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# SunMog



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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Moggie lovers of all colours and sizes,

As we near another September All British Day annual general meeting I ask that all members think about helping with the running of our club and nominate for a position on our club's committee. If you do not wish to be on the committee then perhaps suggest a destination new or previously enjoyed, that we can add to our trip calendar, running the trip is optional.

This year we have had several weekend runs that have been new to our calendar and they have been a great success, so thank you Clive, Greg, Keith and Judy for the thought and organisation that goes into these weekend events.

I pay special tribute and great thanks to Clive for his endless enthusiasm in running the club. His passion for our great Morgans and our Club must be recognised.

Our new web site has just gone live [Morgan Owners Queensland](#) and Marg has established a [Facebook](#) page so we have the ability to enter impromptu runs for those members who have special registrations.

A little technical trivia - our silver Morgan's fan died and had to be replaced, so off to Repco I go to purchase a replacement and it was a little thicker, but I did get it to fit with some modifications. I rewired it but could not find the relay and 30 AMP fuse. I tried Dr Google but no luck so fitted a new system. It still ran hot so after lots of reviewing etc plus the odd curse.... I found that the fan was blowing NOT sucking so 2 snips and re-joining wires it now SUCKS. Please let this be a lesson DO NOT come to me for technical wiring advice.

The weather of late has been perfect for open car driving so Marg and I have been making the most of it since we have been home and are looking forward to Keith & Judy's mid-week run down to Stanthorpe.

Joe Day  
Stay safe and enjoy your "Drive"

## 2019 Calendar of Events

**AUGUST**  
**20-22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **Weekend away at Stanthorpe**

Staying at Diamondvale Cottages. Looking for expressions of interest. This is a limited number event as Diamondvale only caters for a maximum of 10 couples.

*Please contact Keith & Judy Browning E:*

*[jbrowning58@gmail.com](mailto:jbrowning58@gmail.com)*

THIS EVENT IS FULLY BOOKED.

**25<sup>TH</sup>**

### **PEAK CROSSING**

This is not an organised Morgan Run. It is a charity event raising money for the local Rotary Club. \$20 donation at the gate.

Please contact Allan Hillless at [eandflypreregister@gmail.com](mailto:eandflypreregister@gmail.com)

**SEPTEMBER**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

### **ALL BRITISH DAY /Morgan AGM**

All British Day held at St Josephs College, Vivian Street Tennyson. The Morgan Owners Queensland AGM is held at this event.

**OCTOBER**  
**Sunday 20<sup>TH</sup>**

### **MOOLOOLABA BOAT CRUISE**

Lunch Cruise. Departs Mooloolaba Wharf a 11.00 returning 12.30 \$39 per person Includes lunch.

Contact Ian Sawley M: 0457 521313 E: [i.sawley@outlook.com](mailto:i.sawley@outlook.com)

**NOVEMBER**  
**24<sup>TH</sup>**

### **CHRISTMAS LUNCH**

## TRIP NOTES

### DAVID HACK RUN – SATURDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2019

*By Greg Lane*

The day started briskly, fine but chilly in the car park of the Brisbane Planetarium with only two vehicles, Greg Lane in the 4/4 and Jeff & Lyn Boucat in their sporty 3 Wheeler from Bribie Island. Jeff and Lynn were appropriately attired for the weather in true 3 Wheeler fashions.

We then motored out to the Western Freeway and on through the suburbs of Kenmore, Pullenvale, Moggill and ultimately to Mount Crosby crossing the Brisbane River at College's Crossing where the river is a mere trickle, travelling on to the Ipswich bypass and turning west to Marburg, one of the older towns in the Lockyer Valley just off the Warrego Highway.

A quiet coffee and cake and a stroll through the towns antique shops ensued whilst we waited to be joined by Keith Browning. After Keith joined us, we then headed for our lunch venue at Gatton via Rosewood, Laidley and Forest Hill. This area has not received rain for some considerable time and the paddocks were dry in the extreme.



We arrived at Gatton around noon and motored through the township to the Lockyer Valley Gallery and Cultural Centre on the town's western side having travelled 105 km from the Planetarium. There are a number of features of the Lockyer Valley Gallery and Cultural Centre, including a local gallery and the Queensland Transport Museum as well as an interesting restaurant.

For the princely sum of six dollars we were admitted to the Queensland Transport Museum which contains an impressive array of restored trucks and other vehicles from the various small firms that have transported goods throughout Queensland for in years gone by.

We were joined by Clive and Lee Boyle for lunch.



We then headed west towards the town of Grantham taking the Warwick Clifton Road about 3 km outside Gatton. Jeff and Lynn parted company with us at this time, given that they had travelled considerable distance before joining me at the start of the day they felt that they would be much more comfortable making a direct run to Toowoomba rather than following the rest of us on our journey around the Downs.

The Warwick to Clifton Road is an interesting run through a wide range of country. Again, before we started to climb up over the dividing range the countryside was very dry and obviously seriously drought affected, however once we reached the top of the range the temperature dropped markedly, and the grass grew much higher.

Extensive cultivation of sorghum and other grain crops along this road made for a major change from the Lockyer Valley.

Our next destination was the Glengallen Homestead, formerly a derelict building, it is under restoration by a local committee. Whilst none of us were particularly interested in the Homestead the staff arranged for us to have access to the grounds of the Homestead with our cars.

We then headed north via the little villages of Clifton, Nobby, Greenmount, Cambooya and Wyreema by which time night was starting to fall rather quickly. I had surveyed this trip in February not allowing for the shortening of the days by late May, so we were slightly disadvantaged by driving in the fast-coming dusk.

We then entered Toowoomba from the south-west on the Toowoomba - Millmerran Road ultimately picking up the South Western section of the new Toowoomba bypass Road and in doing so passed by the new Wellcamp Airport arriving at our motel in the dark.

In true Morganeer style, after a brief clean-up, cheeses, snacks and several bottles of red wine were produced, and the usual post run celebrations undertaken. Keith Browning showed his cunning at this point because he had promised Judy that he would only take one bottle of wine, which he did but it was at least a 1 L bottle rather than the standard 750 mills that the rest of us are accustomed too.

At this stage we were then joined by Chris and Patty Beecham, who had been obliged to work until late Saturday afternoon.

We were then transported to the Toowoomba Hockey Club complex for dinner, a magnificent venue packed with people.

### **SUNDAY MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>**

After a leisurely breakfast, we motored in convoy to the Toowoomba Airport to take part in the David Hack charity event. I would estimate that there were have been at least 300 cars and assorted vehicles at the event although an unusual feature appeared to be that the vehicles were arranged by car clubs rather than manufacturers or categories as there were random vehicles throughout the display. Mini's had a particularly strong representation. As usual a lot of interest from the public in the 3 Wheeler.



## AMAMOOR LODGE MARY VALLEY RATTLER 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019

*By: Clive Boyle*

Only a small group but what a great weekend we had in perfect Morgan weather albeit a little chilly in the early morning.

Three Morganeers met at Aussie World carpark on the Friday, one Plus 8, one 3 Wheeler and a Plus 9 driven by Lawrie & Lyn as their Plus 8 was in for repairs. Up the highway in perfect weather to the Gympie Woodwork Museum and lunch in the grounds which surround the museum. The museum opened in 1984 as a joint venture between the Department of Forestry and the Queensland Museum to preserve the artefacts and traditions associated with: forest development and conservation, production and distribution of timber, and timber products. The museum was granted to the Gympie regional Council by the Qld Government in 2009. In 2011 the Museum was leased to Private Forestry Services Queensland and is still run by employees of that entity and volunteers. After wandering around the many displays and listening to history and tales by the volunteers a BYO lunch was enjoyed by all in the grounds.



Our accommodation for Friday night was the Gympie Muster Inn and after booking in we walked through the town to find somewhere to eat our evening meal. Suggested choices were the Chinese opposite the Inn, RSL or the Italian restaurant. When we asked the owner of our digs, he was quick to say don't go to the Chinese, RSL and Italian OK. Our walk took us past an old Queenslander house that had been converted to a Restaurant named Hansford House. After talking to the staff and looking at the menu we all agreed on that venue for our evening meal. More important things called happy hour in the carpark at the Inn. The restaurant turned out to be first class service, food and wine excellent.

Gympie to our accommodation for Saturday evening and our ride on the Rattler was a short but very cold 20 minutes or was supposed to be until our leader, yours truly, took a wrong turn in Amamoor and we ended up in the State Forrest. Patty Beecham met us at the Lodge, Chris would join us later in the afternoon. We were greeted by the owners Malcolm & Christine and their very friendly dog Chester.



Unpacked and booked in we headed to Amamoor station to await the arrival of the Mary Valley Rattler (steam train) our transport back to Gympie for lunch at Platform 1 restaurant on the restored old Gympie station. Our hosts had organised for the cars to be parked opposite the station next to a small café, the staff of the café watched the cars while we were away. The Mary Valley Rattler is a not-for-profit organisation ensuring the public has access to a historic rail experience. It is operated with assistance from a large group of volunteers and a voluntary board. After a 1-hour train ride through rolling farmland and commentary on the history of the Rattler we arrived at our lunch destination on the old Gympie station. The whole station has been restored beautifully, service at the restaurant fast and the food excellent. So, after some good food and wine it was back on the Rattler for our return journey.

Happy hour at the Lodge in the lounge area in front of an open fire, also where our evening meal would be enjoyed. The meal was great, and the owners were perfect hosts. The food cooked by Malcolm pleased everybody and the wine just added to the stories told, some true and maybe some a little exaggerated. The majority of the crew retired at a reasonable hour, but a few were determined to finish the bottle of Port, which they did.



A chilly Sunday morning greeted us but breakfast on the veranda in the sun soon had us warmed up and well fed. Again, perfect hosts put on a very comprehensive continental spread nothing was too much trouble. All packed we said our goodbyes to fellow members and hosts.

Amamoor Lodge is great place for a getaway, and we will stay there again.



## CULTURE IN THE COUNTRY

*By: Clive Boyle*

Our venture to the opera at Jimbour House over the three days in July was a great success. This event is held every 2 years and is presented by the Queensland Music Festival, Western Downs Regional Council, Opera Qld and the Russell Pastoral Company. It is held in the amphitheatre below the magnificent heritage listed Jimbour House (the Russell family home) which is located on a sheep property 15 to 20 mins north of Dalby Qld.

On the Friday we met at BP Blacksoil, six Morgans arrived in perfect weather albeit a little chilly in the morning but the day was shaping into a "cracker". Only five Morgan's left the meeting place in convoy as one had to return home to retrieve forgotten opera tickets, they would join us at the lunch venue. Up the highway to the Spring Bluff turn off which takes us on a very pleasant Morgan road run through Murphy's Creek to our morning tea stop at the Spring Bluff heritage listed railway station.



There we were met by new member John Turnbull in his very nice plus 8. John has recently moved from Tamworth NSW to Toowoomba Qld and has some very good ideas for runs around that region. After our break off up the range to our lunch stop the Picnic Point Café located on top of the range in Toowoomba. This venue has panoramic views over the valley the food is good and the service excellent, we use this venue often. After lunch John led us on a scenic drive to our motel in Dalby on the way we paid a brief visit to the Jondaryan woolshed a very large site dedicated to all things sheep. The size of the shearing shed was amazing, and we tried to imagine what life would have been like for the shearers and their families.

At our motel in Dalby there were six Morgans and three tintops 17 people in total. Happy hour (or more) was held in the motel carpark and we noticed other guests looking horrified at the prospect of these mad Morgan driving people partying all night. They did not have to worry as it was off to a local hotel for dinner.



The morning presented again perfect sunny weather and our bus arrived at 9.15 am to transport us to Jimbour Station. This year we were not allowed to park our cars in the amphitheatre and decided that a small bus both ways was very convenient. It proved to be a winner as the members were able to have a few drinks and not have to worry about Mr Plod who was waiting just outside the entrance as we left.

The venue is unique out in an open paddock below Jimbour House with a large stage set up to accommodate the Queensland Youth Orchestra, Opera Queensland Toowoomba Chorus and five opera singers.

The sound set up is excellent and the crowd is surrounded by stalls selling food, alcohol, local produce and craft items. There is roving entertainment and a chance to wander the grounds of the stately Jimbour House. Rehearsals are conducted in

the morning and the main performance starts at 2.30 pm and finishes at 4.30 pm. The perfect way to spend Saturday listening to some culture in the country, having a few drinks and some food in perfect weather.

Back to motel on the bus and happy hour again in the carpark then off to dinner at the Russell Tavern which is within walking distance. Lots of talk over dinner and drinks about the day's events and all things Morgan before a welcome ride back to the motel by taxi.

After breakfast at the motel and a line-up of Morgan's in the carpark it was off home after another very enjoyable Opera at Jimbour Station. We will certainly be back in 2021.





## MORGAN NEWS



Welcome to Morganville, home of the world-wide Morgan membership database, the Morgan Registry! I'm trying to get a list of all Morgan owners and information about their cars. Hopefully this will help someone to find a particular car or fellow Morgan lover that they may know about. In addition, feel free to explore the other Morgan car enthusiast information including production numbers, prices, a bibliography, history, music, trivia and the author's personal Morgan Saga.

<https://morganville.org/>

## Update on Use of SIVS Registered Vehicles

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The Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) has recently clarified the way in which it interprets the rules in relation to SIVS registered vehicles, also known as club registration. The Queensland Historic Motoring Council (QHMC) which represents the affiliated car clubs to Government lobbied TMR to change the existing SIVS rules to a scheme similar to the "Impromptu Events" one used in WA. This "Impromptu Events" scheme allows individual members to initiate a run in their SIVS vehicle at short notice.

TMR has now agreed to us having "Impromptu Events" here in Qld.

Email from TMR to Doug Young on 19 November 2018

*Good Morning Doug,*

*Thank you for your email about Western Australia's concessional registration scheme for historic vehicles. Apologies for the delay in responding.*

*As you are aware, WA offers a registration concession to owners of Veteran, vintage, post vintage or invitational vehicles (referred to as a 404 concession). As part of the concession, WA places conditions to the vehicle licence, which restricts the use of the vehicle and this restricted use is reflected in the reduced registration fees and motor vehicle injury insurance premium payable. The restricted use that applies in WA is comparable to the conditions and restrictions that apply in Queensland.*

*As you have mentioned, the restricted vehicle use in WA includes impromptu events, which allows for vehicles participating in an impromptu event involving one or more vehicles may be acceptable provided the event is recorded in the clubs official run log. While the conditions and restrictions that apply in Queensland do not specially mention 'impromptu event', the Department of Transport and Main Roads is happy for Queensland incorporated car clubs to manage impromptu events on a case by case basis, as long as the event is added to the incorporated clubs newsletter, website or social media page.*

*I trust this information is of assistance.*

**Daniel Kaden**

*Manager (Registration Policy)*

*Transport Regulation Branch | Department of Transport and Main Roads*

## THE OBJECTS OF MORGAN OWNERS QUEENSLAND



To make this club as accessible as possible to all people with an interest in Morgan vehicles whether they be owners, drivers or enthusiasts;

To promote fellowship among members through rallies, outings, meetings and the like; To promote Morgan Owners Queensland Inc. to the public through displays, rallies etc. and endeavour to further interest in Morgan motor vehicles.

## MEETINGS & EVENTS

Management Committee meetings are held 4 times each year or as required. All Club members are free to raise any issue by writing to the Secretary.

Events are held approximately Monthly: Secretary distributes details by email to members. A calendar of events is provided on the concluding pages of this magazine. Whilst every effort is made to adhere to the dates set out in the calendar, these may change due to unforeseen circumstances.

All club members are encouraged to volunteer to organise events. All Morgan owners and enthusiasts are invited and welcome to join all events. The AGM is held annually in September.

### MEMBERSHIP FEES Due (1<sup>st</sup> July 2018)

Full year: \$50 per calendar year. New Memberships (Payment for 1<sup>st</sup> year)

Joining date: 01 Jul – 31 Dec Pay 100%  
01 Jan – 31 Mar Pay 50%  
01 Apr – 30 June Pay 25%

DUE 30<sup>th</sup> June annually

***If your vehicle is registered on the Concessional Registration Scheme, it is a requirement of the Scheme for you to remain a financial member.***

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