:** Postie Bikes, Cycle Karts, Vintage Speedsters, Vintage Motorbikes.

This will be a regular event on our calendar as it's been so popular in the past. Members are invited to come up and Sue and I can find some affordable accommodation for you if you wish to do both days. Free tickets to enter can be arranged but these are a limited number. If you want to attend and we enter as a group we will meet at the Benalla McDonalds at 8am and we can all travel together.

Please contact Sue for further details on **0421841939** for another great weekend.



**Windscreen Banners now available at \$10.00 including postage.**



The museum of Vehicle Evolution is Shepparton welcomes two BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc cars to the collection adding to an already display of BMC vehicles.

Bryce Eishold who bought up his 1966 24/80 Wolseley MkII told us of the sad story of how he became the owner after the previous owners and BMC Club Member Graeme Williamson passed away unexpectedly. He said the family and Graeme would be so proud to see it displayed in such a prime position in the museum.

Shane Coutts who is also a member of the club bought up to Shepparton his original 1950 Morris Minor Lowlight Tourer which he has owned for some time.



**Engine:** 918cc side valve in-line 4, making 27.5 hp (20kW) and 39lb ft. (50Nm) of torque.

**Gearbox:** Four speed manual, synchromesh on second, third and top.

**Suspensions:** Front: independent, torsion bars. Rear: live axle, half-elliptic leaf springs.

**Brakes:** Four-wheel hydraulic drum brakes.

**Country of origin:** Australia.

This quintessentially British car was actually assembled in Australia. The Norfolk group that manufactured Morris started assembling cars for the Australian market at Jelland, Sydney in 1950. The Morris Minor was the brainchild of famed automotive designer, Sir Alec Issigonis who also designed the Mini.

Apart from its underpowered, pre-war engine, the Morris Minor was incredibly modern when it was introduced in 1948. With unitary construction, torsion bar front suspension and rack and pinion steering, the Minor was easily the best handling economy car on the market in the early 1950s.

Most Minors sold were sedans (leaflets), however tourers were popular. This 1950 Minor is a genuine tourer, not one that was converted from a sedan. Sales of the Minor ended in Australia in 1963 to encourage more Mini sales, however the Minor proved a production in the UK for another decade and Minor vans were still on sale in 1966.

A 1950 advertisement for a Lowlight Minor published in the Australian Women's Weekly.



**1965 24/80 MK II**

**Engine:** 2433cc BMC "Blue Streak" in-line six, overhead valve.

**Gearbox:** Three-speed manual, rear wheel drive.

**Suspension:** Front: independent, coil springs. Rear: live axle, half-elliptic leaf springs.

**Performance:** 0-100km/h (62mph): 18.2 seconds. Top speed: 134km/h (83mph).

**Country of origin:** Australia.

In the early 1960s British Motor Corporation (Australia) was using a large number of sales to Australian-made products from the American owned 'Big Three', Ford, Holden and Chrysler. In response to this threat, BMC's Australian division set about producing a six-cylinder family car to compete with its rivals. The Austin Freeway was released in 1962 and featured the 'Blue Streak' straight six, which had been developed in Australia from the four-cylinder BMC B-Series engine. Staying true to the BMC tradition of better engineering to reduce costs, the Freeway kept the same 'Fraser'

Herbert Austin was responsible for diversifying Wolseley into cars to reduce the seasonal fluctuations in income inherent



## **Not BMC or Leyland related but a bit of interest to members.**

Just as a point of interest and I know these vehicles are not BMC, but they belong to Lindsay Fox. The Fire Engine he bought from the United States and spent over \$1 million restoring it and the other truck, Courage, was one of the first fleet of 48 trucks he bought from International in order to get the CUB Contract. Spending a million dollars again. In fact the Rooster or Cock on the top of the truck he paid over \$100,000 for it and we have had to install special security to keep an eye on it.



### **MINI MAKEOVERS**

**Just want to shout out to a friend of the BMC-Leyland Car Club Inc.**

**The owner of Mini Makeovers, Joe Parnis.**

**They are situated at Gate 3, Unit 5, Thor Court East Keilor VIC 3033**

**03 7038 0739**

**0411 170 413**

Website: [Mini & Moke Parts Supplier in Australia | Mini Spares Australia \(minimakeovers1275.com.au\)](http://minimakeovers1275.com.au)

Joe at Mini Makeovers has referred a number of new members to our club from existing clubs where they weren't getting much satisfaction or service from their committee and so on.

So to all our members, if you need a good mechanic or mechanical advice, please contact him and have a chat.

Let's support those who support us.

# Some BMC Vehicles at the Museum of Vehicle Evolution, Shepparton.



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