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NEWSLETTER

MORRIS MINOR

NATIONAL RALLY 2023 NEWSLETTER 4

MORRIS MINOR CAR CLUB OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA INC.

THIS is the final Newsletter before the National Rally. I have had some queries about possible things to see in SA for those lucky enough to be able to stay a little longer. Generally the autumn weather in April is glorious and makes touring in a Morris Minor even more of a delight. See inside for more information.

If you have any queries concerning the National Rally please do get in touch, my contact number is on the next page.

Richard Barnes, Editor.



Need your car servicing
while in Adelaide?
Newport Motors will be
ready to oblige...

See page 4 for details.

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PLEASE note at various picnic venues there will be no seating supplied.

When packing your Morris please be sure to bring suitable chairs and whatever else you may need to ensure a comfortable picnic.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE BEND RACEWAY VISIT

As part of the National Rally event here in South Australia, the Day 4 event, has us taking our cars to The Bend raceway, and on to the track for up to 3 Parade laps. The visual of up to 160 Morris Minors on the circuit will surely make a sight to remember.

To do this however, it does require everyone to register each individual who will be in the car at that time. This needs to be completed *straight away*. Below is a link that will take you directly to the online form to complete. When there, select the correct date for the event from the drop down list. (Mon 03/04/2023). Upon completion of that form you will receive a confirmation email from The Bend Motorsport Park. Soon after receiving that email, you will be sent another email from The Bend Motorsport Park that requires you to fill out a waiver.

Any issues, please do not hesitate to either reply to me via this email or call me directly so it can be completed ASAP. Patrick Gauci 0414 346 301.

Having been part of a display previously at The Bend, it is an enjoyment for both the driver and passengers. I requests that you be sure to include everyone traveling wit you, as they can not be added on the day. The cut off is 15th of March 2023.

Link to Register : <https://thebend.rezdy.com/461463/track-cruise-private-session>



For the interstate visitors, something you may also wish to consider.

For those who are planning to head back to the Eastern States from the Tuesday 4th of April, You may wish to look at staying in Tailem bend and cut a bit of time off your return journey. The Bend Raceway has accommodation and the prices for attendees is below. There are is also other accommodation in Tailem Bend, so do not feel obligated to stay at Rydges Pit Lane.

Rydges accommodation at the Bend:

Call the hotel direct on 0881 655 730 or email reservations_rydgespitlane@evt.com

Mention the Morris Minor National Rally Event and the prices on offer are either:

\$186 Bed & Breakfast inc for 2 standard paddock view room

\$220 Bed & Breakfast inc for 2 standard track view room

You can also make a booking for dinner by phone, email or using the below link

Dinner Reservation Link : https://www.opentable.com.au/restref/client/?restref=147347&%3Blang=en-AU&%3Bot_source=Restaurant%20website&corrid=e00448eb-a9cc-4375-80ff-b96485841756

Any queries, please contact Patrick Gauci (MCCSA President) 0414 346 301

THE NEWPORT MOTORS STORY

By Craig Martin

NEWPORT Motors started trading in the early to mid 1960s at the site on the corner of Old Port and Tapleys Hill Roads in Royal Park, north-west of Adelaide city.

One side of Tapleys Hill Road housed the new car showroom which is a very distinctive shape: somewhat futuristic for its time in the 1960s. The building still stands and is now a Battery World outlet.

On the opposite side of Tapleys Hill Road we had the used car yard, spare parts, workshop and paint/panel shop. This property is now owned and operated by Pacific Marine. However, if you look at the sign at back of the boat yard on Tapleys Hill Road you will find Newport Motors.

My father Stuart Martin bought the business as a going concern in 1972 and stayed there till his retirement in 1991. He traded as a dealer under the various guises of BMC over the years, namely BMC then Austin/Morris then Leyland as a new car dealer.

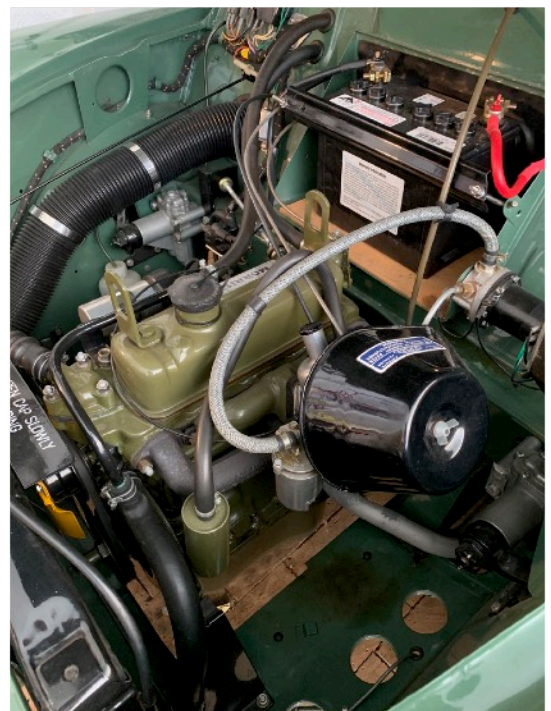
When Stuart retired, I took the business over and carried on trading. By this time all the new car models had been discontinued in Australia with the last of them being the Minis and Mokes in 1982.

I have carried on as a very small part time car dealer but mainly concentrating on spares and repairs for all the models we once sold as new cars.

I still currently hold a lot of the original parts dating back to the 1970s and sometimes I even surprise myself with what I find in the old stocks. My main focus now is on any of the old marques starting basically from the Austin A30s and Morris Minors, all Austin and Morris models and derivatives right up to the early 1980s Rover and Triumph models. I do run a full workshop service for mechanical repairs and restoration but I do not do any paint/panel or trim.

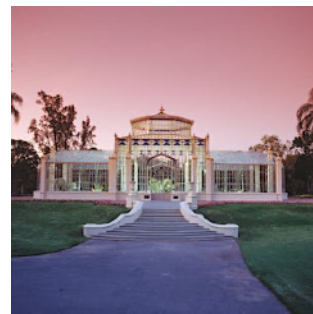
I also have a reasonable selection of cars being dismantled to help out with good used parts.

Craig can be contacted on 08 8447 3822
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ADELAIDE BOTANIC GARDEN

ADELAIDE Botanic Garden is an oasis in the cosmopolitan heart of the city, featuring beautifully-landscaped gardens, majestic avenues and stunning architecture. Spanning 50 hectares, the historic garden (opened in 1857) features some of Australia's finest plant collections.



Things to see include the magnificently-restored 1877-built Palm House, First Creek Wetland, the Amazon Waterlily Pavilion, the Santos Museum of Economic Botany and the Bicentennial Conservatory. There are regular events for all ages in the Garden - check the What's On page for more information on what's coming up.

The Garden is open 365 days a year and entry is free. You can also join a free guided tour provided by the Friends of the Botanic Gardens, departing from the Schomburgk Pavilion at 10.30am daily.

Facilities include the Visitor Information Centre and Diggers Garden Shop, which offers a wide range of seeds, gardening books and garden wares. You can also have a casual meal in one of the cafés, Simpson Kiosk and Café Fibonacci, or go all-out with a fine dining experience at the Botanic Gardens Restaurant.

HOW ABOUT...KANGAROO ISLAND?

KANGAROO Island sits off the coast of South Australia and is Australia's third-largest Island. At 155 kilometres long and up to fifty-five kilometres wide, it covers an area of 4,416 square kilometres, and is separated from the mainland by a fifteen kilometre stretch of ocean. Think of an area six times the size of Singapore.

Best known to be a 'Zoo without Fences', wildlife encounters are a given. But if you need to make sure you find what you are looking for within a short timeframe, then it is best to tour with someone who knows exactly where to find them. Kangaroos, Sea lions, Koalas, Echidnas, Wallabies, Goannas, and marine mammals are plentiful, along with many species of birdlife. If you are after wildlife, then Kangaroo Island never disappoints.

But many people come here to re-connect. Re-connect with nature and each other, slow down, and rediscover the things that really matter in life. Our natural landscape will astound, walks and hikes are spectacular, cellar doors are farm gates will surprise you, fishing is world renown, and our experiences are exhilarating. But what you will want is time, time to sit, and just take it all in. Believe us, Kangaroo Island and its people will grab your heart and won't let go.

How long should I stay?

We recommend giving yourself time to explore the Island.

7 days or more will allow you to truly discover the magic of this natural paradise.

5 days will show you the main sights and highlights.

3 days will give you a small taste of the Island.

If your short of on time, then a Kangaroo Island Day Trip will just be a tease!

We promise it'll be a holiday you will never forget.....



Itinerary as at March 2023 (subject to change)

Note: Items on the itinerary that are included in the rally fee, are listed below the itinerary.

Day 1, Friday March 31, 2023 - Welcome and Registrations / National Aviation Museum

Festivities will commence at the Festival Functions Centre, 292 Findon Road Findon SA.

2:00pm Doors will open and the official Rally Registration and distribution of Rally Packs to take place.

4.00pm Welcome and Introduction

4:15pm Entrants return to their cars and make their way to the South Australian Aviation Museum in Port Adelaide.

5:30pm A BBQ dinner will be served for all attendees and access to the Museum and all facilities.

7:30pm Close of Evening

Day 2, Saturday April 1, 2023 - The City to Birdwood run and Display

8:00am Greenhill Road, Wayville. All the vehicles participating on the run will assemble.

9:00am Depart for Birdwood

10:30am First cars begin to arrive at [Birdwood Motor Museum](#)

1:00pm, Rocker Cover Racing

Food and refreshments.

A Food Truck and Coffee van will be on site

Or enjoy a walk to other eateries in the main street of Birdwood.

3.00pm Cars will have access to depart the grounds.

Day 3, Sunday April 2, 2023 - Group photo at Victoria Park / d'Arenberg Winery – The Cube / National Rally GALA Dinner

8.00am at [Victoria Park](#) in the city of Adelaide.

A BBQ breakfast will be provided for all participants in attendance

9:00am Group photo shoot of all the cars participating in front of the iconic Grandstand.

10:00am Drive in convoy to the [d'Arenberg Winery – The Cube](#).

11:30am Arrive at d'Arenberg Winery

Food and refreshments.

A Food Truck and Coffee/desert van will be on site.

You might also wish to dine more formally at one of two restaurants available at the Cube (links Below)

Or you can cruise your way in the region to eat at one of the many places McLaren Vale has to offer

1. d'ARRY'S VERANDAH RESTAURANT:

<https://www.darenberg.com.au/darrys-verandah-restaurant/>

2. SINGAPORE CIRCUS

<https://www.darenberg.com.au/singapore-circus>

3.00pm Make your way back to Adelaide in preparation of the National Rally GALA Dinner

National Rally GALA Dinner at Festival Functions Centre, 292 Findon Road Findon SA

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6:00pm Doors open

6.30pm Introductions

6:45pm Meals commence

10:00pm Final Closing comments

Day 4, Monday April 3, 2023 - Mt. Lofty / The Bend Raceway

8:00am Meet at Mount Lofty summit café

Café will be open to purchase Morning Tea

9:30am Depart for The Bend Raceway.

11:00am Cars will make to the circuit for 2 to 3 parade laps.

1:00pm lunch. There is a Buffet, for \$35 per person.

3:00pm From there, we will then sadly say our final farewells

Alternatively, after the parade lap of the circuit, People can choose to travel around the area's historic towns of Strathalbyn or Tailem Bend.



What's included in your Rally Fee

Day 1

Entrance into The South Australian Aviation Museum (SAAM)

BBQ dinner at the SAAM

Day 2

Entrance into The Birdwood Motor Museum

Day 3

Breakfast

Group Photo shoot at Victoria Park

National Rally GALA Dinner

Day 4

Track time at The Bend



WESTERN Crash Repairs is a locally established car crash repairer and restoration firm based in Somerton Park, South Australia, and a proud sponsor of the Morris Car Club of SA National Rally for 2023.

Western Crash has the latest technology in paint matching. They can undertake restorations and repairs using old and modern paint products. As a company Western Crash employs an old school panel beater. There is no job too BIG or too small for Western Crash, they are always *Happy to Help* 😊.

They are a friendly and reliable company who are there for your everyday crash repairs. You'll find Western Crash Repairs at 52 Byre Avenue Somerton Park.

