A Minor Classic

People | Holly McKay

IT may have taken two years but one Canterbury man has achieved more than he could dream.

Richard McKellar and his father Bill restored a 1960 Morris Minor One Million. Richard has written and self-published Morris Minor One in a Million: A Father and Son Restoration Adventure, a hard copy coffee table book that tells how they restored the the old "morry minor" together.

The book will be launched this month but has so far sold about 250 copies in Australia and the United Kingdom.

Richard said they imported the car from the UK in 1994 and it was used to teach his children how to drive.

He said the car was kept at his father's home in North Harcourt and in 2008 the pair decided to restore it.

"I would bring parts home with me and work on them in the lounge," Richard said.

He said the idea to write a book had been a life-long dream.



Richard McKellar has written a book about how he and his father Bill restored a Morris Minor One Million. N41PP238

''I'd always wanted to write a book and I thought what better to write about than Morris Minors and restoring one with my father." he said.

The book was "full of humour, tech talk and history" and included about 500 photos of the restoration in progress, Richard said.

"It brought us closer

together, it became a talking point."

The car was now sitting at the Morris Minor Garage Museum in North Harcourt with the 15 other cars he and his father had restored over the years, he said.

The book is available at Dymocks in Camberwell and Motor Book World in Canterbury.