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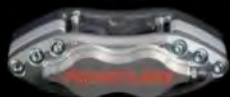
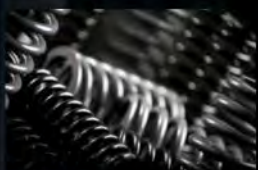
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**What's On**  
**MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.**



**APRIL 2022**

- ♦ **Tuesday 5th—First Cars n Coffee at the Coffee shop opposite Club rooms at 10am**
- ♦ **Thursday 7th—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Monday 11th— "HSRCA" meeting Sydney Motorsport Park**
- ♦ **Tuesday 12th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm—Covid Rules Apply**
- ♦ **Wednesday 13th—Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 Lunch Toronto Hotel 74 Victory Parade —Covid rules contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend**
- ♦ **Wednesday 13th—"GEAR" meeting Wakefield Park**
- ♦ **Friday 15th—to Tuesday 19th—MG National Meeting Lake Macquarie**
- ♦ **Sunday 17th—NO Clubman Run**
- ♦ **Thursday 28th—Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch to register**
- ♦ **Saturday 30th—Lake Macquarie Motor Festival — Speer Point Park.— Notify Ian Ashton — See page 33**

**MAY 2022**

- ♦ **Tuesday 3rd—Cars n Coffee—meet at 10am**
- ♦ **Thursday 5th—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Tuesday 10th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm—Covid Rules Apply**
- ♦ **Friday 27th—Social Event.—Barefoot Bowls at Merewether Bowling Club from 4.30pm—Contact Anne Pettigrew—[at.rose.villa@gmail.com](mailto:at.rose.villa@gmail.com)**

**Deadline for the MAY 2022 edition will be**  
**Thursday 28th April 2022**  
**Magazine will not be released until 4th MAY**

## 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.

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Terry / Janine Clifton

John / Anne Marley

Phil / Glenys Powell

John / Astrid Perdriau

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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.



The March Clubman Run had 13 attend for morning tea at Rathmines Catalina Park and 11 attend the lunch at Swansea RSL. As usual a very rewarding social event enjoyed by all. The Mid Week Gathering at George Washington Hotel Stockton continued the good start this year which infers it will be well supported throughout the year.

The Square Riggers Natter as stated last month does continue discussion on all MG models, from Square Riggers to the Rover MG models, over the high standard drinks and snack meals. See page 19 for discussion and a small challenge to members with MGA's and MGB's to attend.. I hope to see you there!

The first National MG meeting since Covid is being held this coming Easter weekend and I encourage all members and friends to look out for the concourse, with 140 cars on display, being held on Saturday 16th at Speers Point Park from 9am and is open to the public.

See pages 20 and 21 for more free events and locations to spectate.

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

I have started on the replacement of the cardboard backing of the door cards similar to how I repaired the top cover of the instrument panel. In that application I replaced the cardboard backing with painted MDF board and glued on new Vinyl. I am only intending to replace the cardboard backing and regluing the original vinyl covering onto the replacement painted MDF board.

I have purchased and cut to size the replacement Poly Carbonate rear window (Original was Perspex) of my J&S fibreglass Hardtop and on supply of my new Headlining material will complete the restoration.



## **Mid Week Gathering April**

**Kay Bowden**

Mid Week meeting Wednesday 13th April

venue : **Toronto Hotel 74 Victory Parade at Toronto**

Time : approx, 11.30am for 12.00

Please let Kay Bowden know if you are coming or Denny Bowden on 0402 476 631.

**N.S.W. Covid rules, if any still exist, will apply**

Thank You, Kay Bowden

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

Life is never dull around up on the hill at North Lambton. I haven't been near a club meeting since the return to normal club activities post Omicron. Work and deployment have seen me running around the state north of Newcastle. As usual, when I head away for a swift water rescue deployment, it flogs down at home and stays reasonably fine where I am. It's a shame I can't do that for our concours.

I finally got around to changing the diff centre in my B. At 80 km/h it was deafening. Gary Piper came to the party with a replacement for me and Matt Blanch helped pull the replacement from the donor B. A couple of hours work and it was in. The test drive was sublime. I could even hear myself think (which was disturbing in itself) and even hear my replies. I need to come up with topics of conversation to have with Bev again. Even though the National Meeting is celebrating 60 years of the MGB, mine won't be attending. Too many cars and not enough ways to get them around.

The MG Midgets are on the home stretch preparation wise for the National Meeting. Bev's Midget started after some playing around and checking the plug leads. It's amazing what a difference it makes when you have the firing order right. I did have it kind of right, just one place out. Vrooom, she sound healthy. It has been quite an extensive list of work done on it so it's nice that she's going again. The final parts are on hand now and just final fitting, a good wash, polish and vacuum to go. I hope she gets more runs on the road now.

So, I'm happy with my Midget, Bev's Midget and my B. All are healthy and going well. There's a change.

Myf (my race Midget... they all have names or it would get confusing when Bev wants to know which Midget I'm planning to work on), has ventured out of her trailer to have her guards bolted on and final preparations for a concours. Oh how I love Concours.

Concours' are a chance to give your car a thorough clean up. About .1% of people are serious about building a concours car and I know they can be beautiful to behold but, it'd be like owning Phar Lap and keeping him locked in a stable, never allowing him to walk let

The concours should always be about rewarding the most original example of each model. I have seen what I consider atrocious judging at times in the past, but none of the judges are professionals. Unfortunately, with 32 different classes, and 2 maybe 3 judges per class, it is always a massive logistical task to get 64 – 96 judges that have some knowledge of different models. You can't judge the class that your MG is in (obviously), even though that is probably the class you know the most about.

If you think that you'd like to have a go at judging but don't think you know enough, there's only one way to learn. 80% of the judging can be done by anyone. You are looking at condition and cleanliness. It's only when you get to originality that you ask lots of questions. You can do this if you are a judge, you can't really as a competitor. It is possible if you ask in the right way, to get some feedback but just looking at the final published results won't tell you exactly why you were marked down in a particular area and how you can improve for next time.

Your club has members that can help when it comes to originality questions. Just remember, we are only doing this as a leisure activity, so don't ask for help then get huffy (technical term) with the answers. You'll get a reputation. Listen and learn.

Anyway, for the majority of us, it's about getting a point for our club and seeing our babies sitting out with lots of other beautiful MGs. A concours trophy is like finding a unicorn for some of us, but you never know what the competition is going to be until the day. Do a good cleaning job inside, outside and underneath and you never know. At the Queensland Nat Meet there were people that had spent multiple tens of thousands of dollars on their paintwork and hours polishing under the guards. The rain was torrential so even the worst paint job looked good and if the judges had laid down to look under the cars they risked drowning. It's a shame I didn't have a roof on the car I'd entered. Wet bummer.

For one of my less favoured events, that's a lot of talk. I try hard, but enjoy driving my cars (sometimes too hard). That's what they were made for.

By now we are on the run down to the National Meeting. If you haven't entered for some reason, you are still welcome to come along and

watch the events. Support those of your club that are representing you on a national stage. Saturday will be the Concours at Speers Point Park (over 140 MGs on display), Sunday will be the speed event at Ringwood (north of Raymond Terrace with around 80 competitors) and Monday will be the Motorkhana at Catalina Park, Rathmines (with around 100 competitors). If you are driving around the lake area, chances are you will see lots of MGs doing Sunday's alternative Touring Assembly and Monday's Kimber run.

Come and enjoy the spectacle. You won't see it around here again for quite a while. I'd love to run a survey. It would be very interesting (to me at least) to know how many of our members have ever been to a National Meeting. To those that haven't ever been to one, why not? If you only look from the outside and pop along to have a look at one or two of the events, you've missed the vast majority of the meeting.

I wish the MGCC Newcastle all the best for the meeting. They have the numbers to make it a success and I sincerely hope it is a raging triumph. I know I'll enjoy it. We have a lot of MG friends from all over Australia that we love to catch up with at the Easter meeting.

Steve



Firstly, thank you to those members who came along to the Social evening at the Lambton Park Hotel last Friday night, and to others who let me know they couldn't make it, or just gave my post a 'thumbs up'!

My aim was to have an event that allowed members who are not able to join in other activities during the week as they work or have other commitments. Ironically, everyone present, except for me, is happily retired!!!! Oh well, I tried!

I have not organised any social activity for April (apart from planning my 60's outfit for the dinner at the National Meeting on the Saturday night!).

With Easter, school holidays and, of course, the National Meeting this month, there is a lot happening. Even if members have decided not to register to participate in the National Meeting, it would be great to go along to the Concourse on Easter Saturday, or the Hillclimb on the Sunday, and watch and support our Club members.

However, on **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**, I have booked for us to play **Barefoot Bowls at the Merewether Bowling Club**. All members are welcome, but will need to book in beforehand. Details will be in the next newsletter and at the April and May Clubnights.

I have also booked the **Royal River Hotel** in Morpeth again for **Christmas-in-July on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. Numbers are limited to 30, and RSVP'S must be TO ME ONLY up until the week before. Again, more information will be available closer to the date.

**Birthday greetings** to all those members who have birthdays in April including

ex-committee member Gary Croker,  
our magnificent magazine editor Graham Haywood,  
and our Honourable il Presidente Steve Jones esq.

**"Many Happy Returns"!**

Wishing all our members a safe and happy Easter, and try and come and see all the beautiful MG's in and around Lake Macquarie!

Anne Pettigrew





Sunday February 27 saw the running of the Twin Rivers Ringwood Revival Hillclimb at Ringwood Park.

A total of 39 cars competed in the event on the original A1 track which was first used 36 years ago.

Because it is a short track compared with what is run on these days you completed a run, then went back for a second run each time, which was good because the tyres had a bit of heat in them for the second run & thus a bit more grip.

It was also a come try Hillclimb day with this group using the longer A2A course.

Fastest "MG" on the day was Darren Hodgson driving his "MGF Trophy" and he was also 4th fastest outright. It was good to see an "MG" up there. In the early runs Darren was fastest but he dropped a drive shaft & that put paid to any chance of doing a quicker time.

Good horsepower will always find the weak link in the drive line.

First on the day was Kevin Akers driving a "Carroll Clubman" with Paul Bower driving a "MX5" in 2nd place, Darrell Peatie driving an "Aztec Formula Ford" in 3 place .

Thanks to MGCC Newcastle for putting on a great day of Motorsport.

There has been some discussion regarding the "Motorsport Australia" change of class from "Marque Sports Classic" to "Production Sport Classic" in particular regarding what modifications can be made within the rules. Interpretation of the rules can disadvantage those of us who compete in what is essentially a road registered mildly modified Production Sportscar.

Great to see several "Hunter Region" members involved in judging the concours at the "MG Nationals" and I'm looking forward to it.

If you haven't entered in the event that's a pity but you could still be involved in it by offering your help to "MGCC Newcastle" I'm sure they will find you something to do over the weekend.

### **Coming Events**

Wed 13 April GEAR at Wakefield Park Goulburn

Friday 15 April to Tuesday 19 April MG NATIONAL MEETING. Lake Macquarie.

Sunday 29 May MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb Ringwood Park course A4 .

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

See you at the nationals . Gary Piper.

## **Clubman Run March 20th** **Rathmines Catalina Park Morning Tea.**

After an interesting start to the year with Covid still playing its part in disrupting our normal lives, I can present my first article on the March Club Run. An apology for the cancellation to the Hilldale property of Neville Schofields due to the unknown weather prospect and possible poor road conditions. This Run will take place later in the year when Neville returns from his trip.

However, an alternate Club Run was designed to ensure easy access and safe road travel around Newcastle / Lake Macquarie. It was a small but enthusiastic group that finally attended this run.



Ken and Bennie Campbell presented their new acquisition to their stable, an immaculate MGRV8. It is a very stylish and well presented vehicle that has a lot of get up and go. So much so they beat everyone to the lunch venue.



We also had the old and newer MG Z series vehicles represented on the run from Denny in his Magnette and Andrew in his ZT. It was good to see a different model and series of vehicle represented on the run in the glorious sunshine.



As usual we had a 10am start from the club house and travelled west towards Edgeworth and Awaba. Enjoying the country scenery, we used as many back roads as we could, trying to stay out of traffic.



Our first stop for morning tea was a lovely lake view setting at Rathmines Park. Everyone was in for a good chat. It has been a long time since everyone has got together and talked about their experiences during lockdown.



From left to right  
Bennie and Ken Campbell

Kay and Denny Bowden with backs to camera with ??? Between Ken and Andrew Gowans in background.

Trish and Ian Ashton, Sally Lauff with Howard White seated and Graham Haywood standing.

## **Clubman Run March 20th Swansea RSL Club for Lunch and end of Clubman Run**

It was a hard task to break up the conversation, but I managed to get everyone moving towards their cars to head off for the last leg of the run and our lunch destination at Swansea RSL. But....I spoke too soon and as luck would have it, we got to Denny's MG Magnette and a discussion took up about an addition he had under the bonnet. So up it went and everyone was under there looking at his creation. Come on! We have to be at the RSL by 12.30. We finally got there at 12.45 - not too bad for a social run! Food was excellent and the conversation continued.



Reminder for April activities. The National meeting over Easter will be our activity. Please come along to any or all the events. Experience the MG family.

See you on the road  
Club Captain Jeff





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## SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting will occur this month. Don't be discouraged and think that all we talk about is the "Sq Riggers" as we include discussions on MG Magnette sedans, MGA, MGB or indeed modern MGF, MGTF and MG RV8.



The above & below photographs illustrate that we do include all of the post war MG's with MGB, TF, TD, TC, and MGB RB represented with only MGA, MGB GT, MG RV8, MG Rover cars, MGF, MGTF missing. Plenty of MG's to talk about and that is not including the modern Chinese built SUV's!

So come along and perhaps more models can be in the next photograph at the usual location "Café inu" on 43 Denison Street in Carlington for APRIL 3rd 2022.

Perhaps the MGB's and possibly MGA's could outnumber the square Riggers?

We can order, then sit inside the Café to eat, drink and chat or as below bring your chair and sit under the shade on the grassed area.

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



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

I wish Newcastle MGCC the very best of luck with a safe and successful hosting of the MG National Event in Lake Macquarie over the Easter weekend. Your MG Club is to be congratulated for taking on such a large challenge.

For Hunter MG Club members competing I wish you all success, good fun and MG friendship.

What's happening in our Club you may well ask. Well you only have to refer to your Club magazine to find out or check our webpage. Our webmaster Andrew Gowans also highlights Club activities on our face book page.

I have organised a casual Coffee n Cars monthly get together to see if members are keen to meet and chat over a coffee locally. So the first one will be on Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> April at the Lambton Tea Rooms opposite our Club at 10am. Hope to see you there.

I am hoping to get at least 12 MGs at Speers Point Park on Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> April from 8am until midday to help celebrate the Lake Macquarie Motor Festival.

If you would like to display your MG at this Event please let me know by email phone or text message.

Sunday June 19<sup>th</sup> is the date for Euro Motorfest at beautiful Newcastle Foreshore Park again. I am hoping the Event will be bigger and better than last year. We will again be raising funds for the Variety Club and John Hunter Children's Hospital. So please tell your friends whether they have an MG or other European make of car to come along and enjoy the great display of Euro cars.

I am considering another two activities, and please members, I invite expressions of interest!

So firstly is an MG Hub run where we drive to a town say Mudgee and stay in a motel for three or four nights during the week (cheaper and less traffic) then travel on daily runs from the Hub!

The second idea is for MG owners who own a caravan! I would also like expressions of interest from members who would be interested in travelling say to Hawks Nest caravan park as a group for say three or four nights again during the week.

I welcome feedback and expressions of interest for both the above proposals. Please respond by phoning texting or emailing me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Now that we're dusting off Covid let's get going again!

Hope to see you at an Event soon.

Cheers from your Pro with the Mo....Asho

## Dinky Toy Ramblings. The Austin Atlantic A90

After my highly successful article in the last "On the Marque" (well the Editor said he liked it) I offered to do a regular feature. So I thought I would next look at the Austin Atlantic A90.

This remarkable car was first exhibited at the Earl's Court Motor Show in London in 1948 and production ran from 1949 to 1952. It was developed for the USA market as in the immediate post war period it was vital for English car manufacturers to export to generate foreign income to help the economy.

Unfortunately for Austin, this was not successful as they had to compete with the Jaguar XK 120 which also appeared at the same motor show and had a much better performance. The A90 was powered by a 4 cylinder inline 2.7litre engine which was subsequently used in the Austin Healy Sports Car and the Austin Champ Jeep. In the US it had to compete with the big American cars which were often fitted with V8 engines. Only around 350 out of a total production run of 8,000 were sold in the USA. Others were exported to Australia and NZ where it was quite popular.

Surprisingly it broke records for its class in the Indianapolis stock car races for its class.

It had a number of novel features. It was produced as a 2 door convertible and sedan. The two stand out features were the central 3rd main beam headlight and a wind down rear window on the sedan. The convertible came with a power top and wind up windows, unheard of in the UK at that time. Unfortunately it was built with many mud traps in the body panels, making it very prone to rust, such that there are now said to be only 60 surviving cars in working order in the UK and about another 100 overseas, one of which we see at our Euromotorfest regularly in Newcastle. The iconic design included flying "A" s on the front wings and cowled in wheel arches.

Dinky manufactured a convertible 1/43 scale from 1954 to 1958, initially numbered 140a and then 106. The first photo shows a light blue and red model original Dinky with a recent black reproduction from Deagostini made in China. The original has a steering wheel and dashboard which is left out in the replica model, though the box illustration shows a steering wheel.





The Base plates are very similar with the main difference being "MADE IN ENGLAND MECCANO LTD" replaced by "MADE IN CHINA DEAGOSTINI MATTEL".

The observant among you will have noted that I paid 25 Pounds for the original ( around \$50) in the UK some years ago, the new one in the box was about \$25.

Next month I will discuss some of the other Austins made by Dinky.

John Stuart



# 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.

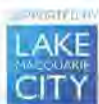
***To ensure you are kept up to date, please go to our NatMeet 2022 website, click on the "Express Interest" button and provide your contact details so you will be added to our email list to receive further bulletins and updates.***

### **Contacts for more information:**

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



## In pursuit of a peppier but quiet, cool MGB GT

As most club members may know, I am in the middle of a major overhaul of my 1976 GT.

As part of this I have been doing a number of things to my car to try and make it quieter and cooler in the cab of the MG.

Firstly as part of the engine upgrade I have put a new exhaust system but I have not fitted extractor's, instead I had the cast iron manifold grit blasted and ceramic coated to keep the heat in the exhaust system and minimise radiating heat into the engine bay. I also had the carburettors heat shield grit blasted and ceramic coated.



The engine itself is being refreshed, ( big valve "O" series head with hardened valve seats fitted, ported and polished, 3 angle valve seats and the engine having cylinders honed and high compression pistons etc ) this should give the car a little more pep but also increase the heat from the engine.

Above the muffler, under the passenger floor, I have fitted a ceramic/alloy



shield to reflect the heat of the exhaust away from the interior of the car. I also sprayed deadener on the underneath of the car.

On the interior floor I have fitted "Black Silver" noise/heat matting to increase the comfort level in the cab.

Next is underlay for the carpets to further decrease noise and heat.

When the roof lining is replaced I will be installing heat insulation above the lining.

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### **An Invitation**

Dear Fellow Motoring Enthusiasts,

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### ***Euro Motorfest 2022*** **Sunday 19th June** **Foreshore Park, Wharf Road, Newcastle East**

To assist with organization, we request that all European clubs wishing to participate pre-register their interest. Please email me, Ian Ashton at [iashton7@bigpond.com](mailto:iashton7@bigpond.com) prior to the event with approximate numbers of vehicles attending, no later than 12<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

A \$10 vehicle display fee will be payable on entry with the event commencing at 8.30am and finishing at 1.30pm. Coffee, food and drinks will be available on site and a raffle will be held.

In the event of wet weather, we will be postponing the event to Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> June at the same venue.

Visitors to Newcastle may choose to make a weekend visit to our great city by arriving in Newcastle on Saturday. There are plenty of accommodation options, sights to see as well as restaurants and clubs for your enjoyment and entertainment.

MG Car Club Hunter Region is looking forward to your participation in Euro Motorfest 2022, on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at Newcastle Foreshore Park.

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## WANTED TO BUY

Im actively looking to buy a good / well restored example of a MG TF 1500 and wondered if any of your members may be interested in selling their pride joy.

Could you please circulate my details to your members or otherwise make TF owners aware of my contact details perhaps as WANTED section in the clubs magazine.

Many thanks  
Bruce Piper  
0414960777



## **WANTED TO BUY**

I am looking for early MGB 5 inch wide steel rims and hub caps fitted to early MGB GT's as per attached photograph to fit on my MGB GT.

Please notify me on [ray.sharon@bigpond.com](mailto:ray.sharon@bigpond.com) or 0425245100 with price and location



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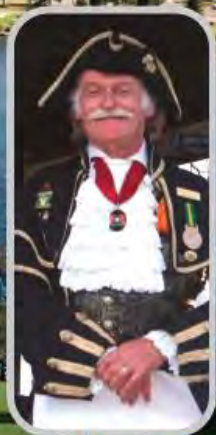
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MG Car Club Hunter Region  
**Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 8<sup>th</sup> March 2022**

**Meeting Opened:** 6:08 p.m.

**Chair:** Denny Bowden. **Minutes:** Frans Henskens.

**Present:** Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Jeff Lauff, Ian Ashton, Wendy Croker, Howard White, Anne Pettigrew, Graham Haywood,

**Apologies:** Stephen Jones, Gary Piper, Andrew Gowans.

**In attendance:** Nil.

**Minutes:** Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022, Moved Ian Ashton, Seconded Graham Haywood.

**Business Arising:**

Nothing to report.

**Reports:**

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

I've had a number of members contact me, and as far as I know there may be about 20 members attending the National Meeting. "I think this is rather disappointing for a National Meeting held at home".

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

Nothing new to report.

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

2021/22 Membership renewals to date: 68 single and 78 family, a total membership of 224.

Correspondence received from Alison Eaton, Secretary Lambton Mechanics Institute Land Manager, that the Club has been extended a rent 'holiday' for December 2021 and January 2022 – "We hope this will assist your organisation to continue to thrive".

Since December/January rent had been paid in advance, the Treasurer has requested the 'holiday' apply to February and March.

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

**Club Captain (Jeff Lauff):**

Needs information to be sent out about this month's Club Run – next Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March has been cancelled.

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March Club Run will be a local Newcastle Run with lunch at Swansea RSL 12:30. Departs Clubhouse at 10 a.m.

**Sporting Director (Gary Piper):**

As per magazine.

There will be a Hillclimb at Ringwood on Sunday March 20 which will be same course as the National course,

Also, there will be a practice day (for Nationals) on Thursday April 14 for anybody interested.

National entries close Wednesday March 23, let's support Newcastle Club & enter this event, it requires a huge effort to organise & run this event, and this year it is on our doorstep.

**Public Relations (Ian Ashton):**

- Info for NCC is being collected for "Euro Motorfest" Sun 19<sup>th</sup> June.
- "Coffee n cars" at "Lambton tea n coffee" rooms to commence Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> April at 10 a.m. Concept is to drive your MG for it's exercise to the location and enjoy a coffee, or tea, and cake and show or talk cars.
- Add "All British Day" to your calendar and the club magazine as it is Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> July at Foreshore Park (organised by Hunter Jaguar Club).
- I have indicated to the organisers that we will have 12 MGs at Speers Point Park for Lake Macquarie Motor Festival on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 8:30 a.m. Please members who intend to display their car let me know they will do so.

**Regalia (Wendy Croker):**

Nothing new to report.

**Committee Member (Howard White):**

Nothing new to report.

**Social Secretary (Anne Pettigrew):**

As I wrote in the newsletter, it was a shame that only 3 members were able to come and see the beautiful "Armstrong Siddeley" that I 'found' in East Maitland. The owner was a delightful gentleman who had a lot of knowledge about his car, and also the history of the British manufacturer. He also told us that the car is 'FOR SALE'. I have already had one enquiry about this car, and (with the owner's permission) have passed on his

email address.

The owner has agreed to come along to a Club Night and give a presentation – possibly 10<sup>th</sup> May – **IF** numbers at Club Night are going to be greater than the 7 extra members at the February meeting!

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March – drive to Hillsdale postponed until maybe September.

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March (= 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month) I have suggested any interested members meet in the outdoor section of the **Lambton Park Hotel** (on the corner of Howe Street and Morehead Street, Lambton and across the road from Lambton Park) from 5 pm onwards. This is for the benefit of those members who are unable to join the other mid-week get-togethers; but of course, ALL members and partners are welcome.

I just hope that I am not going to be sitting in the bar on my own!!!!

I have booked for us to play **Barefoot Bowls** at the Merewether Bowling Club on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May, from 4:30 onwards. They do have their own carpark, as well as plenty of street parking, and there are BBQ facilities adjacent to the greens. The restaurant can also do platters for a 'grazing table'.

**Christmas-in-July** has been booked again at the Royal River Hotel in Morpeth after such a fabulous welcome last year. I have booked Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July (= 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday = our normal Club Run).

Further to Steve's report in the March newsletter to members, I am shocked at the low registrations to join the **National Meeting**. I actually emailed the organising committee asking just what the social registration covered, as I had no idea what all the events meant. I had a lovely reply, which I then edited and asked Andrew to put it up on the Club's website so that other newbies would be able to understand the jargon used.

What I also don't understand is,

The 'Observation Run', is that just with the driver only in the car?

Each car has a driver and observer (who can be a social entrant) – driver needs to have CAMS licence.

If a car is registered, and they want to have 'a partner' attend the dinner, does the partner need to pay an additional \$325 as a social registrant?

**Yes.**

Should we continue to have a raffle every Club Night if attendance is as low as it was last month?

Trish is happy to continue assisting with it.  
**Happy Birthday for Thursday Wendy!**

**Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):**

Nothing new to report.

**General Business:**

Club Website stats for February 2022 (Andrew Gowans):

Site was viewed 1,189 times with respective peaks being  
12 February with 95 views – average 42 views per day.

The top 5 searched pages February were:

Site Home Page – 320 views

Magazine Archive – 219 views

Classifieds – 108 views

MGA Parts For Sale – 40 views

February Clubman Run – 37 views

Website backend updates are regular and ongoing. Updates applied in February;

- ✦ The Events Calendar to 5.14.0.3 (Events calendar)
- ✦ Ultimate Product Catalog to 5.1.0 (Regalia catalogue)
- ✦ Jetpack to 10.5.1 (site security & performance)
- ✦ Beaver Builder to 2.5.2.1 (webpage editor)
- ✦ Knowledge Base to 9.2.0 (Ask an MG Guru)
- ✦ WP Adverts to 1.5.7 (Classifieds)
- ✦ Wordpress to 5.9.1 (Website environment)

Facebook stats for February were:

There were 232 posts to the Facebook Group, which was  
viewed 3,684 times (up 27.73% on previous month).

Should be blanking out financial information from the Web version  
of the Magazine.

**Meeting Closed 7:24 p.m.**

**Next Meeting:**

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2022

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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!

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**Thursday 28th April 2022**  
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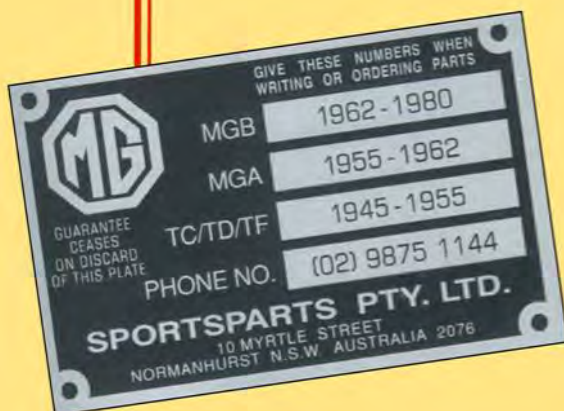
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