

# DUBBO DIGEST

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## THE SOUND OF MORRIS SAVING THE BREED

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WELCOME

I hope that you are not only keeping covid safe, but also finding plenty to do during these strange times. I can still remember where I was when I first heard that the 2020 rally in South Australia had to be cancelled. There was some talk of trying to do something in 2021 and it is just as well that didn't go ahead, but who would have thought that this late in 2021 it would still be an issue. As I write this Dubbo is in lockdown as is most of NSW. The good news is that vaccinations are increasing and therefore talk of border closing as being the first reaction to outbreaks is waning but only after we get to the magic 70 or 80%.

So the big question is, will we make it to Dubbo in 2022? At this stage the answer is yes subject to vaccination rates. With the current claims that with that when the rate of vaccination rate gets to 80% of the Australian population border closing will be a thing of the past and that goal should be achieved by the end of this year, then Dubbo in April is looking good.



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*In the garage the quiet garage the Morris sleeps tonight*

It's not too late to sign up for the rally if you haven't already done so. The entry form is available as a download on the Morris Register of NSW website.

Go to:

<http://www.morrisregisternsw.org/23rd-national-rally>

There you will also find additional information about the rally, the first newsletter and the accommodation guides. As we get closer to the rally more information and relevant forms for meals and regalia will be found there.

And your Morris doesn't even have to be complete to bring it along!



Above and left: Part of the display at the 2018 National Rally at Hervey Bay, Queensland.

# Dubbo: A little piece of it's history

**T**he Wiradjuri Nation were probably the first settlers in Dubbo and evidence of their existence in the area goes back about 40,000 years. They were probably the largest Aboriginal group in New South Wales and originally occupied a vast area of the state. This area was known as the land of the three rivers- Macquarie, Lachlan and Murrumbidgee (or Wambool, Kalare and Murrumbidjeri to use their Aboriginal names).

In December 1813 Governor Macquarie's Survey George Evans who was surveying the Macquarie River recorded meeting Wiradjuri Aboriginals about 8 kilometres from present day Bathurst. He wrote *'Returning we saw smoke on the north side of the river, at sunset as we were fishing I saw some Natives coming down the plain; they did not see us until we surprised them; there was only two women and four children, the poor creatures trembled and fell down with fright; I think they were coming for water; I gave them what fish we had, some fish hooks, twine and a tomahawk, they appeared glad to get from us; two boys ran away; the other small children cried much at first; a little while after I played with them they began to be good humoured and laugh...'*

The first European reports of the Dubbo area are by explorer John Oxley in 1818. Oxley, an ex-Navy man, had spent considerable time in the new colony while he was a serving officer.



*Banjo Paterson and his nanny, Fanny Hopkins. He was born in 1864 and lived on an isolated station called 'Buckinbah' near Yeoval which is 67kms from Dubbo. Fanny was a 16 year old Wiradjuri girl. Pic: abc.net.au/ Michael Bennett*

Oxley arrived back in Sydney in 1812 and at the direction of Governor Lachlan Macquarie led expeditions to explore and survey the Lachlan and Macquarie Rivers and the surrounding areas. It was on one of these expeditions that, on June 12, 1818, he came near to the site that would be Dubbo and wrote that he spent that day 'over a very beautiful country, thinly wooded and apparently safe from the highest floods...'

In 1824 21-year-old Robert Dulhunty arrived in Sydney, applied for a land grant and received 2000 acres and six convicts to assist him making the land viable. This land was in Cullen Bullen. By the late 1820's Robert was mainly living at Claremont House in the Mulgoa Valley but sometime between 1829 and 1833 he set off with 40 Aborigines, crossed the Great Dividing Range and set off following the Macquarie River. In 1833 survey Robert Darling passed through the area that is now known as Dubbo and recorded that he borrowed a dray from Dulhunty indicating that by this time 'Dubbo Station' was occupied. Dulhunty's affinity with the Aboriginal people continued with the names he would



*Dubbo Court House 1889*

choose as he favoured using Aboriginal names. Dubbo is thought to be a mispronunciation of the local Wiradjuri word *thubbo* although it could also have been the name of an old Aboriginal who lived on the land then. Dubbo is thought to mean 'red soil' while *thubbo* or *tubbo* possibly means 'head covering'.

With the enactment of the Squatting Act in 1836 Robert took out a license on the property. Dundullimal Homestead, across road from what

is now Dubbo Zoo, was built in 1840 on what was John Maugham's 26,000-acre sheep station. This house still exists today being one of the oldest homesteads still standing in western NSW. As part of the National Trust of Australia, it is open to visitors.

The Government decided to establish a police station, courthouse and lock-up in the area in 1846 due to the number of settlers now living in the area. The constable's residence was ready in 1847 while 1848 saw the completion of the courthouse with its lock-up. This doubled the number of buildings as there was a store and an inn.

Jean Emile Serisier, the storekeeper, decided that action needed to be taken in 1848 since there was no title for the land. She arranged a partition asking for a land sales of town allotments which was presented to the colony's Survey General. In November 1849 the settlement was gazetted as a village and the first land sales took place in 1850.



*Left  
Dubbo Anglican Church nears  
completion-mid 1870s*

In 1862 Victoria based Cobb & Co moved 10coaches to Bathurst and serviced surrounding towns including Dubbo from this base. The first bank arrived in 1867 with the town being proclaimed a municipality in 1872 when the population reached 850. The Wellington to Dubbo extension of the main western railway formally opened on February 1st, 1881. This led to town growth and by 1897 there was a general store, a pub, a new courthouse, a gaol and a police hut and of course, the railway station. In 1966 Dubbo was officially proclaimed a city.



*Left:  
Dubbo Railway Station circa 1910*

*Below Left:  
The Station as it is today*



#### DUBBO

Dubbo has many historic buildings, some of which have been used for a variety of uses over the years. Here are just a few:

- 1828 Dundullimal Homestead
- 1847 Dubbo Gaol
- 1867 First Bank (Comm. Bank of Sydney)  
*now owned by Dubbo Council*
- 1875 Anglican Church
- 1876 Bank of New South Wales  
*now Old Bank Restaurant & Bar*
- 1881 Railway Station
- 1882 Milestone Hotel
- 1887 Courthouse
- 1906 Commercial Banking Company of Sydney- *now used The National*

ENTRANT				VEHICLE		
1	Paul Kinder	NSW	1934	Morris	Minor	Tourer
2	Ewan Lambess	NSW	1929	Morris	Minor	Tourer
3	John Inshaw	NSW	1950	Morris	MS6	Sedan
4	Kevin Sonter	NSW	1958	Morris	Major	Series 2
5	Don Jeffrey	TAS	1948	Morris	8 Series E	Sedan
6	Greg Kean	NSW	1972	Morris	Marina	Sedan
7	Mike Davey	QLD	1949	Morris	MS6	Sedan
8	Bill Watson	SA	2005	Morris	MG	Saloon
9	Phil Gibbs	NSW		Modern		
10	Chris Davey	QLD	1927	Morris	Cowley	Saloon
11	Peter French	NSW	1950	Morris	MS6	Sedan
12	Trevor Turner	NSW	1924	Morris	Cowley	Tourer
13	Malcolm Noad	NSW	1914	Morris	Oxford	Deluxe
14	Peter Wood	SA	1960	Morris	Minor	Sedan
15	Lance Simmers	QLD	1954	Morris	Oxford	Series 2
16	Mike Arahill	NSW	1938	Morris	10	Sedan
18	David Bucknell	NSW	1939	Morris	8 Series E	Tourer
19	Steve McNicol	SA	1951	Morris	Oxford	Saloon
20	Michael Williams	SA		Modern		
21	Allan Wilcox	NSW	1959	Wolseley	1500	Sedan
22	Robyn Towell	NSW	2021	Modern	MG	Sedan
23	Chris Stephens	NSW	1946	Morris	10	Sedan
24	Ross Evans	VIC	1947	Morris	8 Series E	tourer
25	Clive Jones	Vic	1938	Morris	8 Series 2	tourer
26	Anne Baguley	NSW	1962	Morris	Major	Elite
27	Peter Greening	Vic	1939	Morris	8 Series E	sedan
28	Jeff Schaefer	SA	1958	Morris	Minor	2 Door
29	Keith Montell	VIC	1933	Morris	Oxford	Tourer
30	Ray Bakes	QLD	1959	Morris	Minor	Traveller
31	John Habgood	VIC	1937	Morris	8	Tourer
32	John Coles	VIC	1935	Morris	8	ser 1
33	Dave Gerrand	VIC	1936	Morris	25	ser 11
34	Jim Robinson	VIC	1933	Morris	Oxford	Saloon
35	Neville Wilson	SA	1936	Morris	12/four	Saloon
36	Brian Triplow	SA	1938	Morris	8	Tourer
37	Richard McLoughlin	VIC	1949	MG	YA	Tourer
38	Ross Steel	VIC	1936	Morris	25	Saloon
39	John Waterman	VIC		Modern		
40	Jim Wilson	VIC	1948	Morris	8 Series E	Saloon
41	Graham Dixon	SA	1961	Morris	Minor 1000	Saloon
42	Tony Healy	VIC	1927	Morris	Cowley	Tourer
43	John Wright	NSW	1962	Morris	Major	Elite
44	John Gerrand	VIC	1927	Morris	Oxford	Saloon
45	Ross Jamieson	VIC		TBA		
46	Andrew Stewart	TAS	1929	Morris	Minor or	Chummy
47	Jeff Beatty	SA	1932	Morris	ISIS	Saloon
48	Peter Cardwell	VIC	1948	Morris	M10	Sedan
49	Ian Moore	NSW	1938	Morris	8/40	tourer
50	Marilyn Moore	NSW	1968	Morris	1100 S	Sedan
51	Bob Anderson	NSW	1939	Morris	10/4 M	Sedan
52	Richard Steen	SA	1936	Morris	8/40 S1	Roadster
53	Terry Prodger	NSW	1916	Morris	Cowley	Saloon
54	Ian Anderson	QLD	1961	MG	MGA	Roadster
55	Peter Richards	VIC	1934	Morris	M8	Roadster
56	John Brooksmith	VIC	1975	Leyland	Moke	open top
57	Denis Harding	ACT		TBA		
58	Jim Robertson	QLD	1969	Morris	1800	Sedan
59	John Fryirs	NSW	1925	Morris	Cowley	Tourer
60	Steph Wild	VIC	1959	Morris	Minor	1000
61	Steve Bradbrook	SA	1948	Morris	8 Series E	Tourer
62	Ron Byrnes	QLD		TBA		
64	Stan Arnts	NSW	1963	Morris	Major	Elite
63	Rhonda Leggett	NSW	1942	Morris	Series Y	L/Truck
65	Graham Stokes	VIC	1927	Morris	D Type	6 Wheeler
66	Colin Schiller	QLD	1925	Morris	Oxford	Roadster
67	David Smallacombe	VIC	1935	Morris	8/40	Roadster

Here is a list of the current entrants for Dubbo. As you can see it is a great cross section of Morris vehicles.

Now is a good time to book your accommodation. A guide is included in this newsletter but it is not a complete list of what is available in Dubbo, just the closest hotels to the Dubbo Showground where rally headquarters will be.



# SAVING THE BREED

## THE LAST MORRIS

The first 'Morris' badged car rolled out the factory in 1913 and the last Morris, at least in Australia, came off the Zetland production line in 1973. It was the Morris Marina which in that year became the Leyland Marina, as did the Mini due to the choice of the Leyland marque as the name for the P76. It was in April 1972 that the Marina was launched, just 12 months after its launch in the UK.



The Marina was a return to basic, conventional engineering for Leyland being the first all new vehicle designed after the amalgamation of BMC and the Leyland Motor Corporation but the Australian model had a number of design improvements. Of course, in today's marketplace 'conventional' means front wheel drive with transverse mounted engines just like all those 1960s Morris and Austins. This technically advanced engineering, however, cost more to manufacture and was often more expensive to

service and repair, although sometimes this was mechanics charging more because they could.

The main difference between the English and Australian versions was their engines. The English made do with "A" & "B" series 1.3 and 1.8 pushrod units while the Australian models were equipped with the "E" series 1.5 and 1.75 OHC units. Drum brakes all round were fitted to the English base models while all Australian Marinas were equipped with discs on the front. There were detail changes to the interior as well, such as head restraints and different trim.

By offering sedan & coupe, auto & manual and three engine choices (1.5, 1.75 and 1.75TC) and two levels of trim 14 models were represented within the range. The TC engine, featuring twin SU carburettors, was offered only in the range topping coupe.

The Marina was never intended to be a long term model and in fact the Australian arm had its replacement well on the way when the company was forced to close the Sydney factory at the end of 1974. This model, code name P82, was closer in spec to a P76. It would have featured a modern suspension system and an alloy V6 which would have made it extremely competitive against the then current opposition.

So at Dubbo, it will be the 50th Anniversary of the last car to be built as a Morris in Australia. And there will be at least one there, mine.

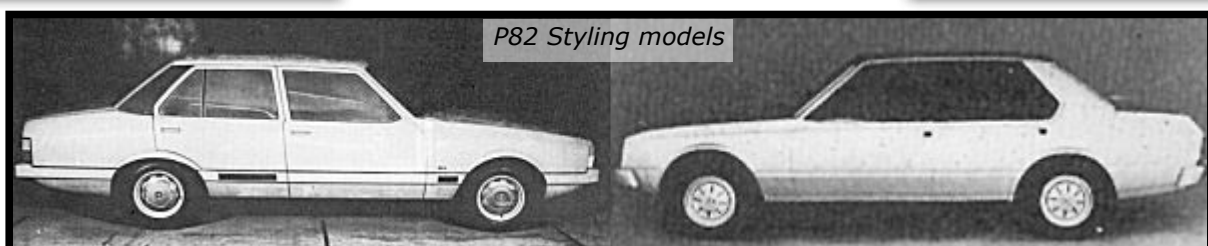
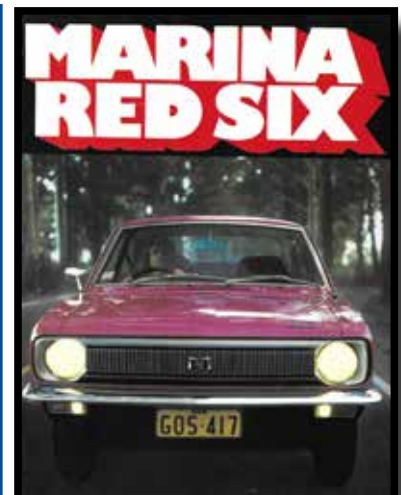
*Greg Kean*

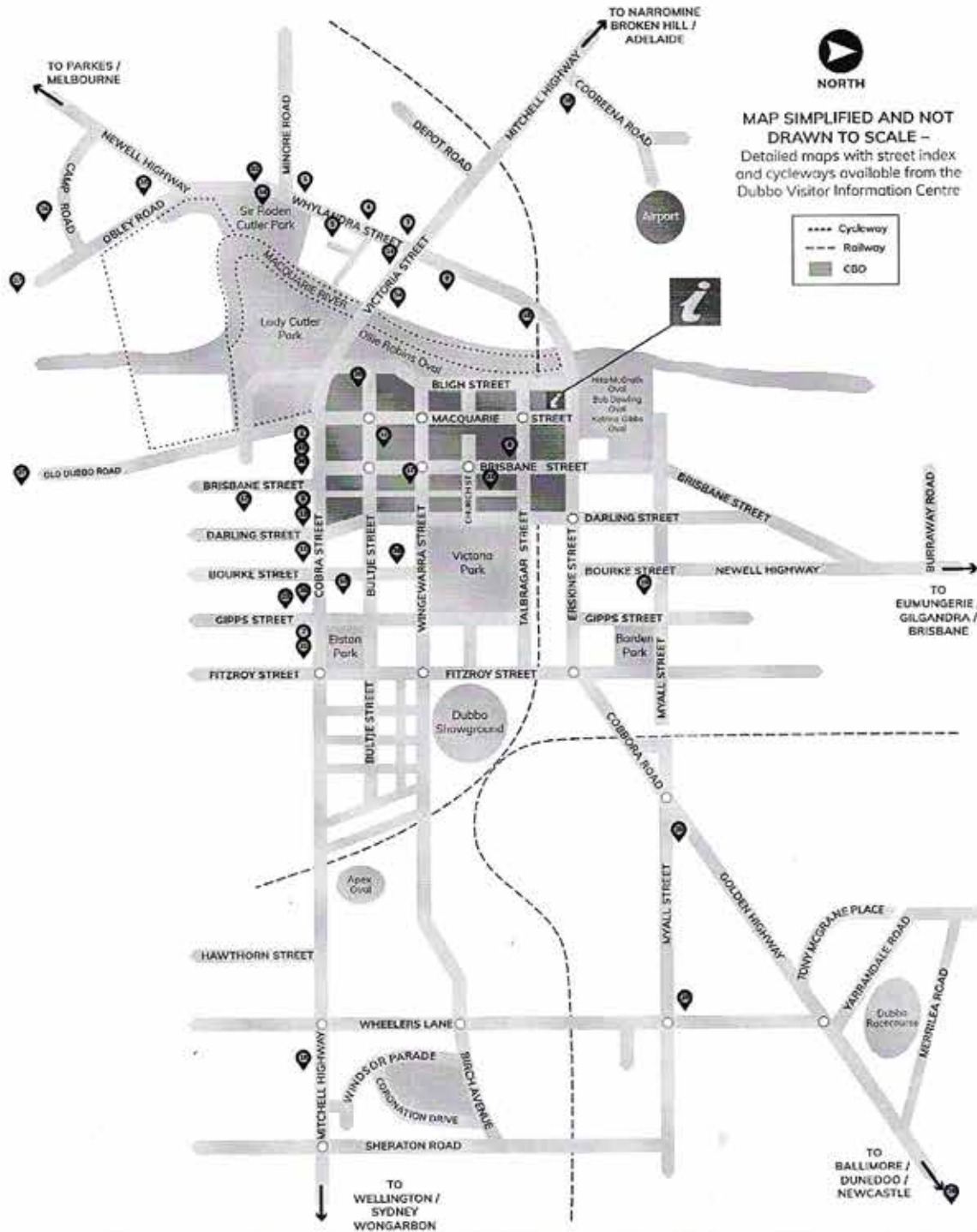
**MARINA**  
**WILL CHANGE YOUR IDEAS**  
**ABOUT COMFORT**

FROM THE 2000 OF ZETLAND AUSTRALIA DEALER

### Marina Specification

E Series Engines:  
4 cylinder 1485cc  
46.2kw@ 5500rpm, 104 Nm@ 2500rpm  
4 cylinder 1746cc  
58.2kw@ 4800rpm, 134Nm@ 3000rpm  
4 cylinder 1746cc TC (Twin Carburettors)  
67.2kw@ 5200rpm, 141Nm@ 3400rpm  
6 cylinder 2620cc  
82kw @4500rpm, 196Nm@ 2000rpm  
Gearbox: Man 4 spd (4cyl) or 3spd (6cyl)  
3 speed auto on 1746 and 262 engines  
Suspension  
Front: Torsion Bar  
Rear: Semi elliptical leaf spring  
Steering: Rack & Pinion  
Brakes: Front discs & rear drums





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|-----------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 Abel Tasman Motor Inn     | 14 Discovery Parks Dubbo                 | 27 Outback Cellar Dubbo            |
| 2 Aberdeen Motor Inn        | 15 Dubbo City Holiday Park               | 28 Parkvue Motel                   |
| 3 Across Country Motor Inn  | 16 Dubbo Rhino Lodge                     | 29 Pericoe Retreat                 |
| 4 Akuna Motel               | 17 Dubbo RSL Club Motel                  | 30 Poplars Caravan Park            |
| 5 All Seasons Motor Lodge   | 18 Eastend Studio Apartments             | 31 Quality Inn Dubbo International |
| 6 Australian Heritage Motel | 19 Endeavour Court                       | 32 Quest Apartments                |
| 7 Best Western Blue Gum     | 20 Forest Lodge Motor Inn and Restaurant | 33 Shearing Shed Motor Inn         |
| 8 Castlereagh Hotel         | 21 Fountain View Motel                   | 34 Tallarook Motor Inn             |
| 9 Cattleman's Motor Inn     | 22 Gipps Street Cottage                  | 35 Taronga Western Plains Zoo      |
| 10 Centrepoint Motel        | 23 Glenmore Lodge                        | 36 The Palms Motel                 |
| 11 Comfort Inn Blue Lagoon  | 24 Ibis Budget                           | 37 Walls Court B&B                 |
| 12 Country Apartments       | 25 Manera Heights Apartments             | 38 Westview Caravan Park           |
| 13 Countryman Motor Inn     | 26 Orana Motel                           |                                    |



**Combined Morris Registers  
23rd National Rally  
15 - 18 April 2022, DUBBO**

*Accommodation Guide*

**Rally Headquarters**

Dubbo Showground  
Entry via Hopetoun St leading to Showground Road.

Some of these motels listed are not included on the local accommodation guide.



**1 Park Vue Motel 02 6882 4253**  
131 Bourke Street DUBBO 2830  
19 ground floor rooms, some undercover parking

**7 Golden West Motor Inn 02 6882 2822**  
87 Cobra Street DUBBO 2830

**2 Green Gables 02 6882 5588**  
134 Bourke Street DUBBO 2830  
20 rooms queen to double bedrooms 2+3  
some trailer parking

**8 Orana Motel 02 6882 7888**  
95 Cobra Street DUBBO 2830

**3 Atlas Motel 02 6882 7244**  
140 Bourke Street DUBBO 2830  
10 ground floor rooms, queen room to 2Bedroom  
lots of trailer parking

**9 Homestead 02 6882 4944**  
101 Cobra Street DUBBO 2830

**4 Centrepoint 02 6882 7644**  
146 Bourke Street DUBBO 2830  
14 rooms

**10 Bluegum 02 6882 0900**  
109 Cobra Street DUBBO 2830

**5 Country Leisure 02 6882 3988**  
86 Cobra Street DUBBO 2830

**11 Fountain View Motel 02 6882 9777**  
113/115 Cobra Street DUBBO 2830

**6 Comfort Inn Blue Lagoon 02 6882 4444**  
79/85 Cobra Street DUBBO 2830

**12 Cascades Motor Inn 02 6882 3888**  
147 Cobra Street DUBBO 2830  
Plenty of trailer parking

This is just a guide to the closest motels to the showground. There are many more in Dubbo and a list is available on a separate guide. The motels listed here cover all price ranges and the details shown are just a guide.  
Rally Headquarters will be in the showground and each day's activities will be starting from a large car park just inside the showground gate.  
There will be trailer parking available if the motel you choose can't accommodate you.

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