

MINIBITZ ON THE MOVE

Mini parts supplier & repair specialists Minibitz has recently relocated to new premises. The business is now at Unit B4, 50 Keeling Road, Henderson. Just a few hundred metres from their previous address.



"We can do as much or as little as the customer requires," Lee stressed. "We understand that many mini owners like to be hands on with their cars. We also appreciate that not everyone has the budget for a complete rebuild. That is why we are happy to step in and help at any stage. Many customers use us to complete tasks that they either don't have the skills or equipment to tackle themselves."

For more information on services offered contact the Minibitz team on 09 837 0040.



The company's new location has a dedicated retail space and improved workshop facilities. Spokesman Lee was enthusiastic about the move. "Our previous location was quite limiting due to it's multipurpose use. Anyone who made a visit to the shop whilst there was a grinder going full chat in the background could testify to that! Our new space has allowed us to create a dedicated panel work area where the noisy, dirty work can be done in isolation to the main workshop and retail area. Our new retail space is also a huge improvement. Separate from the other activities of the business it allows us to have a much better display of goods."

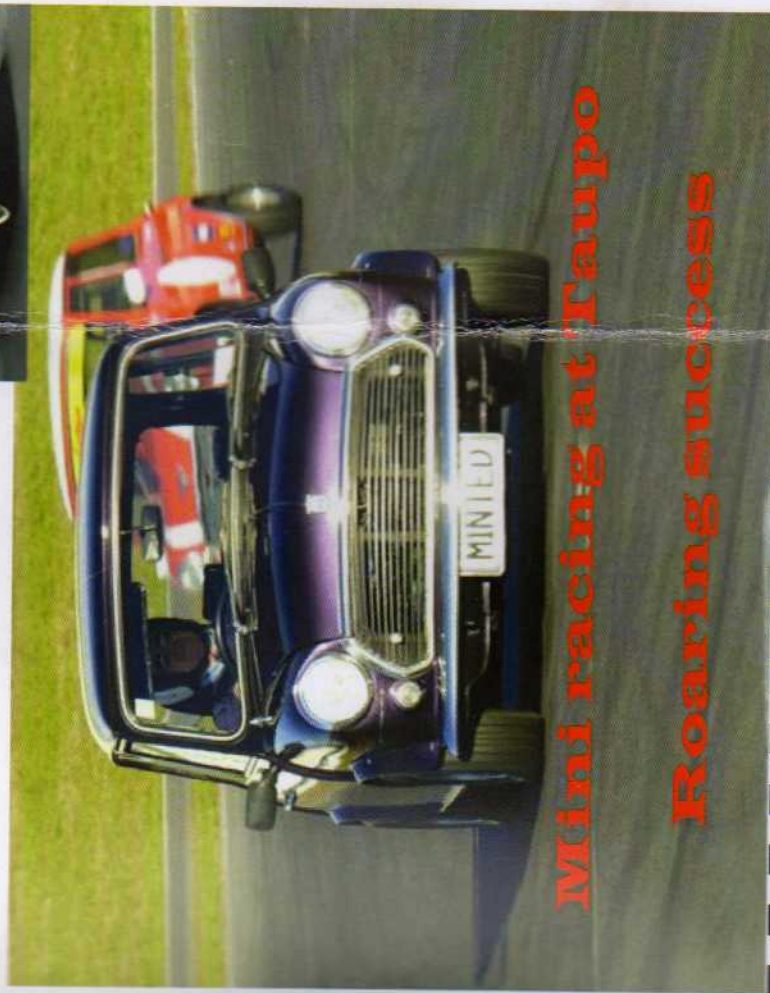
The business is still offering the same broad range of services. Parts, mechanical repairs, bodywork repairs, refurbishment and rebuilds. The latest two completed projects to roll out are a 1962 850 and a 1973 Mini Clubman. Both vehicles have undergone extensive rust repairs, repaint, engine rebuilds, trim and re-assembly.



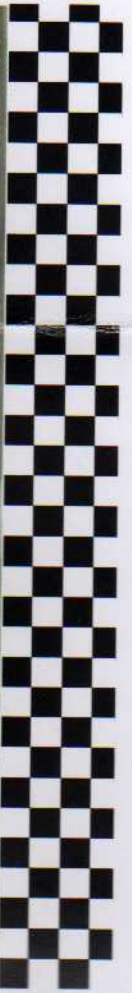
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Lots of goodies, the Club's points list,
and the mag in full colour!

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Presidential Report

Warwick Robinson

Taupo Fun Day on Sat 31st May – This year fell on Queens Birthday weekend. Normal convoy down on Friday afternoon and drinks at the Suncoast Motel before dinner in town.

Saturday morning turned out misty and very cold, 1 degree at track. The old part of the track (southern end) was having maintenance done so we were offered the new half of the track, complete with tarmac pit area and 2 pit boxes. Above the pit boxes a concrete viewing area provided complete views of the entire track – this was excellent for keeping an eye on cars and drivers.

A follow the leader run of the new track for all drivers took place at the start of day to get used to corners, breaking points etc. The new part is longer and when 8 – 10 cars are out on the track they seemed more spaced out and less likely to have accidents.

There were quite a few spins by a number of drivers during the day, but this was expected as drivers were pushing their cars and themselves to the limit. No accidents at all for the whole day and everybody had a ball.

From our club we had for the day around 30 people and 25 cars.

Drinks and an informal prize giving at the Suncoast, after the day's meet. (Prizes courtesy of Wynn's - many thanks), then it was onto dinner at the Cosy club, and then back home on Sunday. A perfect weekend.

Mini Drivers Club is looking at hiring the new part of the track for next year again, but it will cost slightly more, and we all agreed this would be worth it.

**Warwick
EI Presidente.**



Captain's log

What's with the weather?? Weekend coming up! Wet again! NZ winter???

SUMMER IS COMING SUMMER IS COMING

Despite the weather there have been some great events over the last couple of months.

Good number of club members out supporting these events. I know attendance is appreciated by the organisers after all the hard work they put in.

First was the Mini Fun Day - Taupo. I had never attended this event before. Rex and I decide to drive down for the day (in the BMW), had great day and we ended up staying the night.

Approx 20 or so members from the Auckland club and 50 cars, everyday runners to Mini racecars from over the North Island were circulating around the medium size configuration of the Taupo track. Drivers could go fast or at a speed that they felt comfortable with.

The Mini Racing Drivers Club were giving rides around the track, personal thanks to Robin for the experience, Awesome!

That evening saw the Auckland club members go out for dinner and a fun prize giving thanks to WYNNS for the product. Look forward to next year's event and using my own car.

The Italian Job saw about 20 Minis line up in the domain for the start. The easy to follow instructions had participants drive some of the windiest, steepest and narrowest roads in Auckland's CBD. The driver had to be alert due to the parked cars, Photo taking tourist and the navigator giving right/wrong instructions. Lucky you realised the road you turned 3L by the Ford sign was the off ramp from the north western motorway Andy and Gavin thanks for holding a line of Minis up while your car was being loaded onto a tow truck hope it wasn't any thing major? Listening to the comments from happy participants at the café at the finish. Everybody had a story to tell, and had enjoyed themselves. Thanks Chris McMurray for another great event.

Night Trial 21st June. Another good turn out of Minis (some not seen before) and Zs While participants were being given the run down for the event. A quote from organizer Gary has stuck in my head. "It is the shortest day which means it is the longest night" not a truer word spoken. The event consisted of easy to follow instructions with question, that in the dark were harder to find answers for. After traveling over the Franklin district with almost a full moon as light. It was good to get to the finish for a well-earned meal and a coffee (I think my co driver needed some thing stronger) As groups arrived back and events of the evening were being discussed. It was becoming obvious that some members had, had more excitement than others, running out of petrol, mini dash fire and a local with a gun.



"The winners prize - MOTHERS Showtime - Instant detailer"

And we had a winner to the June magazine competition, the answer being a Clubman GT of the Australian variety.

The most correct answer came from membership number 142

Daniel Sloan of Glendowie - We will arrange your Showtime!

Take a look at the inside back page for our next competition.

This time it's a bit more of a Mini challenge.

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