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# SunMog



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## 2026 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 22	Hot Chilli Run to Albert River Restaurant	Keith and Judy Browning
March 27-29	Warbirds over Scone Run	Dave Godwin
April TBA	Joint run Tattersalls Motor Group	Tony McDonald
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 TBA	South Burnett, Fraser Coast Run	Greg Lane
August		
September TBA	All British Day and AGM	Clive Boyle
October TBA	Car Show at Samford Showgrounds and Lunch	Lance and Susie Boucaut
October 7-28	Tassie Road Trip	Cam Macphee
November TBA	Christmas Lunch	Committee

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the first edition of SunMog for 2026! Trusting that all the Morganeers enjoyed Christmas and that the year ahead is both healthy and happy for all!

Given that the hot Queensland summer doesn't lend itself to Morganeering, there's not a lot of recent activity to report on. We are looking forward to the Hot Chilli Run later this month. Please let Keith and Judy Browning ([kjbrowning58@gmail.com](mailto:kjbrowning58@gmail.com)) know if you are able to attend.

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 March for the next edition of the SunMog in April.



Happy Morganeering!

### INSIDE THIS ISSUE

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## MEMBER PROFILE

### Lawrie Isaacs

I believe my love of Morgan cars started when my wife, Lyn and I were visiting relatives in Birmingham in England in 1993 and we decided to have a look through the Morgan factory at Malvern in nearby Worcestershire. In those days it was free entry and if you wanted to buy a Morgan, it was a 5-6 year waiting list. We could see Morgans at every stage of their largely handmade build. Manufacturing processes have now progressed to include more automation reducing wait times significantly.

I should also explain that my love for Morgans was probably on a more personal level - I was born and spent my early years growing up not far from the Morgan Factory before my family migrated to Australia with my family in 1955 as 10 pound Poms.

Like John Turnball in his profile, I grew up in an era when in my late teens I was mad about motor cars. My very first car was a 1938 Chevrolet – black. More Chevs followed, then a Ford Customline before moving onto various model Holdens. My very first sportscar was an Austin Healy Sprite – Mark 3A in British Racing Green.

After migrating from the UK, I grew up in the western suburbs of Sydney. There were always friends who would provide help and advice about car maintenance, repairs and of course any essential improvements! There was nothing we couldn't do. It was a great time in my life.

Also, like John, I left school and commenced an apprenticeship as a Fitter and Turner although I gave it away after two years of factory work making printing machines. Following this lapsed apprenticeship and many labouring jobs on various construction sites, I was told about a nearby hospital who were looking for people to train as psychiatric nurses for the princely sum of £35 per fortnight. I jumped at this opportunity and went on to complete several nursing qualifications including the nursing degree whilst working in both NSW and QLD as a Nurse Manager, Unit Manager and Project Manager for over 50 years. For 40 of those years I worked at the Royal Brisbane and Womens' Hospital before retiring in 2021.

To get back to the Morgans. We bought our first Morgan from a MOCA member in Sydney in 2007 – a 1974 4/4 four seater. We enjoyed several Morgan runs with MOCA and MOQ including the road trip to Bathurst to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MOCA in Australia as well as two celebration runs organized by both Clubs respectively (one to Bundaberg and one to Inverell) to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Morgan production in the UK).



These runs showed me that the 4/4 lacked power and its fourth gear screamed in frustration. So, in 2010, I bought a 1987 +8 from a MOQ member in Queensland and have been delighted with its power and top gear, which we have found ideal for longer distance touring. As a result, we participated in part of the Australian Morgan trip in which four Morgans and two 'tin tops' travelled around Australia in 2013. Together with Bruce and Ros Callahan, we travelled from Queensland and met the group in Adelaide. We then travelled with them on their final leg of the tour around the coast of Victoria and NSW, back to Sydney where it all began.

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We have been members of MOQ since purchasing the 4/4 in 2007. We were recently presented with 15 year membership badges which we were very proud to accept.




# 1952 Morgan Plus 4



## 1952 Morgan Plus 4 DHC

1952 Morgan Plus 4 DHC in [Marple: By the Pricking of My Thumbs](#), Movie made for TV, 2006 [IMDb](#)

Class: Cars, Convertible — Model origin: 



Lance and I always enjoy it when we come across a Morgan car when we're watching a movie or a tv show, and I came across an interesting one today.

After orthopaedic surgery earlier this month, I've got to take it a bit easy, so I'm watching some of my favourites on BritBox. Today, I watched the Marple episode of 'By the Pricking of My Thumbs' (with a very young Greta Scacchi, filmed in 2006), and got quite a thrill when a 1952 Morgan Plus 4 DHC figured prominently! It really enhanced my viewing pleasure considerably!! Back to the AO Tennis now.

*Susie Boucaut*



## What.... a Buchanan?

Recently, in October, at the urging of my brother-in-law, I took the possibly unwise action of having a browse on an on-line auction site. The red mist descended, and I made a purchase. My dear wife may have been a little distracted, as she made the mistake of encouraging me!!

Consequently, I am now the proud "caretaker" of a blue Buchanan..... (*Australian Muscle Car Magazine Facebook post details below*).

This only goes to prove that I am a sucker for old classic cars. Admittedly it's not a Morgan but, nevertheless, it's given me a lot of fun, and working on this new acquisition and the Fairthorpe certainly keep me out of trouble!

### Australian Muscle Car Magazine's post



Australian Muscle Car Magazine

16 October 2025 · 🌐

🇺🇸 Aussie Racing Heritage – The 1959 Buchanan- Holden Special 🏁

Buchanan was an early Australian kit car – available from the mid-late 1950s and into the 1960s – inspired by the Aston Martin DB3-S. Manufactured by N.H. Buchanan Motor Co., its lightweight body and Holden-powered chassis made it a favourite for weekend racers and backyard builders alike.

This particular 1959 Buchanan- Holden "Woftam" is one of only two known examples to feature Buchanan's rare 'Pressed Metal' chassis for Holden mechanicals. Powered by a six-cylinder 'grey' motor and steeped in racing history, it's seen action at legendary circuits including Amaroo Park, Oran Park, and Eastern Creek.

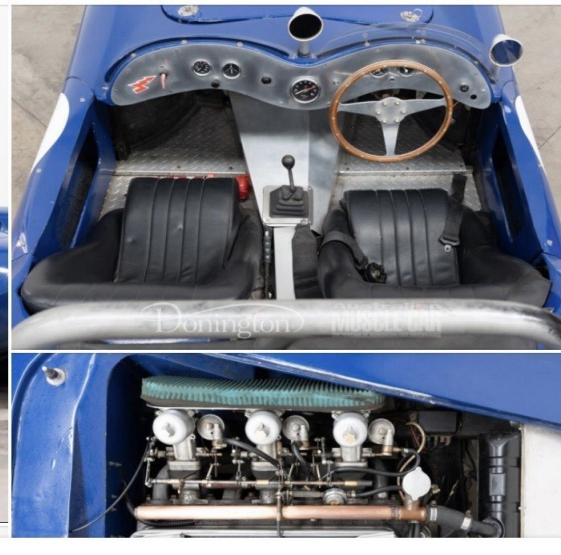
Complete with its CAMS logbooks and Certificate of Description, "Woftam" embodies the DIY spirit of Aussie motorsport's golden era – where racing was all about passion, creativity, and grit.

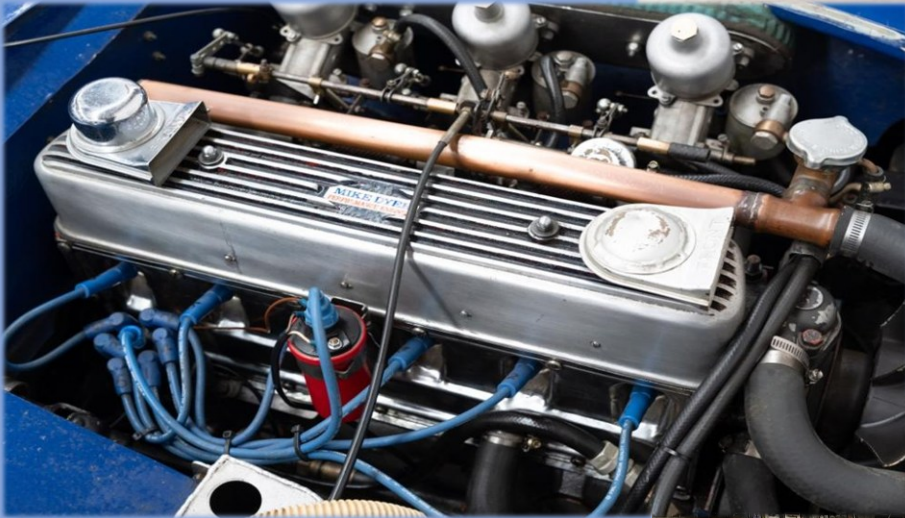
The Buchanan- Holden Special is now being offered for sale at Donington Auctions as part of their 'Collector & Competition Car Auction'. Bidding is now open online and closes on Sunday 19th October 2025. You can view the full catalogue at

<https://online.doningtonauctions.com.au/.../catalog/id/261>

Safe driving and happy bidding from the team at @australianmusclecarmag

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## King Charles III visits Morgan Factory

Today's Plus Four remains the purest expression of a Morgan sports car. Its timeless silhouette and hand-built construction continue at historic Malvern Link home. Every Plus Four – known as Plus 4 prior to 2020 – to roll off the line at Pickersleigh Road is as individual as its owner thanks to an almost limitless palette of options.



# 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**



For all regalia enquiries please contact Clive Boyle Ph: 0421 348 569

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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

Half Page \$100 per year  
Business Card \$ 30 per year

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June Edition

March 25<sup>th</sup>  
May 25<sup>th</sup>