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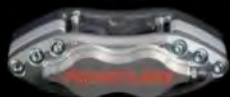
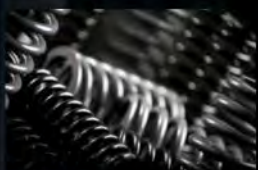
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What's On
MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.



JUNE 2022

- ♦ **Thursday 2nd—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Wednesday 8th—"GEAR" meeting at Wakefield Park.**
- ♦ **Saturday & Sunday 11th & 12th—"HRSCA" Sydney Classic meeting SMP Eastern Creek**
- ♦ **Tuesday 14th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 15th—Mid Week Gathering—meet at Pelican RSL approx 11.30 for 12 lunch lunch - contact Kay Bowden on if you are attending.**
- ♦ **Sunday 19th—Euro Day at Newcastle Foreshore Pk -see page 27 for details**
- ♦ **Thursday 23rd - Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch on [0434143242](tel:0434143242) to register**

July 2022

- ♦ **Thursday 7th—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Tuesday 12th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 13th—Mid Week Gathering—meet at venue approx. 11.30 for 12 lunch - contact Kay Bowden on if you are attending**
- ♦ **Sunday 17th—Clubman Run—XMAS in JULY at Morpeth—Please contact Anne Pettigrew ASAP if you wish to attend at.rose.villa@gmail.com**
- ♦ **Thursday 28th—Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch on [0434143242](tel:0434143242) to register**
- ♦ **Saturday 30th—ALL BRITISH DAY—Car display at Newcastle Foreshore Pk run by Jaguar Club—advise Ian Ashton ASAP if you intend to go on [0424592823](tel:0424592823) or iashton7@bigpond.com**

**Deadline for the JULY 2022 edition articles will be
FRIDAY 24th June 2022**

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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John Ray

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The front cover of this issue includes a picture of the first Tuning Run that I had participated in, but I was a lucky passenger for my first run in an MGTD. I have kept that pleasant memory and remember it whenever I think about a run with my fellow club members in our cars.

Why have I mentioned this? Participation in club events enables pleasant experiences and memories and I urge you all to participate whether it is a social event or a club run in our respective cars.

As we progress out of the Covid Pandemic our club is organising many potential enjoyable events as can be noted on our "What's On" page herein.

To members whom receive printed copies of the magazine I apologise for the very poor colours lately and can confirm that I have been advised that the printer I use has a faulty inkjet and it is time to replace the printer.

Progress with my MGB.

Virtually no progress with my MGB since the last issue except for a light wax or polish to give some protection from the wet weather as she resides outside of the garage in the elements. Meanwhile I contemplate how to fix the rapidly decaying paint surfaces and increasing evidence of corrosion beneath the little paint thickness left.

My headlining has been delayed whilst my chosen Motor Trimmer sources the material and "slow boat from China" is appropriate description of the delivery to him before he can cut and stitch up the lining.



Mid Week Gathering JUNE

Kay Bowden

Mid Week meeting Wednesday 15th June

venue : Pelican RSL

Time : approx, 11.30am for 12.00

Please let Kay Bowden know if you are coming on 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

Well, we had a sniff of what success is like, unfortunately it didn't last very long. I finally got to a committee meeting and club night where I was thrilled to be able to present the Oceania Nuffield Trophy to the club members and celebrate the huge milestone in the club's history. As I said, unfortunately. There were some points of order in relation to point allocation for a number of perpetual National Meeting trophies and those on the podium were changed.

Originally, when the rules were written, it was a requirement for there to be at least two MG's in a class for them to be counted. This is the way the calculations were done for us to win the Nuffield. At subsequent delegates meetings, a decision was made to drop this requirement for all individual and club trophies like the Golden Gudgeon, Chris Dodds Memorial, Wratten and the Nuffield etc. With a recount and two Queensland MG's only having one car in their class or only entering two not three events (motorkhana and Hillclimb because they were co driving), they have managed to jump us and Newcastle for the top honour.

We had our 15 minutes of fame.

At this year's delegates meeting it was decided that the organising club could combine small classes after the close of registration thus closing the chances of this happening again. We just need to get members to a) enter and b) compete in everything they can. Then we'll have a chance.

Over a beer or two with our Sporting Director, I've even been discussing both the 2023 and the 2024 National Meetings in Adelaide (MGCC SA) and in Goulburn (MGCC NSW). If you are thinking about attending either or both of these, PLEASE let me know. Both of these are just an 'expression of interest' and not a registration or anything. I can then have a think about travel and accommodation planning. It's only 11 months to go, and if you don't start planning now, it will creep up on you without you realising.

Personally, I have already booked accommodation at Taillem Bend Rydges, because there are very limited places available out there. I

can easily cancel. Since we have 2 days out at the bend, probably starting at 7.30am and being 1 ½ hrs from Adelaide, I thought it would be best to stay out there and get in now.

June finds me heading south for work with the Furies for a six+ week stint at Perisher Valley Fire Station for the start of the winter season. It's a 24/7 job where we look after fires (yes think about old timber lodges with heaters getting cranked up and left on non-stop) and rescue for the alpine region. I will get qualified on 6x6 qualds, skidoos, and Hagglunds (look it up). It's one of those 'bucket list' things so I'm looking forward to the experience.

As part of the MG Car Clubs of Australia's celebrations of the centenary of our marque, there is a big rally being held next year. It is a Touring Road Rally from Friday 22nd September 2023 to Thursday 28th September 2023. This event will also be open to any MG owner, whether they be a member of one of the fifteen MG Car Clubs around Australia or a non-MG club owner.

It will be a National Hub Rally over sealed roads with starting points in Brisbane, Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide, and Canberra. Over six days, each route would cover some 2,500-3,000km touring SE Australia, conducting non-speed "Special Tests" and "Challenges" en-route. The Special Tests would not be outright speed events, and only used to split "dead heats" in the daily navigation/timed rally route.

The various routes would all combine to finish in Canberra for the final day and celebration dinner/trophy presentation. The Pre-War MG Register of Australia are planning their Bi-annual gathering of Pre-War models in Canberra in October of 2023 – the hub rally would finish the day before the first day of the Pre-War Rally. This will allow the participation of some of the Pre-War owners in the Hub Rally and give the "post-war" MG owners an interesting "after rally" event to enjoy.

The event will be limited to 251 cars – 50 from each starting point. This will keep numbers to a manageable level on each route and the finding of 30 rooms for accommodation in regional/rural towns achievable.

There will also be limits on model numbers (no more than 5 of each from each starting point), so we do not see 250 MGB's and no other MG models. The aim is to encourage the participation of a wide range

of MG models, from Pre-War, through T-Types, MGA's and MGB's through to the last of the British built MG's in 2005.

The entry fees will be high, however it is a Centenary Event that is a one off and not be repeated for another 100 years.

The aim is to make the event affordable and good value for the average MG owner to participate. No special rally equipment will be required, however an accurate and working odometer (or smartphone app) will be essential to follow the prescribed route at the nominated timetable.

For more information and to keep up to date you'll need to follow Facebook and check out www.facebook.com/MG.Centenary.Rally.

I managed to get a few 'never been on that road' and 'it's been a very long time and a lot has changed' on the May Tuning Run. Austin was away so I was in charge of getting everyone lost. It was nice to see the Nevilles in their B and newish member Keith Gibson in his B. I fitted in with my B back from Nat Meet loan duties.

I continued the Royal tour with the Royal Oaks Hotel for morning tea then on to the Royal Federal for lunch. If you'd like to know where they are or how we got there, you need to come along. Actually, for the first $\frac{3}{4}$ hour we were driving in a pea soup fog and didn't know where we were either!

There was a comment on Facebook by a person with a good memory. Way back last century, the club had a 'Phantom Firey' doing cartoons for advertisements as well as on events and people from our club. He has been through his filing cabinet and found as many as I could... oops, he could find, scanned them and I'll... he'll publish them on Facebook from time to time. Keep an eye out and see if you can recognise the people mentioned. It's not me, it's the 'Phantom Firey' with a signature very similar to mine.

In theory winter is the dry season so it is perfect roof down driving weather. Get out and use your MG whenever you can. I know mine don't get anywhere near the exercise they should.

Jonesy

June newsletter - Social Director's Report

I was hoping to be able to start my report with photos and a story about the social activity for May – Barefoot Bowls at Merewether Bowling Club. Sadly, I only had the grand total of 7 members coming, so regretfully made the decision to cancel.

This is not the first time that I have had a very poor response to my efforts to organise interesting/fun events for the members, which is very disappointing. I realise, of course, that not everyone is keen on my ideas (but this was a member's suggestion!) and that people have other work and social commitments that prevent them from attending. Also nobody can predict when sickness may strike – especially at this time of year. But it is always the same people who come, and they are usually the committee.

At present, I only have 10 names for the Christmas-in-July on Sunday 17th July (our usual Clubrun day). I sincerely hope that I won't need to cancel this as well – especially as it takes nearly as much effort to cancel an event as to organise it in the first place! Please give me your name at the next Clubnight, or send me an email to at.rose.villa@gmail.com; or message me on 0400 432 053.

Please remember to always check the Club's fb page or website for reminders/ alerts about social events.

Anne Pettigrew
Social Director



Saturday 11 & Sunday 12 June will see the running of the "HSRCA 2022 Sydney Classic" at "Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek". Categories competing in racing, super sprint & regularity includes Heritage Touring cars, Australia 5 Litre Touring cars, MG Racing Australia cars, & other sports & race car categories.

"Team Hunter" member Matt Blanch will be competing in Group S sports car category in his MGB.

Group S has a mixture of MG's & historic British sports cars competing against Porsche's, Corvette's & other Classic sports cars. It's a while since Matt has had a run & we wish him good luck and a safe weekend of racing. If you enjoy watching Classic car racing it will be well worth the trip to Eastern creek to have a look.



"HSRCA" celebrates its 40th anniversary this year.

I will be competing in a Hillclimb at Ringwood Park on Sunday May 29 , & in a "GEAR" event at "Wakefield Park" Goulburn on Wednesday June 8, and I'm looking forward to both of those events.

I was disappointed to hear that the Nuffield Trophy that we thought we had won on equal points with "MGCC Newcastle" had apparently been calculated incorrectly on the old points system which required at least 2 cars to be competing in a Class in order to score points for the trophy. Unfortunately current scoring allows points to be scored if there is only one competitor in the class (figure out how that is competitive, I don't think so), I am still proud to be a member of the "Hunter Region Team" that performed so well at the Nationals.

It is with great sadness that I learned of the recent passing of "MGCC Newcastle" Club member David Walker. David was one of the first "MGCCN" members I got to know when I started doing hillclimbs at Ringwood Park. He was always good for a grin and would help you out with good advice. He had been up that hill many times. I remember him sitting in the line up in the heat of summer, waiting to do his run in his MGZT with the air con on, laughing at us guys in the old cars sitting there cooking with the door open trying to get some air in to cool down. David held many positions in "MGCCN" over the years

and was well known to many members of "Hunter Region MGCC" but particularly those involved Hillclimbing or Motorsport. He will be missed by all those who knew him & our thoughts go to his wife Lesley & Family.

Coming Events .

Wednesday June 8 "GEAR" Wakefield Park Goulburn.

Saturday 11 Sunday 12 June "HSRCA Sydney Classic" SMP Eastern Creek.

Remember drive them don't hide them enjoy your MG, and I believe Motorsport is driving them as the maker intended.

Gary Piper



Club Run News

"Winners Again"

What a magic day we had for our May Clubman Run to Tanilba Bay for the "Tilligerry Motorama" event. We had seven cars set off at 8 o'clock to travel up to Tanilba Bay, so we could set up before 9 o'clock start. The morning was bright and sunny with hardly a breeze. Sally and I had the top down all the way in the MGF. It was a reasonably quick and easy trip, picking up Arthur in his MGTF along the Stockton straights. On arrival we assembled together in a tight group as space was limited due to the wet conditions and soft areas for parking. So that all the interested spectators could identify our club as the Hunter MG Car Club we attached our maroon club sashes across the wind-screens of our cars. Due to the commitment and set up from our attending members on the day, our "MG Car Club Hunter Region" won the Best Club Display for Post Covid /20, /21, 2022.



We also had a few of our members pop in to have a chat during the day. Wendy and Gary attended with their little pup, to support our club, and to catch up and have a chat. It was sad that they could not attend in their MGF, as they have parted ways with this troublesome motor. Colin also finally arrived to say hello, not in his beloved green MGB or his blue MGF or even in Daisy the Minor, as she too would not leave Dungog.

The morning went very quickly, many people came by and were very interested in our cars and our club. Trish and I went for a walk around the park dropping off pamphlets to prospective entrants promoting our Euro Motorfest next month. (More to say about this event later.)



As the day progressed the weather became cooler and slightly over-cast. It was time for the judging and presentation for each category. Because of such a well attended and excellent presentation of cars, we all were interested in the final outcomes. Many hours and dollars have been lovingly put into these motors and the winners were re-

warded for their hard work. Towards the end of the presentations our Club was announced as the best presented club on the day, in which I accepted the trophy on behalf of the club.



In conclusion, congratulations must go to all our many club winners from the National MG meeting. Well done to all for your ongoing commitment and enthusiasm for MGs.

Reminder for the June Clubman activity which will be our Euro Motorfest held on Sunday 19th June.

Please come along to any or all the events- experience the MG family.

See you on the road,

Club Captain Jeff

Euro Motorfest 2022
Sunday 19th June
From 8.30am to 1.30pm
Display Vehicle entry fee \$10.00
Newcastle Foreshore Park
Wharf Road, Newcastle East
Food & Drinks available
For more info call Ian Ashton 0429 592 823
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Please register your car club's attendance by emailing ianash7@bigpond.com
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SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting , held on the first Thursday of the month, will occur on the 2nd of 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 pre war and post war MG's with MGB, TF, TD, TC, and MGB RB represented MGA, MGB GT, MG RV8, MG Rover cars, MGF, MGTF missing.

So come along and perhaps more models can be in the next photo at the usual location "Café inu" on 43 Denison Street in Carrington for June 2nd or July 7th 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

Come and join us as you will be welcome.



2023 MG National Meeting

7-11 April

May Update

www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/



Hello again with an update on details of the 2023 MG National Meeting being held in Adelaide next Easter. The big news is that expressions of interest are now open. Please send names, e-mail contact and phone contact to our Registrar, Chris Bray, at Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au. If you have already done this, encourage your friends to make an expression of interest.

The web address is at the top of this bulletin - we're updating information as it becomes available.

The theme for 2023 is straightforward: to make sure that everyone has a great time doing something they enjoy doing.

Friday April 7

Registration and scrutineering – Kauri Community and Sports Centre, Seacliff.

Noggin'n'Natter (including Rocker Cover Racing) – Festival Function Centre, Findon.

Saturday April 8

Concours – Wigley Reserve in beautiful Glenelg. The Concours is always a highlight of a National Meeting and everyone who brings an MG to Adelaide will be encouraged to display their car.

Theme party – Stamford Grand, arguably Glenelg’s top venue overlooking the State’s best-known beach. The Committee is working on an appropriate theme . . . watch this space.

Sunday April 9

Motorkhana – The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend. SA’s newest motor sport venue with full facilities including on-site accommodation, plus a nearby Motel and a Big4 Caravan Park.

Kimber Run – Southern Adelaide Hills Wine Region with lunch at the Hahndorf Oval in the heart of one of SA’s most loved tourist precincts.

Monday April 10

Super Sprint – The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend.

Observation & Social Run – Northern Adelaide Hills Wine Region.

This will be a run of about 70km taking a couple of hours, with simplified instructions and plenty of questions.

Presentation dinner – Festival Function Centre, Findon.

Tuesday April 11

Farewell breakfast – return to the Stamford Grand at Glenelg to catch up once more before heading home or spending a few more days exploring what SA has to offer.

Delegates’ conference – Glenelg North Community Centre.

Classes

A decision made at the 2022 delegates meeting allows the organising club to amalgamate classes to maximise the number of people eligible for outright awards.

This is an option we may need to do depending on the number of entrants – full details will be in the supp regs.

Accommodation – get in quick!

Easter’s a busy time in Adelaide (thank goodness it falls in April next year and not in March when we have the Fringe and the Adelaide Festival!).

There’s a range of accommodation in Adelaide’s CBD and Glenelg (always a favourite spot), but we’ve researched a couple of other alternatives.

The **Marion Holiday Park** currently has vacancies next Easter. It's 15 minutes from Glenelg, about 20 minutes from the City and trailers may be accommodated BUT check at the time of booking as this may vary. <https://marionhp.com.au>

And the **Brighton Beachfront Caravan Park** is a gem right on the beachfront and also has vacancies at present for its ensuite cabins. Extra parking is available at \$10 per day for trailers and tow cars. Check it out at <https://brightonholidaypark.com.au>

Sorry – we can't make bookings on your behalf, but we urge you to get in ASAP to reserve your stay.

Regalia

Designs are being finalised – watch this space for details.

Please send your expressions of interest and enquiries to:

Tim Edmonds, President, Chairman2023natmeet@adam.com.au
Chris Bray, Registration, Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au
Sandra Cardnell, Secretary2023natmeet@adam.com.au

See you in Adelaide next Easter!!

Regards,
Tim Edmonds
President, MG Car Club of SA.

Membership Renewals are due by end of June 2022.

1. Those on historic registration **MUST RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP BY 30th JUNE** because current membership of an approved car club is a necessary condition of their vehicle's registration and insurance.

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* by email is included in Membership. Printed copy incurs an extra \$60 per annum.

4. 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)

5. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:

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Account Number: 0090 3262

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6. After payment has been made please send an email with payment details, i.e.

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to our Treasurer Greg Jenkins (gregjenkins204@gmail.com)

DINKY TOY REMINISCENCES

AMERICAN BEAUTIES. By John Stuart

(johnstuart65@bigpond.com)



Dinky produced a number of American models starting with the Chrysler Airflow (Number 30a, centre of picture) produced in 1934 and followed by the 39 series saloon cars in 1939 which I will detail next month.

The cars I want to discuss today were mostly produced in the 1950s starting with the Cadillac Eldorado (No 131 1956) pink convertible and Pack-

ard Convertible (132 1955) light brown and red. While these cars were not often seen in Britain at the time, they proved popular with Dinky customers. The Chrysler New Yorker (French Dinky 24A yellow and green is another American convertible, strangely not sold in Britain according to my references but has the baseplate inscribed in English, presumably for the American market. The other convertible is the Ford Thunderbird (French no 555 1962) white and red. This model has the turning front wheels and suspension and was available in Britain with the baseplate in English.



The other saloons I have pictured are the Buick Roadmaster (French no 24V, ?1950) blue and black, Hudson Commodore (171 1950) two tone cream and brown and the very early Chrysler Airflow (30a 1934 to 1948) in the centre. This model had no baseplate and separate grill and bumper attachments.

Of the models shown, only the

Hudson and the Packard are repaints.

The picture (L) shows the Packard which has been superbly professionally restored.



Editor comment—Please excuse the graphic errors in the colours

Another view of the Packard with the Chrysler New Yorker which is the only one of the models that I have boxed.

Below is pictured the Buick Roadmaster, Cadillac Eldorado and Hudson Commodore and undersides of the 2 Chryslers showing absence of baseplate in the earlier model.



Next month we can look at the American 39 series of 6 saloons first issued in 1939 and some other American saloons that came later.

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MG Car Club Hunter Region **Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 12th April 2022**

Meeting Opened: 6:09 p.m.

Chair: Stephen Jones. Minutes: Frans Henskens.

Present: Stephen Jones, Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Gary Piper, Ian Ashton, Howard White, Anne Pettigrew, Graham Haywood,

Apologies: Wendy Croker, Jeff Lauff.

In attendance: Nil.

Minutes: Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 12th April 2022, Moved Denny Bowden, Seconded Gary Piper.

Business Arising:

Nothing new to report.

Reports:

President (Stephen Jones):

Will be in Perisher working during June & July meetings.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

Report on the CMC (Council of Motor Clubs) Meeting I attended:

Attended with Austin Blanch & Neville Roxby. Some points are that number plate must be flat; it is not permitted to have a UK (or other) plate behind the NSW plate; there are inspectors attending events then knocking on doors checking validity of logbook entry or Club's invitation to event; pink slip is in the wind, but change is a long way off because old cars don't work with testing equipment (e.g. brake machine); when signing logbook put full first and last name.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2021/22 Membership renewals to date: 70 single and 79 family, a total membership of 228.

NCC paperwork for Euro Motorfest (Sunday 19th June) has been submitted.

Correspondence received 9 May 2022 from Ron Robinson (Mechanics Institute Trust):

Our recent water test to find the source of water leaks found the main problem was the first level window sills.

Except for the painting this work has been completed. Another source of leaks, was the cracks in the front windows.

At its meeting on Saturday the Lambton Mechanics Institute Land Manager has decided to replace the cracked glass.

This more complex than it might seem, with bars on the ground floor windows and the height of the first floor windows both causing a challenge..

To replace the glass, the windows will need to be removed inward, glass replaced and windows re-inserted.

This will also mean one window with the "MG" sign on the first floor will be removed and replaced with clear glass.

On the ground floor the frosted glass will be replaced with frosted glass. Luckily the window with the historic "Subscription" sign is not cracked.

I will let you know when the selected contractor intends to undertake the work.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Jeff Lauff):

Club Run proposed for Sunday to Tilligery Auto Fest has received one response. We plan to leave Cub Rooms at 8 a.m. to arrive at 9.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per magazine.

Congratulations to everybody who did so well at The Nationals.

Disappointed at roll up of MGs from our Club given we have so many members with MGs.

Public Relations (Ian Ashton):

Nothing new to report save that Euro Motorfest is close by now (19th June). Has more fliers, please advertise as widely as possible. Assistance welcome on the day – please approach Ian

about helping.

Regalia (Wendy Croker):

Nothing new to report.

Committee Member (Howard White):

Nothing new to report.

Social Secretary (Anne Pettigrew):

Friday 27th 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 May newsletter and at the April and May Club nights.

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

No extra activity is planned for June because all Members are encouraged to join us at Euro Motorfest.

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

Is there any feedback from the National review of club magazines that could be included into our magazine?

None that we know of – it would have been nice, and potentially instructive.

Steve Jones will reach out to see whether any feedback is available.

I am receptive to any constructive criticism that could enable improvement.

In some cases, Hotmail is not receiving the magazine – the reason is unclear because others appear to be correctly received.

General Business:

Club Website stats for April 2022 (Andrew Gowans):

Site was viewed 2,384 times with peak being 16 April with 358 views – average 79 views per day.

The top 5 searched pages March were:

Site Home Page – 512 views

Magazine Archive – 449 views

✦ 2022 MG National Meeting - 327 views

- ✦ Classifieds - 150 views
- ✦ Hunter Region success at the Nat Meet - 72 views
Website backend updates are regular and ongoing. Updates applied in April;
- ✦ The Events Calendar to 5.14.2.1 (Events calendar)
- ✦ Ultimate Product Catalog to 5.1.4 (Regalia catalogue)
- ✦ Jetpack to 10.8 (Site security & performance)
- ✦ Beaver Builder to 2.5.3.1 (Webpage editor)
- ✦ Knowledge Base to 9.3.0 (Ask an MG Guru)
- ✦ WP Advert to 1.5.8 (Classifieds)

Facebook stats for February were:

There were 193 posts to the Facebook Group, which was viewed 4,591 times (down 9.28% on previous month).

The Nuffield Trophy is on display. It is insured for \$30,000 – we are happy to pass it back to co-holders The Newcastle MG Car Club for their Club Meeting.

Meeting Closed 7:02 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Tuesday 14th June 2022

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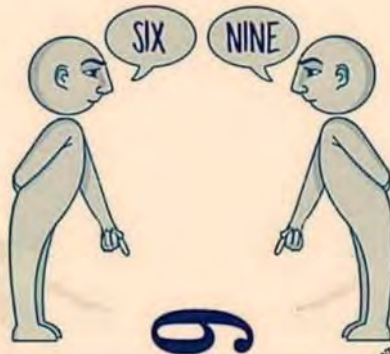
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Thank you to those who have contributed to this edition of "On the Marque"
Please submit your contributions via email to ghaywood6@bigpond.com
It is great to have input from members as well as committee members!

Deadline for the JULY 2022 edition will be
Friday 24th June 2022

This is one of the realist things I've read...



Just because you are right, does not mean, I am wrong. You just haven't seen life from my side.

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.

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