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## 2024 CALENDAR OF EVENTS (Morgan Owners Qld)

|   |  |                          |
|---|--|--------------------------|
| <b>2024</b>                                 |  |                          |
| August 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 26 <sup>th</sup> | Roma Car Show 6 day run – highlight being the Roma Car Show                            | Clive Boyle              |
| September 15 <sup>th</sup>                  | All British Day AGM  | Clive Boyle              |
| October 5 <sup>th</sup> Saturday            | Coffee & Cars Coolum - 54 Junction Drive Coolum 7am to 10am<br>Lunch- Kenilworth Hotel | Clive Boyle              |
| November 24 <sup>th</sup> Sunday            | Christmas Party - Pelican Café Redland Bay ( Run beforehand)                           | Committee/Jon Voller     |
| <b>2025</b>                                 |     |                          |
| January (Tentative)                         | Planes, trains and Automobiles Caloundra Air Museum                                    | ?                        |
| February                                    | Hot Chilli Run   | Keith & Julie Browning   |
| March                                       | Northern Rivers Run 3 or 4 days  | Clive Boyle              |
| April                                       | Lunch - Birches Restaurant Mt Mee  | Cam Macphee              |
| May 18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday                 | Overnight Toowoomba Airport ( Wings, Wine and Wheels)                                  | John Turnbull            |
| June  |  |                          |
| July 17 to 28 th ( Jjaz)                    | Jumpers & Jazz/ or Jimbour Opera Overnight   | Greg Lane<br>Clive Boyle |
| August                                      |  |                          |
| September                                   | AGM All British Day  | Clive Boyle              |
| October 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19th             | Morgan Park Raceway – Summer Historic Meeting  | Greg Lane                |
| November                                    | Xmas Lunch Overnight Stay Woodlands Mansion Overnight                                  | Committee                |





**This is Wilson. He is now  
working from home 😊**



#### **LEYBURN SPRINTS 2024**

Lee & I together with John & Julie Turnbull went to Leyburn on Sunday 18th for the annual sprints that are held in the streets of this small rural town in the Southern Downs Region about an hour out of Toowoomba. This event celebrates the 1949 Australian Grand Prix which was held near this town and attracts over 240 competitors in cars ranging from classic historical to late model big bangers. These 240 are selected from some 1000 who apply to compete and include some very quick machines. The narrow circuit is around the streets of the town covers 1klm of very tight corners, small straights and a sometimes very slippery road surface. The start line is in front of the only hotel in Leyburn which is owned by rugby league legend Shane Webke.

MOQ member Lance Boucaut was competing in his Electron Minor Fairthorpe which was factory built in England in 1959. The factory later produced Turner cars which were similar in appearance. The Electron Minors later became available as kit cars as well. This car has primarily a track car but was registered for road use some years ago. He purchased the car in October last year, having first encountered it at GEAR in 2008 after it was restored by Les Whelan. It has done track work at Leyburn, Lakeside, Willowbank and various other tracks. The car is a lightweight 600kgs, with a Triumph Spitfire 1300cc engine, brakes and some suspension components, The gearbox is a Celica five speed. Much loved and great fun to drive, it is not especially powerful or fast, but handles well.



Although not the quickest car in his class Lance completed his laps without incident, had a lot of fun and as he commented, look at that the car is still in one piece. It must be in built into people who race as the other consideration from Lance was, how can I make this car go quicker? A great day out in perfect Qld winter weather, the cars, the noise, the atmosphere not to be missed. Next year maybe an organised Morgan outing, if it does not clash with All British Day, wait and see.

Clive







## **MOQ Rally with RHMC Cobb & Co themed “The Last Run”: 22 – 26 August 2024 “Anything but Highway Robbery”**

As we all know, our Morgan rallies require of lot of organisational planning and support by our Club members. This rally in particular was a Morgan trek over five days and up to 530 kilometres (6.5hrs) to Roma (one way), from the Sunshine Coast 1145 kilometres in total, so that we could all be part of Cobb & Co themed “The Last Run” hosted by the Roma Historical Motor Club (RHMC). Let’s take a moment to thank Clive for his time and effort which went into planning and organising this very enjoyable MOQ event. In addition, let us also thank Lyn and Geoff for using their vehicle to be our MOQ support vehicle. Their support as MOQ members goes



beyond driving at the rear to keep a watchful eye on all the Mogs and their drivers. It extends to being there for us if anyone needs a lift to a Pharmacy or even a lift to dinner. Thank you also to everyone who was able to attend – it makes for a very happy and memorable experience.

Thursday 22 August: Today is the first day of our MOQ adventure. Members drove from the Sunshine Coast, Gold Coast, Bribie Island and the northern extremities of Brisbane to meet at Yarraman for lunch at the Farmhouse Coffee Cafe where we were welcomed by the Asian proprietor who remembered us from our last visit some time ago. Lyn and Lawrie drove directly to Chinchilla so that Lyn could spend a few hours with her sister. We all met up at the Chinchilla Commercial Hotel (our first stop for the night) for a relaxing happy hour followed by dinner.

Friday 23 August: After meeting for breakfast at the 'Christmas all year round' Café near Charleys Creek this morning, most members opted to have a look around Chinchilla before driving to Miles. Lyn and Lawrie met everyone at the Miles Historical Museum after visiting an old school friend of Lyn's first. The Museum is a huge step back in time. Original buildings line the street, and one finds oneself back in the classroom of old sitting at wooden desks, a stern-faced teacher at the front and the sound of chalk screeching across the black board. Further down the street, you see the old bakery and immediately the smell of fresh bread wafts past your nose. Walking into the grocery store, you have your items all collected by the one staff member who rings up all prices before packing everything into brown paper bags. Further along the street is the local garage – you imagine someone filling up your car with fuel and checking under your bonnet - all while you remain seated in your vehicle. The steam train is waiting for passengers at the Station, the Church bell is about to ring on a Sunday morning and the War Museum contains the names of all local people who enlisted in the wars and all of those who did not return. Leaving the Museum brought us back to the present - it was time to undertake the 1.5 hours' drive to Roma. Bitumen all the way, but not the smoothest of rides. Flowering wattle at regular intervals barely broke the monotony of this stretch of highway. We are staying at the Motel Carnarvon in Roma for two nights. Again, our accommodation was very comfortable and spacious and with the added bonus of an undercover community area. Just right for our happy hour. We left for the old Butter Factory in plenty of time for our 6-8pm registration and dinner. All our food is included, and tonight's dinner is a sausage sizzle followed by ice-cream. An introduction followed, outlining the weekend's activities and events all themed around Cobb & Co, working on old cars, connecting with new people and most importantly having fun. The Cobb & Co Stagecoach commenced operation in Victoria in 1854 and expanded to Queensland in 1866. It was an integral part of Australia's mail delivery and passenger transport systems. "After the First World War, the increased popularity of the motor vehicle and air transportation meant that the horse drawn coach had become obsolete. On August 14, 1924, the last Cobb & Co Coach service No. 177 made its way from Surat to Yuleba"



([info@cobbandcofestival.com.au](mailto:info@cobbandcofestival.com.au)). The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of this event will be re-enacted over the weekend.

Saturday 24 August: We are back at our headquarters for the weekend – the Butter Factory. This morning's activity is about a 'carless' gymkhana – consisting of catching wooden fish and scoring the most points; correctly servicing a vehicle; blind matching of nuts and bolts and successfully retrieving the most screws, bolts, etc typically dropped in engines. Lee and Lyn B were observed putting 100% effort into every activity. Morning tea was country baking at its finest – or cakes and slices to die for!

Then it was out to the model aeroplane field to 'have a go at flying a model plane' (or at least watching those who did) – amazing manoeuvres were performed in the air with precise take-off and landing skills demonstrated. Lunch was meat and salad with a bread roll.

After lunch, some of our group opted to participate in the Cobb & Co 'Get the Mail' rally – following directions, collecting five envelopes and answering several questions. Lots of fun was had by all. Some in our group also chose to visit the Up the Creek Garage with any number of motor vehicles on display, mostly American and in need of restoration as well as meet a couple of long horned cattle. Some members found extra time to do a tour of the Butter Factory or to visit the Metal Sculptures on the highway just outside of town, whilst others elected to attend the Sound and Light Show at the Big Rig.

Our dinner experience tonight can only be described as superb and memorable – long tables set with tablecloths and decorated with Bougainvillea flowers, native leaves and jars with fairy lights. Each place setting featured an enamel plate, the mate to our Cobb & Co inscribed enamel mugs that were included in our welcome information packs on Friday morning. After we wash it up, we get to keep them – both a wonderful memento. Dinner was a camp oven stew cooked very similarly to how it would have been cooked 100 years ago. Dessert was a choice of plum pudding or apple crumble with ice-cream, custard or both. We cannot complain about the food.

Sunday 25 August: Up early this morning and off to Yuleba for the Surat – Yuleba enactment of the last Cobb & Co Stagecoach run. There were market stalls, some with souvenirs, some with homemade items and other merchandise as well as various outlets serving food and drink. There were bush poets, various genres of music being played/performed up and down the street, and any number of people dressed in clothes of yesteryear.

A Steam train (provided by Queensland Rail and the Australia Railway Historical Society) for this anniversary celebration and carrying passengers pulled into the station and provided many photo opportunities for passengers and tourists alike. The train will continue to Roma then return to complete its journey back to Toowoomba.



The RHMC provided meat, and salad wraps as a light lunch – we were never going to starve on this rally. Veteran, Vintage and Classic vehicles (including our Morgans) lined the street to greet the Cobb and Co Stagecoach as it entered Yuleba from Surat on the reenactment of its historical last journey. A camel drawn coach, a bullock led dray, horse drawn wagons and buggies and many, many horses from local clubs formed the parade which escorted the Cobb & Co Stagecoach through the main street of Yuleba. It is evident that an immense amount of work has gone into making this anniversary celebration come to life.

Temperatures for this rally have been between 29 - 33°C, much warmer than we expected for August. So, at 12.30pm we decided to leave and drive to Dalby, our last stop before home. There was time to rest and freshen up before happy hour with Doreen, the wonderful manager of the Homestead where MOQ members have stayed many times before. Dinner tonight was at the Curry Resort and the Indian food was plentiful and enjoyed by all.

Monday 26 August: Breakfast, a last group photo, farewells and a safe trip home. The company, the laughter and the shared experiences have indeed created another bank of wonderful memories. Thank you everyone.

.Lyn Cobb

















































# Regalia

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**MOQ CAR BADGE**

**\$25**

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

**LOGO EMBROIDERY**

**\$16.50**

**( Wings Only )**

**Or have your Shirt embroidered with either LOGO.**



**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 postage 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.





## 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 2024)

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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|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> February  | (March Issue)      |
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> March     | (April Issue)      |
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> April     | ( May Issue)       |
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> May       | (June Issue)       |
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> June      | ( July Issue)      |
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> July      | ( August Issue)    |
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> August    | ( September Issue) |
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> September | (October Issue)    |
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> October   | ( November Issue)  |
| The 25 <sup>th</sup> November  | (December Issue)   |

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