



**Nepean District Morris Minor Car Club Inc.
REPORT ON VISIT TO PRINT MUSEUM | 16 March 2019**

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After a suggestion from Brenda and Tony to visit the Print Museum at Penrith Paceway, we finally made it. Saturday 16th March was selected (17th being St. Patricks Day).

Our monthly meeting was held at Panthers at an earlier time and the group then crossed the Northern Road from Panthers to the Paceway. Dodging the puddles on our short drive across, (I must point out that Yvan was the only brave Morry member who drove his classic, the rest of us safely in our daily drives), we arrived to a very warm welcome from the friendly volunteers who man the Museum.

The camaraderie between this host team was fantastic and their sense of humour really added to the tour. They are all former members of the Print Industry, Compositors, Printers etc. The accompanying photos will give an idea of some of the amazing historic print equipment on display. Many of the exhibits still work and the demonstration was educational and interesting. We do tend to take newspapers for granted, however the history of printing our daily papers is awesome.

As Bob or Reg or Pete (one of the volunteers anyway) said, today's newspaper is yesterday's news. In todays era of instant news, this is certainly correct, but newspapers have certainly served mankind very well.

Listening to their stories of their lifetime in the print industry, you could tell the passion is still there. I certainly couldn't do justice in describing the equipment they have however some of the machines are very rare. Some of the machines were used locally, Penrith and North Richmond and their latest acquisition from Fairfax is probably priceless.

The actual history of print is fascinating and how it has evolved over the centuries is amazing.

We were all presented with a souvenir certificate with the car club name featuring. These were printed while we were there, a very nice touch.

Everyone agreed it was a fascinating couple of hours.
We then headed back to Panthers for lunch, still dodging puddles etc. and then home.
Another fun Morry event.