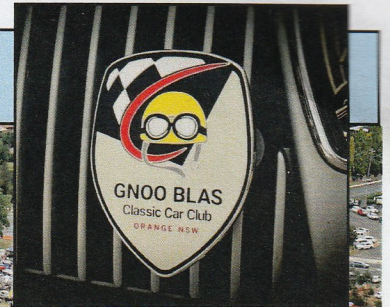


GHMC Goes to the Gnoo Blas Rally,

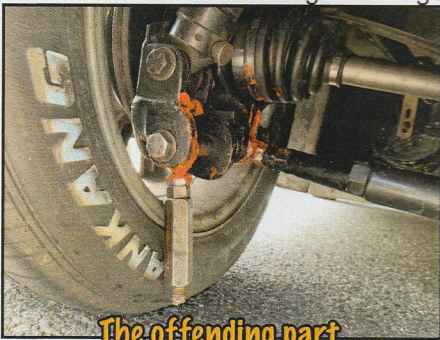
Gnoo Blas Classic Car Club Inc is a Motorsport Australia Affiliated Classic Car Club, for all makes, models, and years of cars – originals and modified. Each year in February GBCCC hold a huge annual car show on Sir Jack Brabham Park.



6th - 8th February, 2026

The old Gnoo Blas road racing circuit was an important part of Australian motorsport history. Built as a community project in 1953, it played host to a variety of motorsport events such as touring cars, open wheelers, and motorcycles, including the very first Australian Touring Car Championship in 1960. The racing circuit closed in 1961, and GBCCC holds the Gnoo Blas Classic car show dedicated to our motorsport history..

For a number of years Ralph Baulch has been meeting up with fellow Cortina owners, and for almost as long has been trying to get GHMC members to attend. Last year he convinced Allan B and myself to attend. This year five couples put up their hand to join Ralph and Lorraine. The plan was for a 7.00am departure from Yenda, however a funeral and work commitments meant that two couples were coming from different places. The rest of us met up in Yenda and after a slight delay headed to West Wyalong, then Forbes for a coffee break and for some a top up of fuel. The Newell Highway was surprisingly quiet and the road surface was very good, this was something we all commented on. It was then onto Orange via Eugowra. As I slowed approaching Eugowra the Europa lurched to the left, no bang, and I pulled up. The tie rod on the rear wish bone simply broke. Ralph having seen what happened pulled up to render assistance. Tilt truck needed, so a phone call to the NRMA and after an hour's wait a tilt truck in Orange was found and dispatched. By this stage Lindsay, who was coming from Rutherglen, had pulled up, and Ralph had contacted Bill Vaughn (GBCCC member) who rang Wayne Swadling (President of GBCCC) who in turn contacted his brother John (Orange Automatics) who in turn organise his son, Kyle, to open up his shop and supervise the unloading of the tilt truck and making sure we had everything we needed to fix the car, as both Wayne and John were involved with the street parade. No sooner had we unloaded the car (Jake the tilt truck driver was great and very caring about getting the Europa both on and off his truck), Allan B turned



The offending part

up, having travelled from Gundagai and after examining the broken tread, declaring it had been damaged/fractured for a long time and the fix was relatively straight forward. "Have you a welder?" And it was, after aligning everything, the broken part was welded together, within 30 minutes the offending part was fixed, "much stronger than before!!" Took it for test run, all good. Both John and Wayne had turned up in time to check out Allan's handy work a gave it the thumbs up. So it was off to our motel in time for happy hour and dinner!

Saturday: Gnoo Blas Car Show, Sir Jack Brabham Park 9.00am - 3.30pm

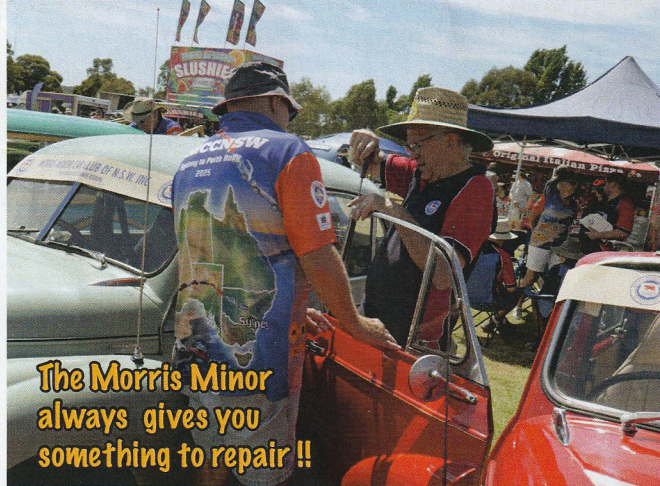
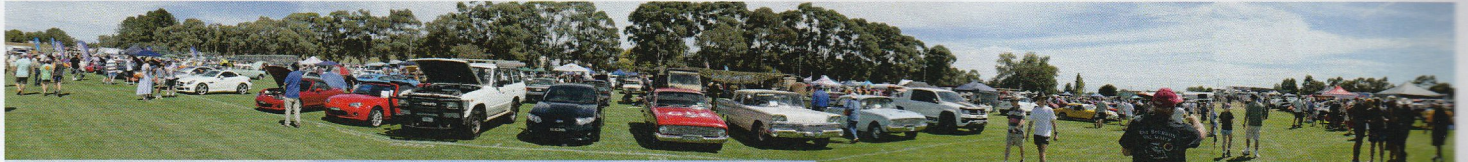
Over 1,000 cars, plus bikes, trucks and buses, tractors, boats, even a privately owned Black Hawk helicopter!

Griffith Historic Motor Club's spot



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The organization of the car show was amazing with 80 volunteers and Gnoo Blas members involved in the set up and running of the day, and it ran seamlessly, each group had an area allocated to it, the various stalls and displays spread around the park.



**The Morris Minor
always gives you
something to repair !!**



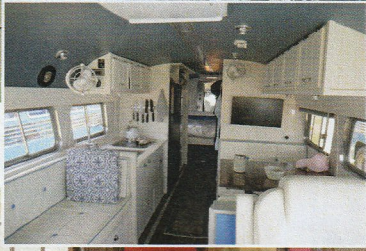
Bill Vaughn's Red Cortina



Kyle Swadling's new toy



Warren Brown & Mathew



After the car show back to our hotel for a well earned happy hour and birthday celebrations for Kay Schirripa and a nana nap before getting ready for the Gala Dinner!



Saturday Night: Gala Dinner with Keynote Speaker: Warren Brown — acclaimed Australian media cartoonist, journalist, former Top Gear Australia host, and Order of Australia recipient. A very interesting and entertaining talk.



Sunday: Raining and with six of our group having to leave, the remainders decided to skip the "Sunday at the Lake" and head for Young via Milthorpe and Carcoar and onto Col & Jenny Harmer's place to re-visit their car collection. Col & Jenny also caught up with us for dinner.

Monday: Went out to Lambing Flat Chinese Gardens a Site of a Chinese massacre, before heading to Temora for lunch and home. A great weekend, put it in your 2027 Diary.

