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### **What's On**

#### **July 2019**

- ♦ ***Thursday 4th—Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm @ Café Inu Carrington***
- ♦ ***Thursday 4th to Sunday 7th—Goodwood Festival of Speed UK***
- ♦ ***Sunday 7th—Hill climb Ringwood***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 9th—Committee Meeting 6.00 at Clubroom  
Club Night 7.30pm at Clubroom***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 10th—Midweek Gathering 12.00 Lochinvar Hotel***
- ♦ ***Thursday 11th—North Arm Group— meet at Nabitac Hotel Car Park 9.15am for 9.30 departure. Morning tea at Nabitac Green House Café. Lunch at 12 noon at the Roundabout Inn, 28 Church St Gloucester. If your a visitor attending contact Peter Eaton***
- ♦ ***Saturday 13th—All British day at Newcastle foreshore***
- ♦ ***Sunday 21st—Clubman Run***
- ♦ ***Thursday 25th—Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas Hexham 10.00***

#### **August 2019**

- ♦ ***Thursday 1st—Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm @ Café Inu Carrington***
- ♦ ***Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th—MG Racing at Winton***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 13th—Committee Meeting 6.00 at Clubroom  
Club Night 7.30pm at Clubroom***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 14th—Mid week gathering Hexham Bowling Club***
- ♦ ***Saturday 17th to Sunday 18th—Rylstone Classic Rally Tassie***
- ♦ ***Sunday 18th—Clubman Run***
- ♦ ***Thursday 22nd—Tuning Run***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 28th—GEAR Wakefield Park***

#### **September 2019**

- ♦ ***Thursday 5th—Square Riggers Natter 12-2pm @ Café Inu Carrington***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 10th—Committee Meeting 6.00 at Clubroom  
Club Night 7.30pm at Clubroom***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 11th—Midweek Gathering 12.00 Pelican RSL  
1 Pirwal St Pelican***
- ♦ ***Saturday 14th to Sunday 15th—GOF - MG Car Club West Wagga***
- ♦ ***Saturday 21st—MGCC Hunter Region Concours Lambton Park***
- ♦ ***Thursday 26th—Tuning Run***



## **CLUB QUIZ**

**GHaywood**

1. What year did BMC cars take 21 International Class Speed Records?
2. Where did these record achievements occur?
3. What was the MG development number of the car that achieved these International Class Speed records?
4. In 1957 a MG development car took 7 International Class G Speed Records. What was the MG Development Project number of that car?
5. What engine was used in EX181 MG Development car that Phil Hill drove to take International Class E (1501—2000cc)

## **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS INTO OUR CLUB.**

Janis Lay (612) with a 1946 cream MG TC

Anne Hurn (613) (Husband already a member)

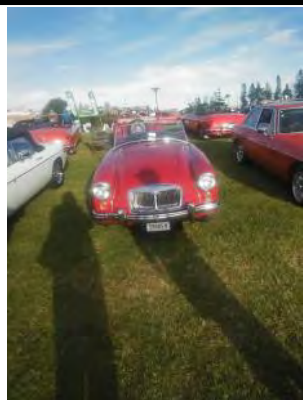
Maggie Head (614) (Husband already a member )

Bruce & Pam Melville (615, 616)

Alan Farrington with a 1950 cream MG TD



Frans MGA at Eurofest Motorfest





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### **The new club website is up and running.**

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not to mention our

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### **Reminder of Midweek Gathering**

**Meet at the venue for a 12 noon lunch**  
**Wednesday 10th July at Lochinvar Hotel**  
*Don't forget to phone Kay Bowden to reserve a seat!*

This edition of our magazine has the usual committee position holders reports. Also a bonus report of the trip, from a couple out of Perth WA, whom drove their MGB across the Nullarbor to attend the National MG Meeting in Brisbane then in their MGB drove back home via Darwin and the Kimberleys. An interesting read.

As promised I have some quiz questions on page 6 and an addition is a welcome to our new members.

The North Arm Wheels group will from now on include their runs in our magazine and this can then allow Hunter Region members to drive up north and meet the North Arm Wheels groups if so desired.

### Progress with my MGB

*I have been monitoring the gearbox oil leakage and it seems to have reduced and the oil level is still good so fingers crossed as the noise has almost gone.*

*Purchased and installed a new master cylinder and dried out the brake servo. Brakes seem good now.*

*Drove my MGB and displayed it with other MG's at the 125th Anniversary for the Mechanics Institute Building (Our club rooms)*

*Attended the Euro Motorfest on Sunday 16th in my MGB and displayed it along with a large number of other European built wonderful cars and enjoyed the day.*

Graham Haywood







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## ***President's Report***

***Stephen Jones***

Giddyay to everyone,

I may be a tad one eyed about Concours' but I have noticed that we don't have much success this way. The last few years for example, the National meeting concours for example, the small display over the road for the 125<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Mechanics Institute for example. All displaying our cars, all wet, wet, wet. Sounds very 70 rock band.

Yes the MGHQ has turned 125. We had a few MG's in the park and Denny had his TF parked directly in front holding up our banner. There were speeches (none by me), birthday cake, bands, dancing persons... well cancel the last two (which was lucky with limited room inside and rain outside). A good day with lots of people looking through our club rooms. Thanks to those that braved the weather and help make it a good day.

This theory doesn't work all the time as we finally had a fine 'Euroday'. Asho and Maddo did a great job in organising the big day and it was our first year on the foreshore in near Nobbys Beach. The location couldn't be prettier and it matched the display of cars. Thanks to all that put their hands up and helped make the day a success. Thanks to all that bought their cars in.

I haven't been contacted by many for the National Meeting at Albury/Wodonga from 10<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> April. It's about on par and about what I expected from our club. It's hard when some people try really hard to make the club better and don't get support from the members.

As you would have read last month, 'The weekend of winding woads and waterfalls' went off magnificently. I'm planning next year's event already around my days off next year and I'm trying to shuffle work so the last weekend in May is a distinct possibility (also depends on accommodation availability). I'm limiting the numbers to an absolute max of 15 cars, 12 would be nicer (and I'm up to 7 already). To go bigger means a logistical nightmare for me when it comes to meals and accommodation and I'm not that keen on the stress. It's nice to have everyone at the same place so there will be a limit. I'm there to enjoy myself as well.

I won't give specifics but we will again be covering 1000 kms on the 3 days but this time heading south west. It will be called the 'Weekend of winding woads and vawweys'. It'll have weawwy gweat woads and a baw of fun.

There are many jobs on the MG's that I'll tackle. Replace the gearbox and the associated engineering required... not a problem. Engines in and out, yeh. Replace body panels and paint, I'm not great but I can do it. Mechani-

cal internal, Oooo not really, I'll leave that to someone that knows (but I'll give them a hand). Gauges I'll leave to a professional (thanks Robert Cronin) and now I've ticked off another job on my B and Bev's Midget that is best left to an expert. Seat repairs.

The vinyl in both is getting on, and like us all, it's getting a bit dry and cracked. Monty had a hole in the base where I've sat on the seatbelt when getting in and the Midget had a split on the side of the back. Vinyl repairs is something that is outside both my knowledge and my ability. The cost of getting the products to do the job would be expensive and learning the trade would guarantee a few stuff ups that would look real dodgy. The seats are highly visible when your butt isn't in it so a bit of patina is fine, defective repairs aren't. There aren't many people left that do these repairs and even the bigger trim places don't touch it. They'll recover your seats but repairing a hole isn't covered.

I found Gary Roach from New Look Trim Services (0421644011) very helpful. I dropped the B's seat to him and he came to my home to repair Bev's Midget's seat. I suppose it comes down to the quality of the job you want. I'm looking forward to using Monty a bit more than I have in the past. I may even use more than one or two of my 60 days of my non car club event driving.

The more you drive it the better they run. As they say, use it or lose it, so I hope to see you on the road sometime soon.

Steve



An additional event is to be added to the Clubs calendar of events, to be conducted by a North Arm Group member, Peter Eaton.

These events will be advertised in the club magazine and will be staged from the Nabiac Hotel car park on a second Thursday of the month. The events will run North or South from Nabiac and will be directed to a lunch destination.

Hunter Region Club members who wish to participate are welcome, to meet with the North Arm Group for lunch at the detailed lunch location.

**Method;** if the run is North then members living at Port Macquarie can join in and if the direction is South then club members from southern locations are welcome.

The only request is that when an event is announced a contact phone number for Peter Eaton (the organiser) will be published and a call to him will be required so he is aware of additional numbers for lunch catering purposes.

The event may not be staged every month as it is not intended to clash with Hunter MG Club events. The North Arm Group will also give consideration to Great Lakes and Taree Historic Motor Club calendar as some club members have dual membership with both these clubs.

**The inaugural run is on 11<sup>th</sup> July, it is listed in the events calendar of this magazine if you want to join the North Arm Group please advise Peter Eaton .**

Obtaining replacement parts for a classic car can have it's challenges. First up you check with other club members who may have some idea of obtaining quality parts from a supplier at a fair cost. The next consideration is essentially to find a supplier with stock.

When I first obtained my "B". I shopped around and used suppliers from Melbourne, Smithfield, Normanhurst and occasionally the UK.

Last year while on an eight day rally I was advised my stop lights were not working. I was at Blackheath and the next day

my location was to be Wollongong. I rang Bruce Smith at Sports Parts and arranged for a brake switch to be delivered to my motel at Wollongong. On my arrival the switch was there, waiting for me.

With my latest effort in repairs, I needed a fuel tank, new brake master cylinder and wheel cylinders, rear brake shoes and rear wheel oil seals. I phoned Bruce, all items were in stock and he advised prices.

Being a major investment, I tried phoning the Melbourne and Smithfield suppliers, no phone contact could be made.

Requests for parts have to be made by email or purchase on line, so an email was my go. It took a week to get a reply from one of the suppliers and I'm still waiting on the other. So Bruce got my business, he also gave me good mechanical advice in the removal of the split cones that have to be removed before fitting the seals. When it comes to service and car parts knowledge I award top marks to Bruce, he is a great operator and I hope he doesn't retire before I retire the "B".

### **Cockroaches:**

Who on earth would want to know why cockroaches turn on their back to die? The answer was promised, so here it is: Cockroaches have a top heavy body and topple over when they die, because insecticides affects their nervous system.

**Question:** How come an octagon badge for the MG? Answer next month

Have Wheels Will Travel

## ***Tuning Runs***

**Austin Blanch**

**Meet at "McDonalds Hexham" rear car park for departure  
10.00 am Sharp Check the WHATS ON in the magazine  
each month just in case a special run has been planned**



# **The Redlands Nationals 2019**

## **Around Australia solo in our MGB**

**By Ray and Kerry Smith**

When contemplating the driving trip from Perth, to and from the Redlands Nationals meeting, Ray put it to Kerry that it would be an opportunity not to be missed to come back via Darwin - provided three factors were normal: our MGB remained trusty, ourselves being well, and the weather. (Cyclonic rain can cut the roads in Qld and NT for weeks at a time).

We, two seniors in our seventies (Ray in his 79th year) sharing the driving, would be doing this trip alone.

We had done this previously for the Adelaide Nationals in 2017 (Octagon article, June 2017) and Tassie Nationals in 2018 (Octagon, June 2018).

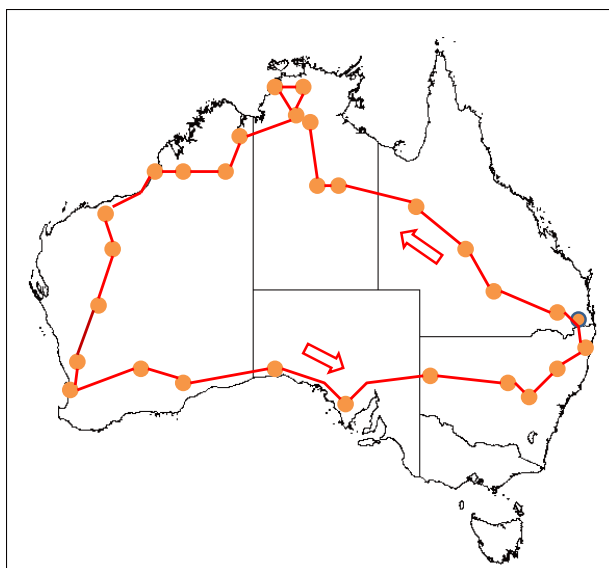


Fig.1. Joining the dots with our MGB. Overnight stops are the orange dots; Redlands, Qld, is the dot with dark surround.

The Easter period, coupled with school holidays, puts pressure on motel accommodation. Accordingly, we pre-booked accommodation for the whole trip. If anything went wrong this would mean a lot of inconvenience and many phone calls. However, our little MG just purred along beautifully, we met all our accommodation bookings, all went exactly according to plan and, thankfully, we did not have to use our rudimentary camping gear.

Our trip involved a total of 13,548 km of driving, the same as the road distance linking Vladivostok (far eastern Russia) - Paris - London - Land's End (Cornwall) to John O'Groats (Scotland) and essentially double the distance of The Silk Road which is some 7,000 km in length.

The way over was our fifth crossing of the Nullarbor in our MGB in the last three years. Familiar territory, the Nullarbor is a delight to drive.

This time after Port Augusta, we took the Barrier Highway to Broken Hill, Wilcannia, Cobar and Nyngan. This highway was much more like a minor road, a bit twisty and suffering a lack of maintenance. Furthermore, drought conditions seemed to bring out an abundance of kangaroos, goats and sheep as road hazards during the day.

Cruising on from Mudgee, through Armidale to Ballina is enjoyable, scenic country.

The drive on through the Gold Coast to Redlands was characterised by large volumes of holiday traffic in both directions. This was the Thursday before Easter and beginning of school holidays. It seemed that almost every car was towing a boat.

The 2019 National Meeting was the Golden Jubilee - the 50th year of MG Car Clubs meetings - hosted by the MG Car Club of Queensland. A major undertaking that was very well done.

Although we have not seen official figures, we understand that there were some 250 registrants. Kerry and I were the only members from WA. We got "adopted" by the Hunter Club, NSW, which had seven members present. This friendly gesture made the whole meeting very special to us.

Registration, scrutineering, the dinners, take off points for trips, the farewell breakfast and the Delegates Meeting were all held at one place, the Alexandra Hills Conference Centre, which was very convenient and the staff and facilities were excellent.

Many members were staying at the Centre.

However, we stayed in a modern "granny flat" in an adjacent suburb,

mainly because we wanted secure parking for our car. The Concours was held on the foreshores of Moreton Bay. It rained intermittently posing extra challenges for competitors, especially those with roofs down - or no roof at all - and for the dedicated judges.



Fig.2. Dedicated judges in the rain, Redlands Concours.

The Observation Run was within the suburbs of sprawling Brisbane with busy traffic. This was OK for testing answers to complex questions yet not really attractive for a social run.

The Kimber Run got out of the suburbs to Tamborine Mountain in the hinterland. Yet still the local traffic was heavy and we saw only three MGs go by. Again, unfortunately, no socialising opportunities.

In retrospect, it would have been better for us to be spectators at the Motorkhana.

The dinners were characterised by good company, good food and excellent service. Furthermore, they did not suffer from the extreme loudness of music as occurred at the Ulverstone Nationals dinners in 2018 in Tasmania. Accordingly, conversation was generally fine. However, the announcing and handing out of an endless array of

medals characterised both dinners and conversations terminated while these announcements were going on.

I understand that there were a total of 300 medals for 250 registrants. Far too many!

Puzzling to some attendees, including us, was presentation of the "Most Travelled Award" to a couple who boarded a plane and flew from the UK to Brisbane. Some members, who were also members of the Austin Healey Club, said their club's most travelled award goes to the member(s) whose car *was driven* the most miles to/from the meeting and that an Austin Healey pulled on a trailer is ineligible.

It is hard to picture anyone driving their MG further than Kerry and I were in the process of doing for this Nationals - unless they were to drive around Australia twice!

All up, this Golden Jubilee Meeting and the program flow were very good.

For us, best were friendships developed.

Not surprisingly, we had many comments when people heard that we had not only driven our MGB from Perth but were driving it back via Darwin.

Comments ranged from that is "a courageous decision" to "good on you!"

We allocated twenty days for the return journey, passing initially through central and west Qld, and NT to Tennant Creek. In so doing we were cruising some of the main Beef Roads.

The volume of triple trailer trucks loaded with cattle was amazing as were the quads of ore trucks carrying coal, base metal ores or concentrates .

Ray found it particularly fascinating cruising across so much of the northern part of the Great Artesian Basin seeing, for example, vegetation evidence for artesian springs or seeps.

Unusually intensive cyclonic rains in 2018 and 2019 resulted in lush pastures through the Mitchell Grass Downs of Central Qld and the Barkly Tablelands of NT. Our trip brought home to us how important is cattle grazing in these regions of northern Australia.

It was fascinating to visit towns like Charleville, Longreach (the historic home base for QANTAS), Winton, Cloncurry and Mount Isa.



Fig.3. Flooding at Mungallala Bridge, Warrego Highway, Qld, luckily only delayed us 40 minutes.

Winton has become important for the dinosaur discoveries there. The research and visitor centre, called "The Age Of The Dinosaurs" is excellent, a credit to those dedicated people who established and run it. Winton seems likely to become a world leader in the field aspects of dinosaur research.

Fig. 4. Kerry with friendly dinosaur at "The Age of Dinosaurs" Visitors' Centre Winton.



We stopped overnight at Tennant Creek, then moved north through the Victoria Plains tropical savannah to Mataranka, then further north to Katherine, Kakadu and Jabiru where we saw the transition to \ tropical woodlands, monsoonal wetlands and rainforest of the Top End characterised by corypha palms and boab trees in addition to eucalypts and melaleucas.



Kerry did a welcome clothes wash in Darwin where we did some sightseeing.

Fig. 5. Lush vegetation and crocodile-free clear waters, Bitter Springs, Mataranka, NT.



Fig. 6. Kerry enjoying coffee at our cabin, Kakadu Lodge, Jabiru, NT.



Fig. 7. Ranges along the Victoria Highway, NT.



Fig. 8. Boab trees, Victoria Highway, NT.

Thereafter, we cruised through the Kimberley overnighting in Broome. Next was Port Hedland, BHP's port for export of iron ore.



Fig. 9. Loaded, clearance under the central muffler (95 mm) was just adequate. The Kimberley, WA.



Fig. 10. A triple trailer freight truck, Great Northern Highway, central Yilgarn, WA.

From Port Hedland was through one of Ray's regional field research areas (the Hamersley Basin) but mostly new to Kerry.

Thereafter we had an overnigher at a donga style motel at Meekatharra.

Our last stop was at the historic Old Convent at Dalwallinu.

We arrived home, exactly on schedule, lunch time Mothers' Day.

Highlights of the trip were the dinosaur centre at Winton and its surrounding terrain, cruising the Mitchell Grass Downs bioregion, and rock formations of the ranges along the Victoria Highway, and ranges in the Kimberley and Hamersley provinces of WA.



Fig. 11. Home, on schedule.

## **Public Relations Officer Report...Ian Ashton**

The weather gods were kind for Euro Motorfest 2019, although wet weather in Sydney kept 23 classic Italians from making the trip to Newie.

I was more than happy with the result which was certainly reward for the effort. As a result we will be able to give Variety a generous donation this year!

We attracted some 230 euro vehicles to beautiful Newcastle Foreshore Park which is truly such a wonderful venue for a car display...so great in fact that I have tentatively booked it for the same time next year...SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020.

I would like to thank all members who assisted me either on the day or leading up to Euro Motorfest.

In anticipation of in excess of 300 vehicles in 2020, I have already put in motion improvements for vehicle movement and parking and additional food and coffee outlets. We will also look at a more central broadcasting point.

All in all a great day with 40 MG's on show...a truly wonderful response from the MG Marque owners.

Our next major show is our own MG concours on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September at Lambton Park opposite our beautiful 125 year old Clubroom building.

I will endeavour to have some new MG's from Newcastle M.G. on display to add to the atmosphere and continuation of the Marque.

So let's make our own MG concours an equally successful day and spread the word so that we get a good roll up of beautiful MG's on Lambton Park.

Your Pro with the mo....Asho





## ***SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT***

***Gary Piper***

Not much to report on the sporting scene this month, hopefully in the next couple of months we will see a couple of the Team Hunter race cars up & running again.

Matt Blanch is gradually getting the engine bits back & he & Austin will be putting together the engine for Matt's B in the near future. Matt has applied to run in the Group S category at the Bathurst 12hr weekend in February 2020 hopefully he will get a start.

Steve Jones has also got most of the parts back for the Midget engine & will be getting it back together & running shortly.

It would be great to see both of these cars running in the Wakefield Park 25th anniversary meeting in November.

I am busy trying to extract more horsepower out of the B & also working on some weight reduction on the car, hopefully I will have a few improvements done for the GEAR meeting in August .

Did you know that in the mid seventies In America a team called Huffaker Engineering successfully competed in the national level Sports Car Club of America races in MGBs

They were light weight Pull door handle cars. British Leyland's sponsorship agreement required the cars to have the black rubber bumpers fitted so they looked like the MGB's on the showroom floor.

So Huffaker Engineering fitted the rubber bumper skins on a super light weight frame.

Upcoming events .

July 7 MGCC NEWCASTLE Hillclimb Ringwood Park

August 28 GEAR meeting Wakefield Park

September 28- 29 HSRCA Spring Festival

October 20 MGCC NEWCASTLE MG & Sports Car Regularity Hillclimb

November 16- 17 HSRCA / GEAR Wakefield Park 25 Anniversary

Remember drive them don't hide them .

Cheers Gary





Numbers for Morpeth trip in November is booked out at 21.  
Next Clubman Run is on 21<sup>st</sup> July. Meet at clubrooms and leave at 9.30 am then lunch at Neath hotel at 1pm.

Collect numbers at clubrooms for hotel booking before we leave.

Club Members are encouraged to support the All British Day on 13 July by attending at the Foreshore to support that Day,.

Rendezvous location Fitzroy Street Carrington (cross Cowper Street bridge, 1<sup>st</sup> on the right) assembling at 8 a.m.

See you on the road,  
Jeff Lauff



## **Reminder of Midweek Gathering**

***Meet at the venue for a 12 noon lunch***

**10th July — Lochinvar Hotel**

*Don't forget to phone Kay Bowden to reserve a seat!*

# THE NEW MG'S ON SALE IN NEWCASTLE

By Graham Haywood

A couple of weeks ago I and my friend Howard went to the MG sales room in 8 Oaklands Road Bennetts Green to look at the new MG's.

There are 3 variants of the MG GS on offer being :

**Core** with 1.5 litre turbocharged direct injection petrol engine, 7 speed dual clutch automatic and 2 wheel drive, a rear view camera, climate control and a 6 speaker sound system.

**Excite** with same fitments as the Core but with extras of 18 inch alloy wheels, sports leather seats, an 8 inch touch screen interface with sat-nav, auto wipers and fog lights.

**Essence X** with a 2.0 litre turbocharged petrol engine producing 162 kW and 350 Nm of torque, AWD and a six speed dual clutch auto transmission. Other fitments as per Excite and additional features of side steps, sunroof, xenon headlamps and steering wheel shift paddles.

We arranged to road test the MG GS Essence X which is a small SUV.

First impressions were a well installed interior and comfortable seats with a more vertical seat position as per most small SUV's.

The engine was quiet inside and with a steady acceleration pedal picked up speed smoothly with smooth gear changing.

However if one lifted the accelerator pedal the transmission seemed to be fooled and hesitated before upchanging which did cause a slight roughness in the change.

As long as the engine revs were maintained the turbocharge enabled the engine to maintain power during gear changes and we easily maintained progress with other vehicles on the road. If one was in the market for a small SUV then the MG GS would justify to be considered

The other car on offer was the small 5 door hatchback MG3 sedan which is only available in 4 speed automatic for Australia and has a 82 kW 1.5 litre natural aspirated engine.

This car is equipped with 8 inch multifunction colour touch screen, Apple car play, Bluetooth connectivity, steering wheel sound controls, 6 airbags, ABS brakes, emergency brake assist, electronic stability program, active cornering brake control, hill launch assist, automatic locking doors and hatch, distance to next service indicator and 60/40 split folding rear seat. Included is a rear view camera and parking sensors. A clean looking well equipped small sedan that should be attractive for city operation and also for country driving.



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## **Wanted: MGBGTV8 Speedometer.**

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80mm 220kph from '75/ '76 BGTV8 Robert Cronin 0424142629

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## ***Tuning Runs***

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## MG Clubman

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**ONO** Mark Hickey 0407 237 576 – for and on behalf of Mary.

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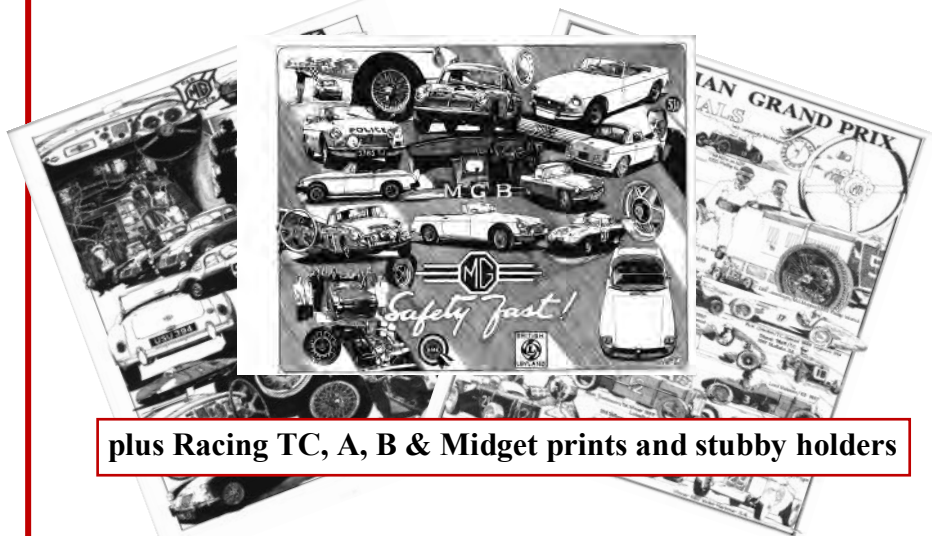
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Thank you to those who have contributed to this edition of "On the Marque"

Please submit your contributions via email to [ghaywood6@bigpond.com](mailto:ghaywood6@bigpond.com)

It is great to have input from members as well as committee members!

**Deadline for the August edition will be  
Thursday 25th July 2019**

## **MG Car Club Hunter Region**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting held 11<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Meeting Opened 6:15 pm**

**Present:** Stephen Jones, Greg Jenkins, Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Jeff Lauff, Ian Ashton, Wendy Croker, Gary Piper, Graham Haywood

**Apologies:** ,

**In attendance:** Brian Madden, John Fletcher

**Minutes:** Approved moved Gary Piper Denny Bowden.

**Business Arising:**

Correct 'Jones' to 'Janus'.

**Reports:**

***President:***

Tuning Run weekend was held and run. "Car now starts instantly!" Note of thank to the Jones for their effort – it was a terrific event.

Has already mapped out the Run for next year.

Thank you to all who turned up for the building's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

***Vice President:***

Has been in touch with Variety who will be the charity for Euroday and will be present there.

***Treasurer:***

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***Secretary:***

Nil.

***Club Captain:***

Numbers for Morpeth trip in November is at 16 and we can only accommodate 21 – please be quick to take the remaining places.

Next month's Run is on 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Club Members are encouraged to support the All British Day on 13 July by attending at the Foreshore to support that Day, rendezvous location Fitzroy Street Carrington (cross Cowper Street bridge, 1<sup>st</sup> on the right) assembling at 8 a.m.

***Public Relations:***

Euro Motorfest at Foreshore Park this Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June will apparently be 22 degrees (warm). Is coming together. Organisers will need some help, please, from 7 a.m.

***Sporting Director:***

Events coming up:

16<sup>th</sup> June is Wakefield Gear Meeting;

7<sup>th</sup> July is next Ringwood Hillclimb.

Still hasn't found out further details of the Wakefield Anniversary.

On Fathers' Day weekend Muscle Car Masters are at Sydney Motorsport Park (Eastern Creek) – a two-day event involving Group N (historic touring cars) vehicles.

MG Car Club Victoria competed at the HSRCA meeting at SMP and were highly successful and it looks as though it will happen again.

**Committee Member:**

N/A.

**Regalia:**

Committee agreed to spend \$60.50 for plaque to be presented to the Ottawa MG Car Club who will be hosting the Crokers in September.

**Magazine Editor:**

Magazine went out last week.

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**General Business:**

John Fletcher addressed the meeting about proposed activities for the Club's New England Chapter. He assured the meeting that this is very much intended to be part of MGCCHR, and not precursors to an attempt to form a breakaway club. The Committee strongly supported his activities.

Lambton Residents' Group request to use the Club facilities for their monthly meetings which are held first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. (16-20 people). They would pay for tea and coffee if that was available to them. Steve has concerns about liquor licence and RSA – would that only matter if alcohol was involved?

*The Committee would have liked to support this community group, but problems with insurances, terms of the lease, and the liquor licence precluded our providing assistance.*

Congratulations to Club member Professor Leo Pinczewski who was awarded Member of the Order of Australia for his services to medicine in this week's Queens Birthday Honours.

**Meeting Closed 7:19 p.m.**

**Next Meeting**

6 p.m. Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019.

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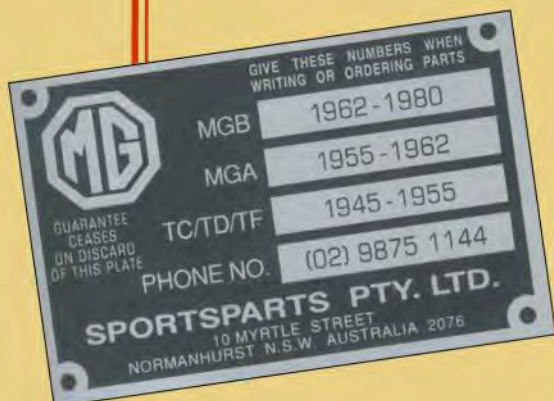
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