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please call before 9.00pm**





## **What's On**

**MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.**

### **SEPTEMBER 2020**

- ♦ **Thursday 3rd—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Tuesday 8th—Committee Meeting 6.00pm at Club rooms**  
**Due to social distancing regulations in force there can be NO general club meeting at the club rooms**
- ♦ **Wednesday 9th—IF CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE RELAXED—12 noon at venue to be Advised.**  
**Registration with Kay Bowden is ESSENTIAL as maximum number is 20 Persons.**
- ♦ **Sunday 20th— Clubman Run— members to declare their interest due to SOCIAL DISTANCING and person numbers restrictions. The run starts at 10am at club rooms. See page 13 herein.**
- ♦ **Thursday 24th—IF CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE RELAXED—Tuning Run— members to declare their interest due to SOCIAL DISTANCING and person numbers restrictions. Start time will be 9.00 am from Maccas Hexham.**

### **OCTOBER 2020**

- ♦ **Thursday 1st—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Tuesday 13th—Committee Meeting 6.00pm at Club rooms**  
**Due to social distancing regulations in force there can be NO general club meeting at the club rooms**
- ♦ **Wednesday 14th—IF CURRENT COVID RESTRICTIONS ARE RELAXED—12 noon at venue to be Advised.**  
**Registration with Kay Bowden is ESSENTIAL as maximum number is 20 Persons.**
- ♦ **Sunday 18th— Clubman Run— members to declare their interest due to SOCIAL DISTANCING and person numbers restrictions. The run starts at 10am at club rooms. See page herein.**
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Unfortunately as we still have to have safe distance we still would not be able to conduct general member Club Meetings.

Readers that receive a printed copy would have realised that the quality of print has deteriorated and that is due to small numbers the magazine is being printed on a inkjet printer by myself.

The President's Report includes the results of our first committee elections held without an actual Annual General Meeting. We now have a full committee elected with Anne Pettigrew taking on the role of Social Secretary. See page 8 for his report.

The North Arm Wheels have had to cancel all activities for August. Nonetheless John has supplied a report on page 11 to help us endure the current restrictions.

Clubman Run News on page 13 discusses the September planned Run to stir our appetites where we can meet distancing rules.

We have a first report from our newly elected Social Secretary on page 15.

The PRO has some good news re a new advertiser in his report on page 16.

The Square Riggers Natter meeting on the first Thursday of every month at the "Inu Café" (at Carrington not as previously stated Stockdale) is still functioning and subjects discussed over a coffee and lunch from 12 noon until 2pm is well worth the effort to attend. See page 18 for a brief report.

Sporting activities are slowly returning and the report from the Sporting Director can be found on page 19.

### **Progress with my MGB**

My car would have been built with a ballast resistor, an 8Volt coil, an ignition relay and the "Lucas Opus" electronic distributor. The ignition relay is missing, the distributor is a 25D4 and the ballast resistor is not connected but the coil was an 8 Volt unit with full time 12 Volt supply. All of this knowledge was obtained from helpers and research in a book "MGB Electrical Systems" by Rick Astley. Sometime during it's life the car has been jerry rigged electrically shortening the coil life and it has been very difficult to sort out. Many thanks to members Howard, Denny and John for their assistance.

**Graham Haywood**



**Around the bend – ravings of your President**

It is a very warm welcome to your club's new committee for the 2020/21 club year. It is the first time in many years that we actually have a full committee. Along with the same faces (I won't say old) from last year, we can welcome Anne Pettigrew to the fold as our Social Secretary. There won't be much work for her to do along that path any time soon but her enthusiasm will be put to good use keeping your club moving forward.

We are looking towards the day when we can again meet on the park for a Concours or a Euroday or maybe a club or film/ pizza night. The social distancing and sharing food are impossible to regulate any time soon. With that said, none of these base events suggested above will be happening this year. Our everyday runs will be assessed on a week by week basis. We'll try to post on Facebook what is happening but if you don't have access to that, please call the run organiser for the latest.

With the recent demise of my Commodore a month or so back, I was looking at replacements. A number of the cars I looked at were the base model. This got me thinking about how much has changed over the years.

Go back to the 50s and 60s and the base model possibly had rubber floor mats (no carpet), no radio, no heater, definitely drum brakes all around, air conditioning wasn't heard of and power steering, no sir.

Nowadays even the base model of almost every maker (not all) has carpet, adjustable steering wheel, radio & CD player, A/C, disc/drum brakes with ABS and power steering. The tyres are radial not cross ply, headlights are far better, suspension is top notch. Speed limits are lower and the lowest common denominator that the road rules cater for I would dare say are probably lower than 50 years ago. I'd say our expectations are a lot higher too.

Is this for the better?



My Midget is fresh from a gearbox rebuild thanks to Bob Rowntree. He built me a new straight cut/ close ratio gearbox. I took the opportunity to shave some weight out of the flywheel. The standard 1275 Midget flywheel weighs just over 7kg. Myf's was 4.9kg. It is now down to 4.5kg. Not too shabby.

With everything installed, now to do a run up and test before the track... hmmm, I knew there was a reason that I installed a rolling road dyno in my garage. It has been taking up one side of my shed for over 10 years, and this is the first time I've ever used it. It's an old analogue type one, (Not a computer in sight. Suits an old MG.) and there are no manuals so I don't know how to actually test a car on it. It is however good to just run a car up and make sure everything works. The video is on Facebook. I got up to 100 kph in my shed.

As the Covid-19 pandemic rolls along, it is hard to plan long term. It's hard to plan for next week. I've heard that the Northern Territory is not planning on reopening its borders for at least 18 months. Will Victorians be allowed out any time soon? Will we want to open our southern border any time soon? This train of thought all leads to whether we will be attending a National Meeting in 2021. It must be so hard for the Victorian club to know whether to put in the hard work required to organise it again, second year in a row or pull the pin early. I hope they have a crystal ball. I certainly don't envy them the job of organising a Nat Meet on a normal year let alone in the current uncertain times. They are giving a go/ no go in the next few weeks. More next month.

This is no more obvious than for those members of our club that had planned to head to Wakefield Park in late August for the HSRCA Spring meeting. It was postponed, a week out, and has been moved to the last weekend in October. I was entered to join the group S cars in their races. I was going to be in the same field as Matt Blanch in his B. He would have been towards one end, me towards the other. The aim for me is to get a signature on my race licence and I'm on very old tyres so I'm not planning on setting any PB's, just enjoy a weekend of enthusiastic driving. Will we get a few others with the Spring meeting date move?

Just 4 weeks later a number of 'Team Hunter' members will be lining up for the summer HSRCA meeting at Sydney Motorsport Park in late

November. I know that Matt (Group S MGB) and Austin Blanch (Supersprint MGA) are keen. Evan Redman is planning a run (Regularity MGTC) and I'll be there (Invited Group S Midget). I'm not sure about our other regulars in Asho and Gary Piper (both MGB's in Reg). It will be interesting to see if any spectators are allowed. It depends on whether people behave. For me it will be the third and last signature I need on my race licence to finally get off my P plates.

Another event that 'bit the dust' this year was a Mini (not mini) masterpiece run in 'the Rylstone Classic'. It's a fun drive to Rylstone (obviously) organised by the young Evan Redman (occasionally seen piloting his dad's TC around the race tracks of NSW) and is a testament to his enthusiasm and ability. This year was to be the 10th anniversary meeting and there were over 100 cars entered. Mostly Mini's of course, but a few other poor people were allowed to drive their MGB or Ferrari. Alas, it had to be cancelled.

To commiserate this fact, a small group went on a drive to Oberon up the back of the Blue Mountains. Evan picked the coldest weekend in many years with temperatures as low of  $-3^{\circ}\text{C}$  to a high of  $2^{\circ}$ . Bev and I took the B and since it wasn't technically raining, I was reluctant to put the roof up. It was a great weekend and I'll have a report elsewhere in the magazine.

I saw a Victorian numberplate. It said 'stay alert, stay alive'. It should have said 'stay at home, stay alive'. That would have been more appropriate.

Jonesy



Last month I was able to report on the North Arm Wheels Monkey Run event, this month I was supposed to be reporting on a two day adventure, with an overnight stay at Walcha. No report because the event was cancelled because of Covid 19. Just like most car clubs the social life is non existent these days. So it's back to our monthly Thursday lunch, observing the rules of social distance.

September is my birthday month and I'm aware that I'm well on the way for the OBE award. The smart ones will know what I'm on about, if you don't you are too young to understand. Age is something we have no control over, as we work our way through the years and a mirror is the only true indicator of your experience.

So read on if you are experiencing the following words your like me, age is creeping up, the sayings are no longer a joke just true-isms.

The good news about middle age is the glass is still half full. The bad news is that before you know it your teeth are soaking in it.

In the mirror the face is familiar but I can't remember the name.

The advantage of dementia you meet new people every day.

Growing old is compulsory, growing up is optional.

You know your old when the cost of the candles, is more than the birthday cake.

It never worries me when I get a little lost. All I do is change where I'm going.

Living to 100 has one advantage NO peer Pressure.

You know you're getting old, when every thing hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work.

You know you're elderly when they discontinue your blood type.

You can live without sex but not without glasses.

Man is as old as he looks and if he is the only one that looks, he's Old.

Old age is when you know all the answers, but no one bothers to ask the questions.

Signs of old age, there are three, Loss of memory and I can't remember the rest.

I get enough exercise by just PUSHING my luck, in JUMPING to conclusions.

These days HAPPY HOUR is a NAP

I know my secrets are safe with my friends, at our age they can't remember them either.

Now do the test, tick off each true-ism that applies to you, if your score is greater than 30% your on the way to getting old. If the score is 50% your in trouble, above 50% its not old age its all-timers?

My Score, sorry I can't remember!

Have Wheels Will Travel

John Fletcher

October MG Muster Run has been cancelled for this year.

## THANK YOU

Patricia Martyn expresses thanks to all club members whom provided condolences and supported her through the difficult personal time after the loss of her husband.



Especially a thank you to the club members who formed a guard of honour as Pat left the church, that created a wonderful memory of the respect they held for him.

The awesome parade of MG's that formed an escort to Pat on his last journey will lovingly remain in memory by his family.

## Proposed Spring Club Run

For all those people out there who have been locked up due to COVID-19 and their MGs are dusty and need to be out and running, I propose a Spring Club Run on Sunday the 20th September away from the crowds.

It will be a bring your own morning tea, lunch and chairs affair. Leaving the Club House at 10am.

Also due to COVID restrictions we will have to follow strict self distancing and only be in groups of ten. Up to one other person can travel with you if not living at the same address. This shouldn't be a problem if you are driving your MG.

If members are interested in attending this run you must please contact me on my email at [jlauff55@dodo.com.au](mailto:jlauff55@dodo.com.au) or phone me on (0413971154) so I can plan our group numbers.

For those members on club plates, please be reminded that you must have paid your 2020/21 membership fees to be legal.

Now for the interesting part.

Morning Tea will be at the park in Doyalson Street Morisset, down the side street from Woolworths. Toilets and cover is available. Travel time about 50minutes, 40kms.

Lunch will be at Poppet Head Park Kitchener. There are toilets but limited cover and you will need to bring your chairs and lunch. Conversation will be supplied. Travel time about 45minutes, 47kms.

For those people who wish to only do the Morning Tea run that will be fine.

For those who wish to join us at Morning Tea and continue to Lunch that will also be great.

Any excuse to get out to enjoy the open spaces with the top down with particularly good conversation and company.

See you on the road.

Jeff Lauff

Club Captain





## **Invitation to join us for the MGCC UK 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebrations Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October**

### **CHANGE OF PLAN**

I refer to previous advice which was published in your August Club magazine and advise that the joint committee of MGCCN and MGCCHR have decided after much deliberation that our original plan for this event was becoming impossible to comply with COVID-19 requirements. It was just all too hard so we needed to come up with a Plan B.

The new venue will be at MGCCN's Hillclimb site at the Ringwood Motorsport Complex.

The day will take the form of a byo everything picnic on the grassed paddock area at Ringwood. As we are not permitted to congregate in a large group under the Covid rules, we will not be holding a morning tea get together at MGCCN clubrooms as originally planned.

This means also that you will be required to travel to Ringwood independently, but we will provide suggested routes to the venue so you can enjoy the drive.

Those of you who are still interested in attending what should be a great day out, please send your intention to attend by email to Ken McLeod at: [kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com](mailto:kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com)

Once you are on the list of attendees, you will be sent further details by email as we get closer to the day. For those of you who can't go without watching the Bathurst 1000 on that day, there will be a big screen TV set up for your enjoyment. More details later.

Ken McLeod  
Register Captain MGCC Newcastle

## **STOP PRESS -**

How many people can remember the last time there was a report from the Social Secretary?

Well, I am very proud to be writing this as your new committee member in this role!

I was actually nominated last year, but I was still working 5 days a week, and said that I would think about it when I retired. Although I am now only semi-retired, I didn't really think there was much point in nominating for the position at this AGM in the middle of a global pandemic and all the restrictions and requirements to keep everyone apart and safe! So I would like to thank the committee for electing me, and welcoming me to my first committee meeting last month, and learning that at least there are no big shoes to fill!

I hope that when we are allowed to resume the regular activities of our Club, everyone will be so excited and eager to come along, join in, meet some new members and share stories of their beloved MG's, as well as just having a good time.

If anyone has any suggestions of social activities we could have now or in the future, please contact me via email. Meanwhile, please send in your photos of you working on your car – even if it is just cleaning and polishing! And please watch this space for updates.

Anne Pettigrew



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

We continue to function under strict Covid restrictions while our rent and insurances continue as normal. Apart from our valued Club members, most of whom have rejoined our wonderful MG Car Club for another 12 months, we have no other income from our two major annual income makers namely Euro Motorfest and our own MG Club Concours.

At this stage we may still be able to hold our Concours in October so stay tuned! Surely Euro Motorfest will be back bigger and better in June 2021!

So now some good news for our members. We have a new tyre and mechanical sponsor in "Tyrepower" at Gateshead and Erina on the Central Coast.

So members whether it's your MG or your daily drive that needs tyres or mechanical attention simply contact "Tyrepower". Whether you phone or visit simply introduce yourself as a member of MGCC Hunter Region and show your membership card for special pricing. Down the track we will arrange for some members to display their MG's on a Saturday morning at "Tyrepower Gateshead" in a joint promotion.

Please refer to the "Tyrepower" advertisement in this magazine for a list of "Tyrepower" services including aircon regasing for your car with summer coming up.

We look forward to supporting our new social director Anne Pettigrew who has graciously taken on the role to help our members have more fun particularly when Covid restrictions are somewhat more relaxed....stay tuned.

Trish and I look forward to catching with MG friends when we can. Until then make the most of social media, texting and your phone! Live with care and look forward to a Covid free environment again.

Your pro with the mo....Asho





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## SQUARE RIGGERS NATTER



Square Riggers Natter meetings are on and eight members attended in August at the usual location "Café inu" on 43 Denison Street in Carrington.

We had a good roll up for the July meeting.

The guys attended owning 1 TC, 1 TD, 3 TFs, 1 YT, 1 J2 , 1 PA and 2 MGBs between them.

Lively conversations on our interest in MG cars, including the square riggers, was conducted over our lunches and liquid refreshments.

Lovely sitting out in the sun yakking away and enjoying a beer and lunch.



The "HSRCA Spring Festival" event has been postponed to the weekend of October 30th to November 1st because of advice from "NSW Health" and in consultation with "Motorsport Australia" and "Wakefield Park Management", so hopefully it will go ahead on the new date.

"Newcastle MG Car Club" are trying to include a Come Try Hill-climb day in their event scheduled for September 20 at Ringwood Park. Anybody interested can contact me for details.

I attended a "GEAR" event at Wakefield Park on August 12, we had a total of 53 competitors including some interesting historic machines.

Conditions were very cool & apparently they'd had a fair bit of rain in the area previously as water was running across the track in three places which certainly made it interesting going into the right hand turn coming off the top of the hill & the turn into the main straight.

I was running with some new front suspension and steering modifications with also a brand new set of semi slicks so I had no idea how different the car would feel but was pleasantly surprised how much better it handled and felt even though my times didn't indicate it. Although I think everyone's times were a bit slower on the day due to track conditions and cold weather.

Thanks to the "GEAR" and Wakefield Park crew for another great enjoyable day on Wakefield Park. Also a big thanks to "GEAR Race Secretary" Laraine Whitehouse who waited until 7.00 pm at the track Tuesday evening after several of us got held up on the Hume Freeway due to a major road accident. Thanks also to my logistics manager for the event, Steve Turner, who also flagged on the day.



MG K3 Race Car Replica owned by  
Malcolm Robertson

If you are interested in being involved in the “GEAR” days and don’t want to run your car they are always looking for flaggies & people to help run the events. I guarantee you will have an enjoyable day as they are a great mob of people.

Anybody interested can contact myself, Steve Jones or Austin Blanch for more information.

### **Coming Events.**

Wednesday September 7 “GEAR” Meeting Wakefield Park.

Sunday September 20 “MG Car Club Newcastle” Hillclimb Ringwood Park.

Sat October 30 to Sun November 1 “HSRCA” Spring Festival Wakefield Park.

Sat November 28 to Sunday 29 “HSRCA” Summer Festival Sydney Motorsport Park.

How good are MG’s? Two weeks ago I was giving my “B” a flogging on a racetrack and today I was enjoying a great social run in the country in the form of Austin Blanch’s tuning run. Very versatile little machines and you got to love them.

**A helpful tip.** You can get a free “Penrite Oil” app on you’re phone. All you have to do is put in your rego no & it will tell you what oils & fluids you need to use in your vehicle. They also have a great technical department and you can speak to them about any problems or questions you have with oils or fluids. I have spoken to them and they are more than happy to help you with your problems.

Remember drive them  
don’t hide them,  
enjoy your MG’s I know  
I do.

Cheers Gary



## The SnOberon Classic 2020

What do you do when the forecast is for the coldest day in many years and the event you had organised was cancelled due to good old Covid19? You throw a mini Mini tour just for fun.

That seems to be what went through the mind of one of our club members that is into Minis (as well as MGs). The young Mr Redman has been the creative and moving force behind the Rylstone Classic and for 10 years the numbers have swelled from a handful to well over 100 cars. It's a free 'pretend rally, real fun' fang to Rylstone out between Mudgee and Bathurst.

This year was to be the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary event. Another record number of entries had registered but alas, Covid 19 claimed yet another victim with too many people from too many places descending on too small a community.

Since the weekend had already been written in our diaries, someone said, "How about Oberon for a commiseration event"? A handful of the organising group packed their bags for a run to the mountains.

Now as it turns out, the day we were going to drive to Oberon, a massive Antarctic blast was hitting NSW. It was to be the coldest day in many years. Snow down to 500m. Wow. I'm taking my B and I prefer to drive with the roof off. This could get interesting.

Bev and I joined 4 other cars (2 Minis, a Twin Cam Corolla and the Rylstone Rescue Team in the Hilux) at Edgeworth Maccas for a run via every back road we could find to Ourimbah to pick up the next Mini. Around the back of Freemans Waterhole we got blasted with torrential rain that felt part ice. The inside of the windscreen ended up wetter than the outside (no wipers inside). After several years between Monty being out in the rain, the wiper switch decided to play silly b\*#lers (it finally got its act together half way through day 2).

We picked up our 3<sup>rd</sup> Mini at Ourimbah before hitting Dog Trap Road and every back road to Wisemans Ferry then through to Sackville Ferry. Lunch was at the Grumpy Baker in the old Ampol Servo at Bilpin. They would have to be the best pies I've ever eaten. I normally don't go for an addition with an apple pie but we're in Bilpin, so one has too. It was worth every mouthful. Magnificent!

By now the weather was getting pretty filthy and looking worse the higher and further west we went. I gave in and pulled the roof from

the boot. It's been a long time since it's been out and cold weather didn't help with the fitting. A lot of grunting and stretching and it was on... just in time.

It started raining straight away and photo 1 is what greeted us at the intersection of the Bells Line of Road and the road to Mt Victoria. White out! Love it! We took the road left and the weather eased substantially. Mt Vic, down the Victoria Pass (Austin has good memories... Sue doesn't of a club run many years back) then turn off at Hartley towards Jenolan Caves.



Strange, there was a 5 km line of traffic going nowhere in the other direction trying to get out onto the Great Western Hwy. We found out



why a few kilometres later when we were told the road was closed. We ducked back a small distance and found Hampton Road heading west through Tarana and it started to snow again. 4WDs were pulling over to play in the snow and we saw a few that looked like they were doing a good job of getting bogged. They have a 4WD and don't use it. We had 2WD (both FWD & RWD) and kept to the tar and never slipped at all. We eventually circled Oberon and came in from

the west.

There was snow on the ground and the town looked picture perfect. Kids were making snowpersons in the park, oh how pretty.

We got parks right in front of the Royal Hotel and found the occupants of the last Mini to join our party fortifying themselves in front of the open fire. Callie (ne Redman) and Brad Ryan with daughter Morgan had come the exciting way up from Canberra.



I checked the baby a few times over the evening and watched him

(yes Monty) slowly disappear under a blanket of white. A few times we glanced out the pub window and the snow seemed to be coming



**MONTY CLOTHED IN SNOW**



**MONTY'S FROSTY GRILLE**

in horizontal.

Morning revealed a wondrous sight of the Minis and Monty (the Rolla and Hilux too) totally covered in snow. What a picture opportunity that I dare say I probably won't ever get again.

To my surprise, Monty started straight up. The pre-run maintenance (antifreeze in the radiator)

worked though oil pressure was reluctant to go over 60psi until the engine totally heat soaked through. I only had 2" of snow to scrape off all the windows. Pretty pictures!

Fuelled and packed (I was unable to get the roof down. Not because of the build-up of snow but one of the dot fasteners had a wedding ring hanging from it. If I dared unclip the dot fastener then the ring would disappear too.

Hmmm) we consulted with the constabulary as to the best way out. East was out, South and North were closed. Only mad people would go west. We are driving an MG and Minis in snow so we qualify totally as insane. We back tracked towards Tarana and after several K's following 3 Minis through snow covered countryside looking like a picture from the 1965 Monti Carlo Rally, we emerged to a clear sky and roads.



**MONTI CARLO RALLY**



**WAITING FOR THE SUN**



Calli and Brad had less success in their attempt to head back to Canberra and ended up stuck in snow (needed a push) and having to turn back to Oberon and wait. They eventu-

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ally made it to Goulburn for lunch.

We headed through Rydal (I have to come back there one day) and on to Rylstone (weren't we supposed to go there from the start) and the Globe Hotel for lunch. Top off the tanks and the great Bylong Valley Way was a ball of fun, again 3 Minis filling the windscreen as the

road varied from tight hairpins to open sweeping plains. A great drive every time.



THE TEAM

As we got to the Hunter Express Way the Minis peeled off one by one and Monty, Bev and I made it home before dark after a VERY mem-

orable weekend. I don't think I would have been game to tackle it if mates hadn't organised it but I'm so happy I did. Not many would be game to hit the snow in a 55 year old MG. A few would, don't get me wrong. Most people were more shocked that the roof was on the B rather than the place we went.

Many drinks will be consumed reminiscing this weekend.

# FOR SALE

## **FOR SALE PARTS FOR MGTD and 1954MGTF.**

One complete set of brake drums, hubs and wire wheels for TF.  
Also suit wire wheel conversion for MGTD.

**9-41 (4.55-1) ratio ultra rare factory Crown Wheel & Pinion set suit MGTD and TF.** Ph Robert 0249684696..

## **For Sale MGB V8 Engine & Painted Wire Wheels**

MGB V8 engine Complete except for front timing cover.

**\$2,200 ONO**

4 MGB Painted wire wheels with tyres.(4.5 inch X 14 inch)

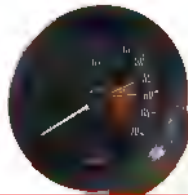
Good splines, came off my car. **\$60.00 Each**

**Contact Rudi Scevak—0413841272**

## **For Sale Smiths tachometer to suit MGB**

**\$250**

**ph Ian 0429 592 823**



**WANTED : MGB 3 Bearing engine**  
**Call Ray 0425245100**

**WANTED : MGB Bonnet Preferably original in good condition.** **Call Larry 02 49772112**

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# FOR SALE

## FOR SALE

I have a number of MG items I would like to sell which consist of the following;

1. An almost complete MGTF timber kit in quality seasoned Australian coachwood (including most of the original timber) and a few TC bibs and bobs.
2. A set of sheet metal patterns for re-skinning the body tub and doors (less the firewall)
3. A complete but very rusty 1500 MGA that needs a total-ground up restoration. The body is in two halves with some work started and some extra panels.
4. I have the complete original motor plus a 1622 and a number of complete Austin 1800 heads

I am open to (sensible) offers for these items and if there is genuine interest will send photographs on request.

Contact **Tony Bayliss 0417 062 352** [bayrest2@bigpond.com](mailto:bayrest2@bigpond.com)

## FOR SALE.

New wiper arms for MGB GT. These were recently bought from MG Car Club UK and suit Right Hand Drive cars. (Mine is originally LHD so I can't use them). \$50 for pair.

Hazard switch 6 terminal with round connections. Also new from UK (mine has flat connections). \$15

Contact **John Stuart. 0408622674.**  
[johnstuart65@bigpond.com](mailto:johnstuart65@bigpond.com)

## Parts for MG PA Wanted.

To keep the restoration of PA1499 moving I'm looking for the following parts:

- Lucas M35A starter motor
- Second crank case breather. The one that fits under the water branch side plates on later PA engines.
- Lucas L140 headlamps. Complete lights or parts.
- Dashboard edge trim

**Elliot Burns** Phone **0478 415405** or email [meburns66@bigpond.com](mailto:meburns66@bigpond.com)

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## FOR SALE:

After 32 years of midlife crisis I have decided to sell my beloved TD.  
It is a 1951 build, I am only the third owner, it is fully registered until 21 st  
Feb 2021. NSW TD015

Engine rebuilt 2006 with XPEG crank, leadfree head, Jerry Austin axle  
shafts, stainless steel lined brake cylinders etc.



A more comprehensive history and  
copies of receipts are available on  
request. Many spares.

I'm asking around **\$18K.**

**Sjef Vleeskens 0499 439 939**

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# FOR SALE

## FOR SALE MGTF 160 LE 07/2004 Build

Iridescent dark green, 46,000 klms. Factory hardtop, dual air bags package, antilock braking, air con, 16 inch alloy wheels, central locking remote control, fog lights, engine immobiliser, leather steering wheel, leather upholstery, power mirrors, premium brake package, power steering, power windows, rear spoiler, seat belt pre tensioners, sport seats, sports suspension and wind deflector. Yokohama AT tyres and water level sensor kit fitted.

In 2013 the car won "Gold Coast MG Club" Modern MG Concours Car of the Day.

**Asking price \$20,500** The car is at Tambourine Phil Sherriff, Qld. 0411708234 [pspalms@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pspalms@bigpond.net.au)



## FOR SALE 1971 MGB Roadster

Rego, No. XCV 313 — Overdrive — Midnight Blue in colour  
New soft top with zip out rear window, Near new Tyres  
Bolt on chrome wire wheels. Original steering wheel comes with car but needs repair. Overall car is in Good Condition



**\$16,000. neg.** Contact Terry, Mob. 0412 711 812

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# FOR SALE

## FOR SALE 1952 MGTD

Mileage 3,368

Four speed gearbox and  
two door body

Good tyres.

Everything works except  
clock.

No driver's side door cur-  
tain (but have material).

Currently on logbook reg-  
istration (54018H) but can  
be sold with black and  
white MG plates.

**Asking \$36,000.**

Phone Brian on 65433097  
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\$24

Single gas burner \$6

Ring 0412 645 091 or  
49519672 Neville  
Roals

# FOR SALE

## For Sale 1973 MGB GT

This car was sold in England in 1973 and brought to Australia in 1986.

I have documentation from new. The third owner restored the car between 2011 and 2014 including bare metal re-spray (Jaguar Racing Green), engine, transmission, brakes etc., Interior trim and rubbers. Alloy wheels fitted when new.

I have done a fair amount of work and have receipts for parts and out-sourced work.

The car is on club plates ( Tamworth Vintage Car Club) plate number 68068H and Car number GHD5321167g.

Asking-\$17.000

For further details Phone Ian Lambert 02 6762 8182



## FOR SALE : MG TF 2002 Auto

Green, in very good condition  
100,758 km, registration number MGB  
306

registered up to 4th Sept, 2020  
Has had the new upgraded head gasket  
fitted.

Currently a club owner.

**Asking \$8250. o.n.o**

Contact Denny Bowden.mob.0402 476 631



## MG Car Club Hunter Region

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

#### **Meeting Opened 6:04 pm**

**Chair:** Stephen Jones **Minutes:** Frans Henskens

**Present:** Stephen Jones, Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Jeff Lauff, Wendy Croker, Gary Croker, Anne Pettigrew, Graham Haywood.

**Apologies:** Ian Ashton, Gary Piper.

**In attendance:** .

**Minutes:** Of previous meeting approved moved Denny Bowden seconded Graham Haywood

#### **Business Arising:**

AGM: 2020/21 Committee Elected.

President: Steve Jones.

Vice President: Denny Bowden.

Secretary: Frans Henskens.

Treasurer: Greg Jenkins.

Club Captain: Jeff Lauff.

Sporting Director: Gary Piper.

Public Relations Officer: Ian Ashton.

Regalia: Wendy Croker.

Committee Person: Gary Croker.

Social Secretary: Anne Pettigrew.

Editor: Graham Haywood.

The President welcomed the new Committee.

Letter sent by Steve Jones to the Building Trust. Outlined inability to use the Club rooms.

#### **Reports:**

***President (Stephen Jones):***

Nil.

***Vice President (Denny Bowden):***

Concern that 14 members use historic registration but have not renewed their membership. Notes that the registration is only valid if Club membership is current.

***Secretary (Frans Henskens):***

Membership renewals to date: 49 single and 66 family. Membership cards have been sent by mail/email to all renewing members.

***Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):***

***Club Captain (Jeff Lauff):***

No runs this month because of COVID-19.

Did attend meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> July with MG Car Club. Discussed joint venture for MG anniversary, proposed to be held on Sunday 11 October. Function would involve drive to Audrey Wilkins for wine tasting, then Tatler Wine Estate for lunch. Cost is suggested to be \$30 each.

Interested people are asked to directly contact Ken Mcleod (Newcastle Club Registrar) on [kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com](mailto:kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com) . Club members are requested to also let Jeff Lauff know they are going [kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com](mailto:kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com)

***Sporting Director (Gary Piper):***

N/A.

***Public Relations (Ian Ashton):***

Nil.

***Regalia (Wendy Croker):***

Nil.

**Committee Member (Gary Croker):**

Nil.

**Social Secretary (Anne Pettigrew):**

Led discussion re duties, suggestions, etc.

**Editor Magazine (Graham Haywood):**

Query from Ray Tolcher questioning deterioration in quality of *On the Marque*. Has sent a letter in response (tabled). Ray has responded expressing understanding.

Vendor of printer (Officeworks) can only suggest returning and exchange. Intends to do so.

**General Business:**

Member rang asking Club 's attitude of 4 or 5 members went out for a run as a group.

Advice is by all means go but it would be a private event not a Club event – a group of friends going for a drive and a picnic in the park. After COVID-19 the arrangement could possibly open up to be a Club event when appropriate.

A member contacted Steve Jones about the Club rooms, concerned that the stairs represent a fall risk for some of the membership. Thus, the Club rooms act as a disincentive to attendance for some members.

Club looked in to this a couple of years ago. Found a distinct lack of alternatives with anything near the current facilities (e.g. kitchen, regalia room, exclusive use of room, etc), also heritage nature of the building prevents modification.

Steve will be away for all of next month, so Denny Bowden will take over as Chair. Geoff is also an apology for next meeting.

Howard McLean, one of the stalwarts of the Newcastle Club, was tragically killed recently when the car on which he was working fell on him in his garage. A warning for all – Howard was very experienced at car development and repairs.

Meeting Closed 7:10 p.m.

Next Meeting

6 p.m. Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

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## **CLUB MEMBERSHIP ENDS JUNE 30 NEW YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP STARTS 1ST JULY**

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MEMBERSHIP OF A REGISTERED CAR CLUB SUCH AS  
MG CAR CLUB HUNTER REGION

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now.

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 October edition will be  
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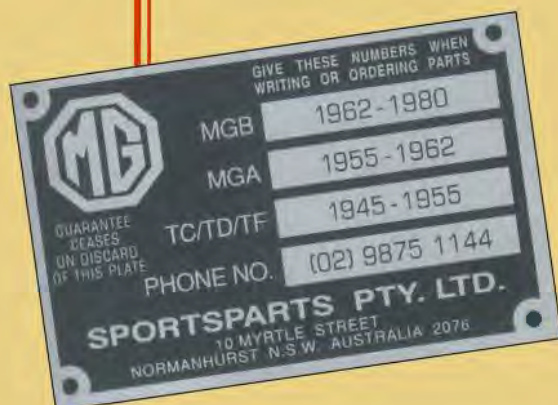
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