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# SunMog



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## 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

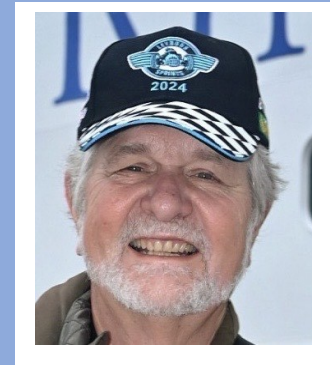
February TBA	Hot Chilli Run	Keith and Judy Browning
March		
April		
April 30 ,May 1,2,3	Morgans in the Glen Holiday Tour and Celtic Festival	John and Julie Turnbull
June TBA	Lunch / Run	Vernon and Allison Hobbs
July		
August		
September TBA	All British Day and AGM	Clive Boyle
October TBA	Car Show at Samford Showgrounds and Lunch	Lance and Susie Boucaut
November TBA	Christmas Lunch	Committee

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the final edition of SunMog for 2025.

It has certainly been a year with many interesting runs! As you can see, we are starting to build our 2026 calendar, but we have some gaps to fill! We encourage new members to consider organising a club run. Committee members and others are always willing to help.

If you'd like to contribute to this newsletter I'd love to hear from you, please send your content and ideas to email [Lsboucaut@gmail.com](mailto:Lsboucaut@gmail.com) by the 25th of January for the next edition of the SunMog.



Happy Morganeering, and have a great Christmas! We'll see you on the Hot Chilli run in February.

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## RAINFOREST to the BRISBANE VALLEY

17<sup>th</sup> October 2025

Early on a beautifully sunny and warm spring Friday morning, a group of nine Morganeers gathered at the Lifestyle Centre on Mt Glorious Road. A great place five minutes out of Samford Village, for an early meet-up with good parking, coffee and toilet facilities.

As planned, at 9am, Greg, Tom, Kev, Tony and Anne, Lawrie and Lyn, and Lance and yours truly, set off toward Mt Glorious. It's always an enjoyable Morgan run over Mt Glorious and it was particularly so on this occasion.



We then followed the Wivenhoe-Somerset Road towards Fernvale, arriving there for our morning tea about ten o'clock. The Old Fernvale Bakery and Café has a good reputation for coffee and food, and the service was great too.



After a leisurely and delicious morning tea, we headed off in convoy, towards Lowood, Esk, Gatton, Laidley through Grandchester and eventually to Rosewood for lunch at the Royal George Hotel there. Very interesting countryside along the way, definitely a bit dry, but nonetheless enjoyable and interesting.



We encountered some roadworks including freshly tarred roads (not underway when the recce was done). Preliminary checks have revealed no tar on our paintwork so hopefully that is the case for all the cars.



Your writer was acting as navigator in the lead car, and I missed providing information, in a timely fashion to Lance, about an impending right hand turn. This resulted in an additional 15 minutes driving, and some flustered consultation with our GPS, but eventually all six vehicles rolled into Rosewood, hungry and hot!! Some lively and humorous discussion about Lance needing a new navigator (not a lot of applicants!!) and reminiscing too about some other slightly unplanned Morganeering deviations and adventures on previous runs!

The service at The Royal George was great, and the meal proportions adhered to the tradition of country dining and were more than adequate. No one desired dessert! I was enjoying the conversion so much I forgot to take photos of us dining, but we did get some photos of the beautiful Morgans! Many thanks to Lyn Cobb for her contributions which are much appreciated.

We all started the drive home not long after 2pm, four of us behind Greg in convoy to Marburg then on to our separate journeys. We made it home to Samford not too long after 4pm.



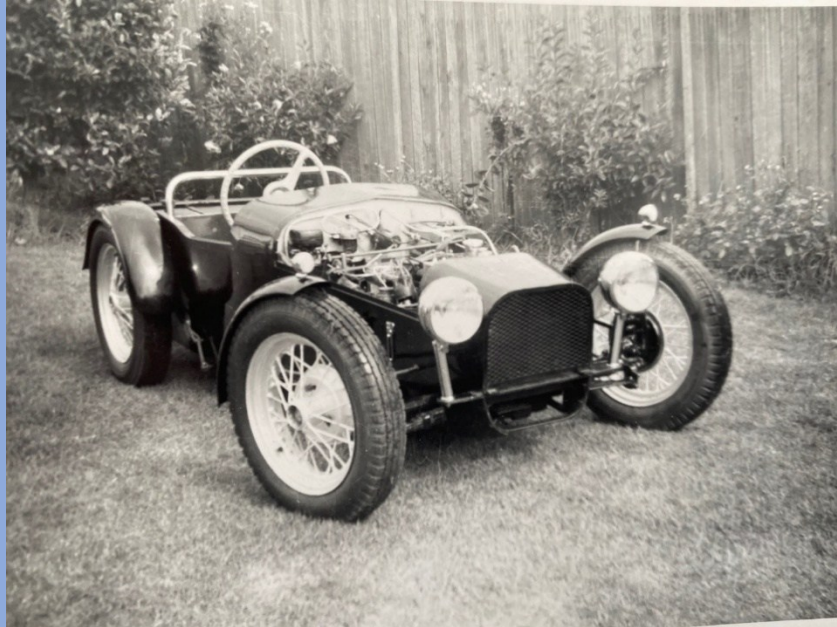
## MEMBER PROFILE

### John Turnbull

Like so many of my era, I had an early interest in anything that moved and was mechanical.

Although born in Sydney, I spent most of my childhood on dairy farms along the NSW north coast. Farming and milking machinery fascinated me; Lister Stationary engines, driving rotary vacuum pumps, the hiss of rushing air, the sound and movement of slide valves as the cups performed their magic and the sound of warm milk pulsing through the system. The machine was alive.

A Fitting and Machining Apprenticeship followed high school, this was immediately upgraded to a Toolmaking Certificate at Sydney Technical College. During this time, aged 18, I designed and built an Austin 7 Special, along the lines of the newly released Lotus 7, mostly from wrecking yard parts. This project led to a lifelong love of sports cars. A Triumph TR2 and a Triumph TR4 preceded a Triumph 2500 PI and two Triumph 2000 TCs for family reasons.



**Austin 7 Special (circa 1962)**

During the 1970s, I studied Mechanical Engineering and worked as a designer in the field of Engineered Plastics. A teaching qualification was completed at Sydney Teachers College, followed by 15 years of teaching with NSW TAFE. While teaching, I purchased a Mazda RX-7 that ignited my interest in the brilliance of the Rotary engine. The little Mazda completed over 200,000 km, largely trouble free. Currently, the RX-7 resides in a private car collection.

With the aid of 12 weeks annual leave, each year from teaching, I completed a Social Science Degree by external studies through Armidale University, then a post graduate diploma in Marketing.

Prior to retirement in 1999, I managed a number of NSW TAFE Colleges as Principal.

After retirement, a 1986 Morgan Plus 8 was purchased ex Laurie Burton, he had raced it extensively for many years in hill climbs and Targa events. At one stage, the Plus 8 won the NSW Hill Climb championship. In race trim, it was both a brute and exhilarating to drive. Sticky tyres, negative camber and toe out steering geometry contributed to low-speed driving nightmares. However, plant your foot into a corner at speed, and it was on rails. Driving home to Tamworth for the first time, in 40-degree heat, through a swarm of plague locusts, with only Aero Screens for protection was an unforgettable adventure. But that's another story.

While the Plus 8, now suitably subdued, provides true classic sports car touring, I missed the unique rotary experience of the RX-7. In 2014, I purchased one of the last Mazda RX-8s.



**The 1986 Morgan Plus 8 in Targa trim (2005)**

In Toowoomba, my trusty Mazda B2600 4x4 (one Tonner) was traded for a 2015 VF SV6 Commodore Ute for transporting my current project, a 1930 Austin 7 Ulster. This replica Historic Sprint/Hill climb car has been under construction for some time. Built from parts collected by long term friends over many years, it provides a good reason to retreat to the shed.

Given my time over, I wouldn't change any of my vehicles. Even the scuttle shake of the TR2 was exciting, as it tended to occur unpredictably at high speed. Although, .....if I'm perfectly honest, an early E Type would be nice, the roadster version, obviously.

My love of all things mechanical, and particularly classic sports cars, continues unabated.

Clearly, "life's Morgan good".

# MOQ END OF YEAR LUNCH WITH A CHRISTMAS THEME

Wow!!!!!! How hot has it been lately! No good for Morgan top-down motoring, or even hood up motoring, but two brave members attended Sunday's lunch in their Mogs, one with hood up the other hood down. Well done David and Greg for your true Morgan spirit.

Fourteen Morganeers enjoyed a relaxed lunch at the Pelican Café on the Esplanade at Redland Bay in the upstairs private room with views over the marina and surrounding waterways. As it was last year, the one long table was decorated in a Xmas theme thanks to the very obliging owner and staff who gave us friendly service and supplied facilities to keep our BYO cold.

Clive presented Greg and Helen Turner, and Lawrie Isaacs and Lyn Cobb with their name badges for 15yrs membership. This will be ongoing, and as members reach this milestone, they will also receive the special badges.

The calendar for 2026 was discussed and there are some vacant months for outings to be organised. John Turnbull gave us a run down on his outing in May/April next year titled "Morgans in the Glen" which will see us visit The Celtic Festival in Glen Innes NSW. From what John said it will be a great trip.

As usual plenty of Morgan chatter and stories, some a little embellished but enjoyable, as was the lunch and surroundings. Look forward to seeing you next year.

Have a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year.

*Clive*





# REGALIA



MOQ CAR BADGE

**\$25**

**Measurements:** 79mm diameter, 96 wing tip to wing tip  
**Price:** \$25 per badge + postage if required

LOGO EMBROIDERY

**\$10 EACH**

**Options:** Have your shirt and jacket embroidered with either of the logos.  
**Price:** \$10 per logo plus postage if required.



MOQ CAPS

**\$15**

**Colours:** Blue, grey, black or yellow brushed cotton caps with yellow trim around and metal fastener. Embroidered with Morgan Owners Queensland.  
**Price:** \$15 each + postage if required.



MOQ NUMBER PLATE SURROUNDS

**\$32 PER PAIR**

**Sizes:** Available in any combination wide and narrow.  
**Price:** \$32 per pair + postage if required.



10TH ANNIVERSARY BADGE

**\$30**

**Price:** \$30 + postage if required

MOQ APRON

**\$36.50**

**Colours:** Black, Navy, Red, Grey.



**HAT CLIPS \$10.00 EACH + Postage**

**Black, Green, Blue, Maroon**



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# THE OBJECTS OF MORGAN OWNERS QLD



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. The Secretary distributes details by email to members. A calendar of events is provided in 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 (1st July annually)

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%

*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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Quarter Page	\$ 60 per year	Business Card	\$ 30 per year

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	<b>October Edition</b>	<b>September 25<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>December Edition</b>	<b>November 25<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>February Edition</b>	<b>January 25<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>April Edition</b>	<b>March 25<sup>th</sup></b>
	<b>June Edition</b>	<b>May 25<sup>th</sup></b>