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## Editors Report.

Hi Everyone

Who can believe its almost Christmas? This year has flown for Kristy and I. 12 months ago I was only dreaming of owning a classic car such as a Morrie, now we have a Minor in the family, we are members of this great club and have now got new friends for life. I have come to really enjoy the outings with the club and constantly on the look out for events we can attend so we can meet up with members just to catch up.

But that is the point of a club, in any area of interest or hobby, to meet up with people in localised area, or quite dispersed as well, and discuss, brag, and show off like minded interests. I believe this club has all these great qualities and then some. We are younger members who love the company of older folk, and learning from their experiences and stories of life, so it means much more to us then just a car club, and the welcome we have received into the club has been truly warming and fantastic. Kristy and I would like to thank all the members for this.

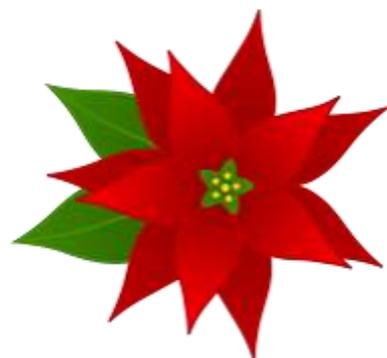
On another note, we are thinking of adding some more areas into this little magazine of ours, and would like for you to let us know what you think of the sections.

- ◆ For Sale (For Sale/Wanted section)
- ◆ Club merchandising (Just some photos of merchandise and how to get it with prices)
- ◆ Extended business advertising.

Let me know if you have any other ideas and/or any other suggestions.

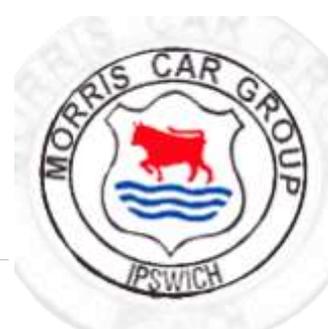
Wishing everyone a wonderful Christmas and New Year and be safe.  
Cheers!

Wayne Clark



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## Official Business

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### MEETINGS, FEES, MEMBERSHIP COUNT

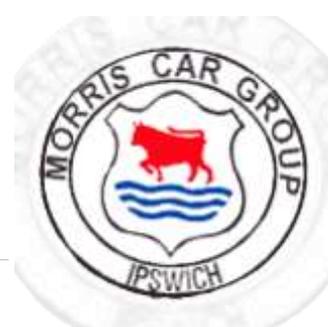
Our meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Councillors Office, Raceview Shopping Centre, Raceview.  
MCGI currently has 24 paid memberships, covering 39 individuals.

### GROUP AIMS

The aims of the group are:

- to foster the preservation and active use of all models of Morris vehicles produced between 1948 and 1971;
- to provide a forum for the exchange of general information and technical advice; and
- conduct a variety of motoring and social activities.

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## THE FUN STUFF!



Happy Birthdays go out to these members:

**December:** 30th Gaynore Stoessel

**January:** 9th Betty Bayntun  
19th Elaine Leatherborrow  
23rd David Beaver

**February:** 18th Leone Waters  
27th Ray Lomax

*Don't forget to wish them a happy birthday!*



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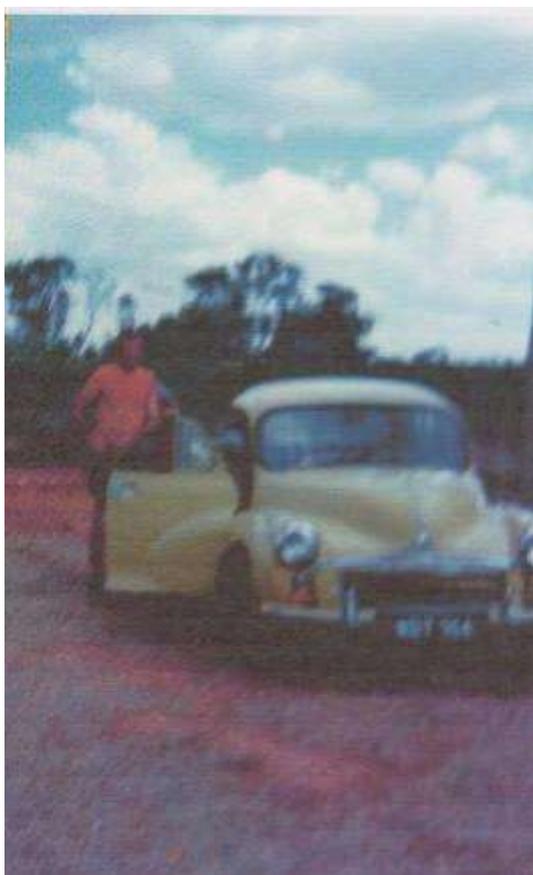


## Member Profile

*In each edition will have a small members profile, so please send us some of your details so we can add you in one of our newsletters*

**Name:** Trevor Waters with “Herbie”

This is a recollection and history of Trevor Waters first vehicle that he bought and he still owns today. As a lad of 17, my dad saw this ute in a car yard at Kingaroy and he came home and asked me if I could buy this ute. So next day I went to buy it. It was a 1957 Morris Ute, a pastel blue in colour. It is a 4 cylinder manual transmission. I put a small deposit on it and paid it off on 6 monthly instalments as I had some pigs and calves that I was rearing, and paid instalments through the selling of them. I have forgotten what price I paid for it, but it was in the old currency of pounds, shillings and pence. Transfer fee for registration at the time of buying the ute was 8 pound 12 shillings and 6 pence.

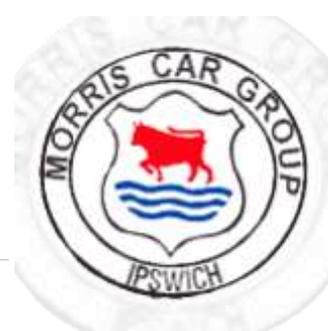


The ute was used on the farm at PROSTON. I made a crate for the back of it, to carry pigs and calves to take to the pig and calf auctions. My father could see the advantages of my buying the ute as he could then be able to carry everything that was needed to, in the back of it, such as bags of Corkwood leaves (used in the making of eyedrop solution) also for bags of grain and feed for pigs etc, and for a variety of uses in and around the farm. I bought the ute on 18-06-1964 and am still using it today. The ute was a pastel blue in colour, and it has seen a couple of changes of colour since. I left the farm at the end of 1968 to work at the Murgon Cheese Factory and would go home overnight when required to cart the pigs to market. In the late 1968—1969, I used to travel to Ipswich from Murgon every third weekend to meet with the girlfriend.

In January of 1970 I moved to Ipswich. The ute was my main source of transport to work. In the mid 1970s, I had the rust cut out and repainted it. The colour was changed to a harvest gold, at a cost of approximately \$100.

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It remained that colour until March 2008 and it painted a deeper shade of blue with a hint of green. Since the move to Ipswich, this 1957 Morris Ute has been my main source of transport to work in and around Ipswich and the Brisbane areas as I changed my job to be a truck driver in these areas.

When I first bought it, it used to run on standard fuel, and I changed to super when unleaded came into use, then when super wads taken off the market, I had to use unleaded with a lead additive, but I went to the media to find out what to use and how to go about it. I rebuilt the motor myself a couple of times. A young lad had sold me another motor for \$100 so I put it in and after a long time I had it rebuilt. The mileage on the speedo had been around approximately 2 and a half times. I have done all of my own mechanical work on it and have been lucky at getting 2nd hand spare parts, but one can still buy new ones too. There is a club that one can join. It's the Morris Club, where they have swap meets and general discussions etc.

I have been on many trips including Kingaroy and Proston. The latest trip was to Bundaberg and also to Hervey Bay and back to Wondai, Kingaroy and home to Ipswich. Whilst at Bundaberg, many people took a lot of interest in the ute and also on several stops for petrol and breaks, people saw and commented on it as they like what they saw. On leaving Bundaberg, it was that we would make it back to Ipswich okay as it was all downhill. It made it back through to Wondai first and then eventually back home, and it wasn't all downhill either. Actually on this trip I got approximately 13kms to the litre or 36miles to the gallon. The fuel tank holds 5 gallons or 22 and a half litres.

So after 49 and a half years owning the ute, there are not too many people can say that they still own their first vehicle. Looking back at what the registration cost in 1969 it was \$28.15, in 1978 it was \$65.10, in 1989 it was \$211.10, in 1999 it was \$487.00, in 2008 it was \$582.00 and for 2009 it was \$688.25.

On one of my trips to Proston, I got as far as Moore, when the throttle spring broke, so I tied a piece of string to the throttle and held against the foot pedal and drove to Blackbutt where I got a new spring for 80cents to put me back on the road. A person standing nearby laughed and said that "if it was my vehicle, I would be waiting for a tow truck to pick me up", as with modern cars one can't use a piece of string to keep you going.

I had several different quotes to bring the ute to the as new condition as it is today. The quotes were from \$6,000 to \$10,000 just for preparing and painting. This did not include the cost of rubbers. I had the lot done for approximately \$3,500 as it stands today with new rubbers, paint, floor carpets, hood-lining, seat covers and new door-skins. I had a tonneau-cover made up for approximately \$120.

It acquired the nickname of "Herbie."





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## Past Events

### Ormiston

### Sunday 20th October

There were 4 morries to the Ormiston display day, they put on a great day with a great turn out of cars and also there were great raffles on the day.

Tina in the “Little Red Rocket” won ladies choice for the day. Well done Tina!

## Goodna Jacaranda Festival Show n Shine 2013

### Sunday 27th October

The day was perfect with great weather and great company. Five members were present on the day. There were market stalls and plenty of rides for the kiddies.





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## Harrisville Street Parade

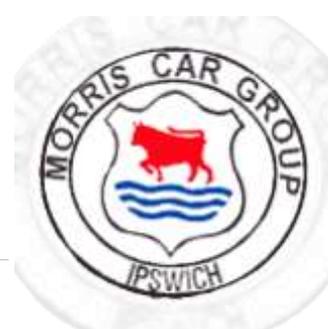
*Saturday 2nd of November*

We had the biggest turn out yet we had 8 morries and it was great to see. Everyone enjoyed the parade and then parked to look around the town. Great day had by all.



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## Edna's BBQ at Jimboomba

**Sunday 10th November**

Great Day was had by all we had 5 morries and a hot rod in tow for the day, we had a fantastic BBQ and we had a sudden departure when everyone saw the storm coming our way. I think everyone made it home just in time to miss the hail and rain.

## Sunday 8th December

**Christmas Lunch Breakup**

We had our Christmas break up at Sizzler Booval. Many members were present which was great to see. The company was great as always but unfortunately we can't say the same for the venue. Due to uncomfortable experience we suffered at Sizzler, we left with very little nice things to say. But other than that the day was great with lots of catching up, chatting, shooting the breeze and of course... Morrie Talk!



## Something Short

"Mr Pebbles" was up the Gap getting his rocks off! Our famous member Ian destroyed the rock off the Cunningham Highway.  
Thank you Ian!!

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## I'm Fine Thank You!



There is nothing the matter with me,  
I'm as healthy as I can be.  
I have arthritis in both my knees  
And when I talk, I talk with a wheeze.  
My pulse is weak, and my blood is thin,  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

Arch supports I have for my feet,  
Or I wouldn't be able to be on the street,  
Sleep is denied me night after night,  
But every morning I find I'm all right.  
My memory is failing, my head's in a spin  
But I'm awfully well for the shape I'm in.

The moral is this as my tale I unfold -  
That for you and me who are growing old,  
It's better to say "I'm fine" with a grin,  
Than to let folks know the shape we are in.

How do I know that my youth is all spent?  
Well, my "get up and go" has got up and went.  
But I really don't mind when I think with a grin,  
Of all the grand places my "get up" has bin.



Old age is golden I've heard it said  
But, sometimes I wonder as I get into bed.  
With my ears in the drawer, my teeth in a cup,  
My eyes on the table until I wake up.  
Ere sleep overtakes me, I say to myself,  
"Is there anything else I could lay on the shelf?"

When I was young my slippers were red,  
I could kick my heels over my head.  
When I was older my slippers were blue,  
But still I could dance the whole night through.  
Now I am old my slippers are black,  
I walk to the store and puff my way back.

I get up each morning and dust off my wits  
And pick up the paper and read the "Obits",  
If my name is still missing I know I'm not dead,  
So I have a good breakfast and go back to bed.



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