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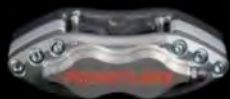
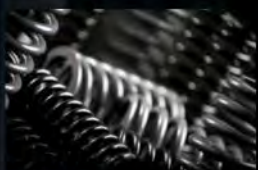
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## **What's On**

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

### **AUGUST 2021**

- ♦ **Thursday 5th -Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Saturday 7th—MGCCN Hillclimb at Ringwood**
- ♦ **Tuesday 10th—Committee Meeting 6.00pm at Club rooms**  
**No Club Meeting - Covid 19 restrictions on space.**
- ♦ **Wednesday 11th—Midweek Run— General Washington Hotel**  
**Stockton 12 noon Contact Kay Bowden : to Register.**
- ♦ **Sunday 15th—Clubman Run—Meet at Club Rooms 10 am -**  
**Contact Jeff Lauff [Jlauff55@dodo.com](mailto:Jlauff55@dodo.com) to register**
- ♦ **Wednesday 18th—GEAR meeting at Wakefield Pk Goulburn.**  
**Contact Gary Piper [0419 490 936](tel:0419490936)**
- ♦ **Saturday 21 to Sunday 22—Rylstone Classic rally - likely to be**  
**cancelled—contact Steve Jones [0412 495 234](tel:0412495234) for**  
**details**
- ♦ **Thursday 26th—Tuning Run—meet at McDonalds Hexham car**  
**park at 9.00 am—contact Austin Blanch on**  
**[0434 143 242](tel:0434143242) to register.**
- ♦ **Saturday 28th to Sunday 29th—HSRCA meeting at Wakefield**  
**Pk. Goulburn—Contact Gary Piper [0419 490 936](tel:0419490936)**

### **SEPTEMBER 2021**

- ♦ **Thursday 2nd—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Wednesday 8th—Midweek Run— Holmesville Hotel 12 noon**  
**Contact Kay Bowden : to Register.**
- ♦ **Friday 10th to Sunday 12th—GOF "Gathering of the Faithful"**  
**MG car meeting run by WAGGA MG CC at WAGGA.**
- ♦ **Sunday 12th—MGCCN Hillclimb—Ringwood**
- ♦ **Tuesday 14th—Committee Meeting 6.00pm at Club rooms**  
**No Club Meeting due to Covid 19 restrictions on**  
**space.**
- ♦ **Sunday 19th—Clubman Run—Meet at Club Rooms 10 am -**  
**Contact Jeff Lauff [Jlauff55@dodo.com](mailto:Jlauff55@dodo.com) to register**
- ♦ **Thursday 23rd—Tuning Run—meet at McDonalds Hexham car**  
**park at 9.00 am—contact Austin Blanch on**  
**[0434 143 242](tel:0434143242) to register.**

### **MEMBERS TO NOTE**

Changes to arrangements published in "On the Marque" will in future be advised on both the Web page and the Club's Facebook page. Members are advised to check them for such changes as the date/time of each event approaches.

## NEW MEMBERS NAME TAGS

The following NEW MEMBERS can collect their club badges when attending a club function .

The club badge should be worn during any club function.

Martin / Melanie Campbell  
Trevor / Janine Clifton  
John / Anne Marley  
Phil / Glenys Powell  
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Peter Thomas  
Roger Sheppard  
Clayton Thomas  
Andy Webmaier  
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## MGCCHR Clubman Point Scoring System

The Honour Board on the wall in the Clubroom has provision for the yearly Clubman Champion and Sporting Champion. Every member has the chance to get their name on the board through consistency of participation in Sporting Events or Clubman runs.

**Sporting** results are kept by the Sporting Director and apply to any MG Club endorsed sporting event that members compete in whether it is a hill climb, motor kana or racetrack event. 1 point allocated for each sporting event a member competes in during the club year. 1st, 2nd and 3rd placings are decided by the total number of points allocated and are rewarded with a trophy. The 1st placing winner's name is listed as the **Sporting Champion** on the Honour Board.

**Clubman** results are kept by Public Relations Officer (PRO) and are forwarded to him via (A) member responsible for monthly Wednesday mid week pub and club runs, (B) member responsible for monthly Thursday tuning runs, (C) Club Captain responsible for Sunday monthly Clubman runs. To qualify for Clubman points members must participate in a minimum of 3, mixed or the same, event runs in the same MG during the club year (July to June).

Depending on what model MG you own and or participate in will decide 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each allocated model division. PRO allocates one point to each driver and mate for each Clubman run for each MG Division. Trophies are awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each MG Division and to the first three MG mates (car partners, wives, girlfriends, boyfriends etc.) The overall winner (the member who participates in the most Clubman runs) wins the Clubman Trophy and has their name listed as the **Clubman Champion** on the Honour Board

Our Club also has a **NON MG** class which is designed to attract members with other marque sports cars to join our club and participate in all runs. PRO allocates one point to each NON MG sports car participating in a run. Members must also participate in a minimum of 3 runs in the same NON MG car to qualify for the trophy. There is only one **NON MG and mate** combined trophy which is awarded to the member with the highest points at the end of the club year.

Although NOT awarded annually the **Octagon Award Trophy** can be awarded by the committee to a NON committee member who in the view of the committee continually assists the MGCCHR with a range of services over the club year.



## **SOME CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS OVERDUE**

1 Renewals were due by end of June 2021.

Those on historic registration MUST not allow their membership to lapse because it is a necessary condition for their concessionary registration. If an unfinancial member and you use your conditional registered car it is NOT insured NOR registered under the scheme. This is regardless of when the car was conditionally registered.

2. There are three possible renewal fees as follows:

Single Membership (Full or Associate) is \$60

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Student Membership (over 18 and full-time student) is \$25

3. PDF of "*On the Marque*" club magazine by email is included in Membership.

Printed copy incurs an extra \$60 per annum.

4. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:

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to our Treasurer Greg Jenkins ([gregjenkins204@gmail.com](mailto:gregjenkins204@gmail.com))

6. When renewing it is NOT necessary to complete a Membership Application/Renewal form.

If Membership details (e.g. email or postal address, phone number, vehicle details) have changed please advise the Secretary Frans Henskens by email

[henskens@henskens.com.au](mailto:henskens@henskens.com.au))

This months photo is from my photographic archives several years ago when I first saw Nev's exquisite MGC Sebring replica on display opposite our club rooms. I am still in awe of the detail workmanship under the bonnet every time I get the chance to look.

When you next can attend a club meeting after **"COVID Restrictions are partially lifted"** you should notice that the club rooms have been painted and have a fresh clean appearance.

Many thanks to the organisers of the Club Run and XMAS in JULY Lunch at Morpeth on Sunday 25th. See reports and photographs of these events on pages 17, 18 and 20, 22.

The Sporting Director report this month has disturbing news re environmental restrictions on noise that is usually the start of pressure to close an existing grass roots motor racing venue for the benefit of some profit driven developer intent on turning into another semi urban housing development in what is currently a rural area.

Committee members have been elected for another club year and with only one change. Gary Croker has relinquished the position of Committee Person and that has been filled by Howard White.

Thank you Gary for your dedicated support and sterling efforts on the committee.

Welcome to new blood in Howard White to the committee as Committee Person.

### **Progress with my MGB.**

Not much to report with my MGB last month as have mostly been fiddling with the engine tune by adjusting ignition timing and carburetors with the usual result that no appreciable change in operation.

I have changed out a leaky lever arm damper in the front suspension and attended to a front disc caliper that seemed to be binding with increased disc and bearing temperature. The recent Club Run allowed me to assess any success and no appreciable temperature difference between both front wheels.



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

After an enjoyable day sniffing 'start ya bastard' and mumbling expletives at the J Van whilst everyone else was working hard at our Euroday, I finally got the old girl going reasonably well. The following weekend was the first opportunity to get a few miles up on her so we hit the open road.

70kph is a good cruising speed without overstressing her (I know how to overstress a car). She takes the whole lane to drive straight (we need to fix her steering box), and she corners like a sailing ship (the lean is scary if unprepared). I'd rate the pucker factor at around 9 due to the afore-mentioned, plus there being no seatbelt (lucky I'm a child of the 1960s), small slab seat and sliding full height doors.

I was highly amused (easy to do) as I did overtake a modern car on Kooragang straight. I was in the slow lane doing 70 in an 80 zone and they were going even slower than me! They weren't that old and didn't have mechanical issues. Another example of the lowest common denominator.

It was nice to start her a couple of weeks later and she came straight up on 4 cylinders like a good girl. Amazing what a good drive will do. I still don't think I'll take her on a tuning run... unless I head off a day early.

Now to all the events that have been affected by Covid.

A young club member of many years standing organises a Mini extravaganza run to Rylstone each year (until Covid intervened). I have my name down for the main event and Bev and I are invited 'brains trust' officials, so we hit the back roads for the 'pre ignition' run to set the route and observation questions. It was definitely an MGB roof down affair. The Blanchs Snr and Jnr and Jnr/ Jnr (yep 3 generations) joined the group in their MGBGT and MGF.

I'm talking before the fact here but using my crystal ball, I'm predicting that due to the ongoing lockdown, the decision was made to put the classic off until later in the year. We're all hoping that we will all have the freedom to enjoy the drive again soon

The Club's committee was up for election again and once again, the election had to occur online due to the fact that we weren't allowed to have a gathering.

I was the Returning Officer again to make sure the election was legally run. Nominations came in and positions filled. Nominations closed at 1700 hours on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. At that time almost all the committee have returned for another year. Same faces yet again.

The last year or so have been difficult to navigate in some ways and easier in others. Either way, none of us have experience to fall back on so in a way we are sailing blind and trying to do our best and what is right by the community and the club .

Had a nice run in Bev's Midget on the Christmas in July run. Thanks to Anne and Jeff for their hard work. It was only cold so the roof was down (and the heater on... the luxury). Nice to see the Lauffs doing similar

I can't see the lockdown changing at all in the next few months. At this time and until we say otherwise, please assume that the club night is NOT happening. We'll run the flag back up the pole as soon as we are allowed.

Outdoor events and runs still currently look ok (I hope).

Please keep an eye on our Facebook page and our web site for updates.

Stay safe,

See you soon  
Jonesy

## SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER



Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meetings are on at the usual location "Café inu" on 43 Denison Street in Carrington for August 2021.

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

Lovely sitting yakking away and enjoying a drink and lunch just as the group below were doing during a meeting whilst keeping COVID safe.



**Come and join us, you will be welcome.**



## **On the Marque Pro Report.....Ian Ashton**

By the time you read your magazine and my report I hope members will realize that if you didn't nominate for a committee position then the outgoing committee may or may not have been nominated for a committee position for 2021-22.

Hopefully they have because without a team of dedicated volunteer committee members you do not have such a wonderful MG Car Club.

Our hardworking social director Anne needs to be congratulated for organising such a wonderful Christmas in July lunch at Morpeth with 26 members attending.

Covid 19 continues to keep us vigilant. Our Club meetings are again in suspension but fortunately our four monthly runs (Square Riggers Natter, Mid week, Sunday Club Run and Tuning Run ) continue albeit with masks.

Members please register before you attend any Club run...it's as easy as a phone call, a text or an email to the organizer of the event.

Speaking of events Austin Blanch the chief organizer of the monthly tuning run contacted me before the July run and asked if I would arrange the day as he and Sue would be away.

In the normal spirit that exists in the Club I obliged. Little did I know that Trish and I and our new 1973 GT would not be going past the meeting point at Maccas Hexham.

Members will recall that two of my fellow MG member mates and I had recently replaced the clutch in the GT. It was a most enjoyable experience overall with morning coffee, toasties for lunch and idle chatting and some work done daily in my garage with Trish keeping a close check on us.

So finally the job was complete and with a quick circuit of Lakelands to confirm everything worked properly I was stoked.

Trish and I had two short runs in the GT leading up to the July tuning run just to make sure everything was ok.

On a beautiful sunny windless winter morning five cars and crews met at Maccas and got ready to depart for Patterson Park for morning coffee and onto Dungog for lunch.

It was then that as team leader I realised something was wrong!... my GT would not start!

So I had to allocate the responsibility of team leader to the very capable Ross Adams.

As we waved team Hunter farewell I phoned the NRMA and Trish and

I went into Maccas for coffee and cake.

Some two and a half hours later the patrolman arrived and asked me what the problem was. After getting the car started he began charging the battery sufficiently to get us home.

I explained that we had the engine out to replace the clutch recently so he said he'd check the alternator.

He looked at me and said he'd found the problem!

The two fairly knowledgeable mechanical member friends and me (an ex MG race driver) had failed to reconnect the alternator thus rendering the battery powerless. No alternator = no lasting battery power!

I haven't had the heart to mention it to my MG mechanic mates as they did such a great job on replacing my clutch!

Remember members to support our sponsors whenever you can.

Stay Covid safe and get your jab as soon as possible!

Your Pro with the Mo....Asho





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## Social Director's Report for August

What a fantastic day 28 members enjoyed on Sunday for our Christmas-in-July lunch!

Thanks Jeff for postponing the Club Run a week so that we could hold it on the 25<sup>th</sup> (although the weather would have been a lot better last Sunday!)



The Royal River Inn at Morpeth was a fantastic venue complete with our very own log fire to hang some Christmas stockings



and Christmas trees decorating the tables. The meals of roast turkey, ham & vegies, followed by plum pudding and custard were superb; and all the staff were always very friendly and helpful..







I'm sure that the pictures from Trish Ashton & Carol Roxby tell the story!

Depending on Covid, I won't arrange anything special until we know just what is happening. So please keep watching this space and updates on our Club's website and fb page.



Meanwhile . . .  
Keep warm, keep safe, and get vaccinated!

Anne  
Social Director  
MGCCHR



News from Wakefield Park Raceway is that Goulburn Mulwaree council have approved the development application submitted by WPR with conditions that are to commence in 2022 thence annually. Conditions to be imposed will reduce the number of days they are permitted to operate at a maximum of 95 dba from 50, to 40 in 2023 & 30 in 2024 with no provision for any days that exceed 95 dba.

These conditions will eliminate current trucks & super bikes etc ( consider some of Australia's best super bike riders have come out of the Goulburn area & thus have honed their skills at Wakefield Park).

This decision will have a devastating impact on WPR operations & on going viability.

Wakefield Park Raceway has filed an appeal in the Land & Environment Court of NSW against the Goulburn Mulwaree council's decision.

Let's hope they are successful in their appeal.

Hopefully we don't see what I call the home of grassroots Motorsport close to disappear and we lose yet another great Motorsport venue. Wakefield Park Raceway provides grassroots Motorsport at an affordable price & it is obvious that Wakefield Park management are committed to providing the best possible experience for Motorsport at all levels.

let's support them all the way .

**Coming events .**

Wed August 18 - GEAR Wakefield Park Goulburn.

Sat, Sun August 28, 29 - HSRCA Spring Festival Wakefield Park Goulburn.

Sun September 12 MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb Ringwood Park

Stay safe, stay healthy.

Remember drive them don't hide them enjoy your MG .

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**2021 Christmas in July.**

Our July Club Run included a Christmas in July lunch. Anne our Social Director organised this event to be held at the Riverside Inn in Morpeth. The morning started out bright and sunny with a slight breeze. We had eighteen starters in eleven MGs commencing from the club house and six other members joining us for lunch at the Pub. Unfortunately the weather was again not so kind. As we approached our morning tea stop at the Riverside Park in Raymond Terrace the wind became cyclonic and arctic cold. Even with these extreme conditions every member participated in the coffee and chat. Even if it was a very short one! Being a very responsible club outing, each club member donned their COVID mask and was socially respectful, until the hot coffee was poured.



Many tried to pour their coffee normally. However, Sally found that if you poured it horizontally you had better luck and much more ended up in your mug.

Carol forgot her maritime training about tipping liquids with the wind and not into. Even with this extreme weather, it didn't dampen the spirits for everyone to enjoy the conversation and contact with friends who we now only see occasionally and in controlled settings.

Hopefully, the COVID lockdowns and restrictions will end soon.



To get to our lunch stop from Raymond Terrace was only a quick 20 minute run. So once again, as Anne tells everyone, I can organize a quick trip into a scenic extended journey. I found going through Seaham back streets then across to Hinton made the morning interesting. I was told during lunch by a member that they often go through Seaham but have never seen the roads I took everyone on.



Finally we arrived at our destination and all parked out the front of the Hotel. Anne welcomed everyone as they entered the hotel with a cheery Elf greeting, all decked out in Christmas red attire and an Elf's hat. The tables and area was decorated in a glorious Christmas theme, Christmas trees, bon bons and stockings hanging over the fire-place. Well done Anne, great organisation even with a little stress.



A lovely Christmas lunch was presented including pudding and custard.

The Christmas Elf and her Assistant presented each member with a small gift to celebrate the occasion. And later drew the prizes for the raffle.

A great time was had by all. Great food, drink and especially good company.

Until next outing be safe. Try to get out and give your pride and joy a run.

As they say- if you don't use it, you may lose it.

See you on the road.  
Jeff Lauff





## The Next Generation –

Bev Jones

The J Van has been in residence at our place for the last couple of months while the clubrooms have been repainted. New tyres have been fitted, some maintenance done and a heart won.



Our granddaughter Avery loves the 'Jan V' as she calls it. She is always keen to sit in the driver's seat and go for an imaginary drive. She has taken Grandma and Papa for a ride, and even got both her parents to go for a family outing in the Jan with her driving.

### Solo drive

Avery wasn't too keen when Papa started the Jan with her inside.

Maybe it was because he was driving??

No, it was just too noisy for her. She's used to modern cars.

### Avery taking Mum for a run







**Megan and Seone Woolf back in the early 1990s**

It doesn't seem that long ago that it was our daughters were enjoying some time in the backyard with the J Van. Unfortunately I couldn't find a picture with Avery's mum Bron, but came across this in the family photos. Aunty Meg with Seone Woolf enjoying an outing at a car club event.

# 2022 MG National Meeting

## Bulletin 1



### Greetings to MG enthusiasts around Australia and further afield!

With the 2020 and 2021 National Meetings having been cancelled due to Covid-19, we are thinking positively that 2022 will be a better year for us all and we are well advanced with planning for the 2022 National Meeting.

### You are invited to join MG Car Club Newcastle for "MGs by the Lake" 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022!

The event will be based around Lake Macquarie over the 2022 Easter Weekend. We look forward to welcoming you and your MG to this beautiful part of Australia. Lake Macquarie is the largest coastal salt water lake in Australia and is renowned for its beautiful scenery and variety of water sports. It is a city in its own right, just 25 minutes' drive from the centre of Newcastle.

Lake Macquarie City Council has come on board as a major sponsor and we are grateful to them for their support.

### All the traditional activities and events!

All social events will be held at Club Macquarie in Argenton. A variety of accommodation is available close to the main venues, including 36 rooms on-site at the club's own motel.

### Friday - Registration & Noggin n Natter

Club Macquarie is just 5 minutes' drive from the Lake, and is the venue for Registration and all the evening social events. There is ample space for Registration, Scrutineering and the Noggin n Natter including the Rocker Cover Racing.

### Saturday -The Concours

The Concours will be held in beautiful Speers Point Park, right on the shore of Lake Macquarie, with a large paved area available on the off-chance of inclement weather. Speers Point Park features many shade trees, picnic facilities and one of the best children's playgrounds you'll ever see. Food and drinks will be available during the event, or there are many cafes and restaurants in Warners Bay - a 5 minute drive around the Lake.

We are planning an optional scenic cruise on the Lake for those who aren't directly involved in the Concours and want to see more of this lovely area.



### **Sunday - Speed Event**

Those with the need for speed will be able to test themselves and their cars on our recently extended and improved hillclimb at the Club's Ringwood Park complex, an easy 40 minute drive north of the Lake.

### **Monday - Motorkhana**

The motorkhana will take place right alongside Lake Macquarie at Rathmines, a 20 minute drive from Club Macquarie. This is where the famous Catalina Flying Boats were stationed during the 2nd World War, and the area is steeped in history. Competitors can be assured of interesting motorkhana tests to challenge their driving and navigational skills.

### **Sunday and Monday - Touring Events**

Lake Macquarie will be the backdrop for the Observation Event and Kimber Run. Participants will enjoy the scenic landscape and interesting roads, and maybe a few testing questions to sort the field.

### **Saturday and Monday - Social Events**

The Theme Night and Presentation Dinner will be held at Club Macquarie. As 2022 marks the 60th anniversary of the launch of the MGB, we will be going "Back to the Sixties" for our Theme Night. Ladies, start searching for your old mini-skirts and knee-high boots, and men, dig out those flared trousers and paisley shirts (if you're game!) for a fun time celebrating the "good old days".

### **Tuesday – Farewell Breakfast**

The farewell breakfast will be held right on Lake Macquarie at the Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club. The venue overlooks the sailing boats moored on Belmont Bay, a scenic 20 minute drive along the Lake's edge from Club Macquarie. The Delegates' Meeting will follow at the same venue.

### **A Special Note about Accommodation**

MGs by the Lake will coincide with the Australian Deaf Games being held in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, which will create additional demand for accommodation in the area. The NatMeet website provides a list of hotels, motels and apartments that are convenient to most of the event venues, and we strongly encourage you to make reservations as early as possible to ensure you secure your preferred accommodation. There are 36 rooms at "Macquarie 4 Star", part of the Club Macquarie complex, and these are expected to be in high demand.

***To ensure you are kept up to date, please go to our NatMeet 2022 website, click on the "Express Interest" button and provide your contact details so you will be added to our email list to receive further bulletins and updates.***

#### **Contacts for more Information:**

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Chair - Bruce Fraser – [chair.mgnatmeet2022@gmail.com](mailto:chair.mgnatmeet2022@gmail.com)

Secretary - Fran Hodgson - [mgnatmeet2022@gmail.com](mailto:mgnatmeet2022@gmail.com)



## MG Pre-War and TYme Event 2021

Event Information and Registration is now available for the MG Pre-War and TYme Event to be held in Canberra from 1 to 4 October 2021.

The information and registration form can be found at:

<https://mgcccanberra.org.au/>

Inquiries concerning the event may be sent by email to

[mg-pre-war-tyme@mgcccanberra.org.au](mailto:mg-pre-war-tyme@mgcccanberra.org.au),

or by phone to:

Pre-War Registrants: Malcolm Robertson ph. 0408 627 685

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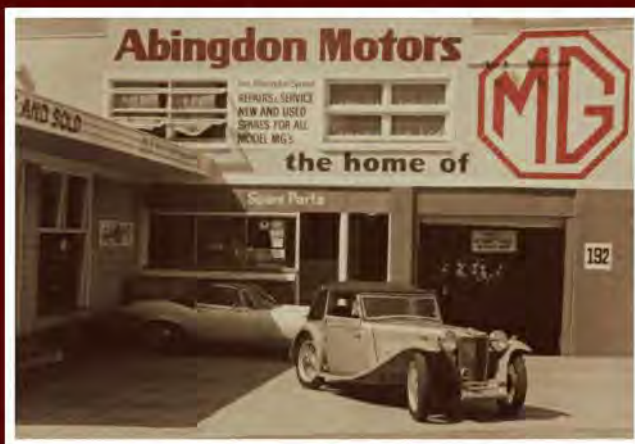




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Minutes of Committee Meeting held 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021

Meeting Opened: 6:08 pm

Chair: Denny Bowden. Minutes: Frans Henskens.

Present: Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Jeff Lauff, Gary Piper, Ian Ashton, Wendy Croker, Gary Croker, Anne Pettigrew, Graham Haywood,

Apologies: Stephen Jones

In attendance: Nil.

Minutes: Of previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2021 approved - moved Gary Croker; seconded Anne Pettigrew.

Business Arising:

Simpler membership renewal process has been advertised in *On the Marque*. As follows, Members whose details have not changed are not required to complete Membership Form) for members for whom personal and vehicle details have not changed.

1 Renewals were due by end of June 2021.

Those on historic registration MUST not allow their membership to lapse because it is a necessary condition for their concessionary registration.

2. There are three possible renewal fees as follows:

Single Membership (Full or Associate) is \$60

Family Membership (Full or Associate) is \$70.

Student Membership (over 18 and full-time student) is \$25

3. PDF of "*On the Marque*" club magazine by email is included in Membership.

Printed copy incurs an extra \$60 per annum.

4. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:

Description: Name(s) of renewing Members

5. After payment has been made please send an email with payment details (date and amount of payment,

whether renewal is Full Single/Family,

Associate Single/Family,

or Student,

and whether additional fee for printed copy of magazine)

to our Treasurer Greg Jenkins ([gregjenkins204@gmail.com](mailto:gregjenkins204@gmail.com))

6. When renewing it is NOT necessary to complete a Membership Application/ Renewal form.

If Membership details (e.g. email or postal address, phone number, vehicle details) have changed please advise the Secretary Frans Henskens by email ([henskens@henskens.com.au](mailto:henskens@henskens.com.au))

Long discussion of problem that 31 members with historic plates have not renewed their membership. These members' cars are possibly now not registered and not CTP insured. Secretary to send reminder email to the identified members.

### Reports:

President (Stephen Jones):

N/A

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

Thank you to the workers who worked hard last Wednesday towards reorganising the Club rooms after they were painted.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

June Committee and Club Meetings could not be held because electricians were still working in the building until well after 7 p.m.

2021/22 Membership renewals to date: 43 single and 55 family, a total membership of 153.

Need to emphasise to those members with historic registration that renewals were required before end of June.

Discuss AGM for election of Committee.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Jeff Lauff):

The Christmas in July Run will leave the Clubhouse at 10 a.m. followed by morning tea at Raymond Terrace on the river at 11 a.m. then to lunch at Morpeth (River Royal Hotel) for a 12:30 p.m. start.



Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per magazine.

Wakefield Park is taking the Council to the Land & Environment Court as a result of the issued DA that severely limits certain aspects of conduct of grassroots motor sport. The GEAR meeting on 18<sup>th</sup> August may or may not go ahead, TBA.

Public Relations (Ian Ashton):

Euro Motorfest on 20<sup>th</sup> June was a great success. Over 110 vehicles displayed with excellent community involvement.

President of Jaguar Club will announce on Friday whether British Day on 31 July will go ahead.

**This week's Mid-Week Run** is happening, going to Swansea Hotel.

COVID-19 and future events are basically on a month-by-month basis, ditto the Christmas Toy Run and Presentation Day.

Sonia Hornery, Member for Wallsend, is coming here on 16<sup>th</sup> August to celebrate the grants that enhanced the state of the building – Denny Bowden to represent the Club.

The Committee congratulated Ian Ashton on his organisation of an excellent Euro Day.

Regalia (Wendy Croker):

The room is much better organised since the painting exercise. Has done a stocktake and will update the computer in due course.

A number of old shirts with marks on them will be sold as specials when meetings recommence.

Committee Member (Gary Croker):

Nothing to report.

Social Secretary (Anne Pettigrew):

As per July *On the Marque*.

Registration numbers for Christmas in July are currently 19 names, has booked for 30. The River Royal in Morpeth has confirmed that all is OK for the event, subject to COVID compliance. Has organised small presents to be given by Santa.

The Club calendar lists a movie night for Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August – this has been cancelled because of COVID.

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

Has included membership renewal advice in June & July editions of *On the Marque*.

Final day for content of next *On the Marque* is Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

### General Business:

In relation to the AGM, a newish member has expressed interest in joining the Committee. Can be encouraged to nominate for a position – after checking we found that the Constitution only allows a single Committee Person.

Website stats for June 2021:

Site was viewed 2,013 times with the peak being 26 June with 205 views.

The top 5 searched pages were;

Site Home Page - 679 views

Euro Motorfest - 409 views

Magazine Archive - 238 views

Classifieds Home - 181 views

1968 MGB Mk2 with Overdrive - 73 views

Facebook stats for May 2021:

13 people were granted membership of the Club Facebook Group.

There are currently 243 members of the Group.

There were 211 active members on the Facebook group, posting, reacting and commenting on posts.

Top 5 posts in May were;

✦ Stephen Jones on the loss of the clubhouse mural - 165 views & 40 comments

✦ Stephen Jones on more repairs for Myf - 161 views & 9 comments

Stephen Jones asking for MGs at the Lambton 150th  
- 142 views & 12 comments

In the back-end of the website there are regular and ongoing updates to WordPress, the website engine, and the various plug-in software in use. These updates are essential to ensure the website security is kept up to date.

Updates applied in June were;

✦ The Events Calendar to 5.7.1

✦ Beaver Builder Lite to 2.4.2.4 (drag and drop page builder)

✦ Ninja Forms to 3.5.6 (webform builder)

✦ Weather Atlas Widget to 1.2.1

The Events Calendar' which runs our website calendar had some issues in May on the Test site. However I was able to debug the

issue and release the update on our production site. There are some changes to page formatting and the front page side-bar widget that I'll keep working on.

In April I changed our website to using a new weather widget (wp-weather), as the previous one (Weather Atlas Widget) had broken as it was long overdue for an update by the developer. In June the developer finally released an update that re-enabled this widget for our site. The Weather Atlas Widget has a better look and feel, as well as providing a thumbnail view of the weather in 3-day blocks. Consequently, I re-published this widget as our website weather app.

The Committee thanks Andrew Gowans for his dedication and efforts in maintaining the Club's Web presence.

Meeting Closed 7.30 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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