

# ON THE MARQUE

PRINT POST APPROVED PUBLICATION 100003064



**START FOR ENTRY OF  
EURO MOTORFEST JUNE 2022**

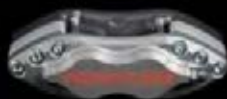
**Written and Published by MG Car  
Club Hunter region Inc.**

**JULY 2022**



**MODERN** *CLASSIC CARS PTY. LTD.*

**Enhance**      **Improve**  
**Refine**



Brakes, Gearboxes, Suspension,  
Alloy heads, Wheels, Electronic  
Ignition, Electric power steering,  
Cooling, EFI Systems, Roll bars, Seats,  
Exhaust, Fibreglass panels, Gauges,  
Limited slip differentials, Air  
conditioning, Engine conversions,  
Complete car builds

2A Arab Rd Padstow NSW 2211

Email : [sales@modernclassiccars.com.au](mailto:sales@modernclassiccars.com.au)

Tel : 02 9774 2169

[www.modernclassiccars.com.au](http://www.modernclassiccars.com.au)



The Australian home of

**FRONTLINE**

Developments



# MG CAR CLUB HUNTER REGION INC. FOUNDED 1987

AFFILIATED WITH MG CAR CLUB UK  
AFFILIATED WITH MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA



POSTAL ADDRESS  
PO BOX 503  
WALLSEND NSW 2287

CLUB ROOMS  
68 ELDER STREET  
LAMBTON NSW 2299

[www.huntermg.com](http://www.huntermg.com)

Face Book ; HUNTER REGION MG CAR CLUB

# ON THE MARQUE CONTENTS

|    |   |
|----|---|
| 1  | FRONT PAGE                                      |
| 2  | “MODERN CLASSIC CARS” ADVERTISEMENT             |
| 3  | MG CC HUNTER REGION CONTACT INFORMATION         |
| 4  | “ON THE MARQUE” CONTENTS                        |
| 5  | YOUR COMMITTEE                                  |
| 6  | WHAT’S ON                                       |
| 7  | NEW MEMBERS BADGES                              |
| 7  | “MG SALES” ADVERTISEMENT                        |
| 8  | FROM THE EDITOR                                 |
| 9  | PRESIDENT’S REPORT                              |
| 11 | JUNE TUNING RUN REPORT                          |
| 11 | MID WEEK GATHERING information                  |
| 12 | SOCIAL DIRECTOR REPORT                          |
| 14 | SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT                        |
| 16 | PRO REPORT                                      |
| 17 | SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER                  |
| 18 | “REPCO” ADVERTISEMENT                           |
| 19 | CLUBMAN RUN REPORT                              |
| 26 | MODERN MGF & MGTF REGISTER                      |
| 27 | MG 100 NATIONAL HUB RALLY                       |
| 28 | “TYREPOWER” ADVERTISEMENT                       |
| 29 | DINKY TOY REMINISCENCES — AMERICAN BEAUTIES 2   |
| 32 | 2023 NATIONAL MG MEETING BULLETIN 2             |
| 34 | CLUB MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS                        |
| 35 | “ABINGDON MOTORS” ADVERTISEMENT                 |
| 36 | ALL BRITISH DAY FLYER                           |
| 37 | FEMALE VARIETY BASH ENTRANT VOLUNTEER           |
| 39 | FOR SALE  |
| 41 | COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES                       |
| 45 | DISCLAIMER                                      |
| 45 | INDEX OF ADVERTISERS                            |
| 45 | DEADLINE FOR AUGUST 2022 ISSUE                  |
| 45 | WISDOM CARTOON                                  |
| 46 | MGCCHR CLUBMAN POINT SCORING SYSTEM             |
| 47 | “SHANNONS INSURANCE” ADVERTISEMENT              |
|    | BACK PAGE “SPORTSPARTS” MG SPARES ADVERTISEMENT |

The opinions of correspondents, individuals and advertisers in this magazine are not necessarily those of the MG Car Club Hunter Region

## **Your Committee**

### **President**

Stephen Jones

0412 495 234

sbmbjones@optusnet.com.au

### **Secretary**

Frans Henskens

0419 561 448

henskens@henskens.com.au

### **Club Captain**

Jeff Lauff

0413 971 154

jlauff55@dodo.com.au

### **Public Relations**

Ian Ashton (Asho)

0429 592 823

iashton7@bigpond.com

### **Committee Person**

Howard White

61 468 335 419

howardwhite55@gmail.com

### **Editor**

Graham Haywood

0424 394 807

ghaywood6@bigpond.com

### **Vice president**

Denny Bowden

0402 476 631

dennis.bowden@bigpond.com

### **Treasurer**

Greg Jenkins

0439 450 606

gregjenkins204@gmail.com

### **Sporting Director**

Gary Piper

0419 490 936

gspiper@internode.on.net

### **Regalia**

Wendy Croker

0417 041 850

wendy.croker@yahoo.com.au

### **Social Secretary**

Anne Pettigrew

at.rose.villa@gmail.com

### **Website**

Andrew Gowans

0425 204 762

web\_admin@huntermg.com

### **North Arm Wheels**

John Fletcher

0407 704 853

**Committee members welcome your phone calls, but  
please call before 9.00pm**



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



**July 2022**

- ♦ **Thursday 7th—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Tuesday 12th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 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 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](mailto: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](mailto:iashton7@bigpond.com)**

**August 2022**

- ♦ **Thursday 4th—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Tuesday 9th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm**  
**Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 10th—Mid Week Gathering—meet at venue approx. 11.30 for 12 lunch - contact Kay Bowden if you are attending**
- ♦ **Wednesday 10th—"GEAR" meeting Wakefield Park**
- ♦ **Sunday 21st—Clubman Run—Please contact Jeff Lauff ASAP if you wish to attend 0413971154 or at [jlauff55@dodo.com.au@gmail.com](mailto:jlauff55@dodo.com.au@gmail.com)**
- ♦ **Thursday 25th—Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch on [0434143242](tel:0434143242) to register**
- ♦ **Sunday 28th—MGCC Newcastle—Hillclimb at Ringwood**

**Deadline for the August 2022 edition articles will be**  
**FRIDAY 29th July 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.

Martin / Melanie Campbell

Terry / Janine Clifton

John / Anne Marley

Phil / Glenys Powell

John / Astrid Perdriau

Alan Priest

John Ray

Laurie / Kris Sullivan

Ian / Carol Tracey

Clayton Thomas

Andy Webmaier

Kevin Bailey

Mark / Karen Hodgen

Jo Barbaschow

Trevor / Sandra Soul

Terry / Terefitia Westaway

Ross Kirby

Paul Crockert

Christine Hobson

Peter Curzi

Jacob Alley-Sonter

Martin Evald

Sharyn Hill

Donna / Mal Regan

Jeff / Kaye Palmer

Bruce / Dianne Whitten



## MG SPARE PARTS

Your Online Automotive Store

Car Club Deals – Pick up only from Silverdale, NSW

Order by email, pay by direct deposit for these prices.



\$130

One piece exhaust system MGB  
4cyl rubber nose GEX162 original  
equipment

MGB Steel bonnet aftermarket  
HZA4014Z



\$900

Send us your  
parts list &  
we'll quote on  
it!



\$440ea

Full length Floor Pan Sprite MKI &  
MKII left or right original  
equipment  
MS23AR/MS23AL

Floor Pan Left or Right MGB MKI or  
MKII HZA414/HZA415 or  
HZA628/HZA629



\$160ea

Visit us at [mgspareparts.com.au](http://mgspareparts.com.au) or

email us today at [mgspareparts@gmail.com](mailto:mgspareparts@gmail.com)



Email: [mgspareparts@gmail.com](mailto:mgspareparts@gmail.com) Web: [www.mgspareparts.com.au](http://www.mgspareparts.com.au)

This month's magazine celebrates a return to car displays and the very strong friendships within the Classic car movement within Newcastle, Hunter Valley, Central Coast and also Sydney as there were many cars driven down from Sydney. I feel confident that the members of our club welcome the support given by so many other classic car owners to join with us to both display their pride and joy vehicles and to support worthy charities within our area.

Enjoy the pictorial record of member's cars on display at "Euro Motorfest" on pages 19 to 25. Can you recognise your car amongst them?

Photos courtesy of Andrew Gowans, Carol Roxby and others?

For modern MGF and MGTF owners a request for information to be included in the MG Car Club UK register is included on page 26, with the offer of a Heritage Certificate for your efforts at a charity donation fee.

Further information of the 2023 Nationals is included on page 32.

We also have a new club magazine sponsor in "REPCO" whom also sponsored the raffle at our recent "Euro Motorfest". See page 18.

We have an offer available for a female club member to join with an all female team in the Variety Bash as detailed on page 37

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

Virtually no progress with my MGB since the last issue except for another light wax or polish, plus a "Tyre Shine" application to the tyres and bumpers for the "Euro Motorfest" and to give some protection from the wet weather as she resides outside of the garage in the elements.

Meanwhile I continue to contemplate how to fix the rapidly decaying paint surfaces and increasing evidence of corrosion beneath the little paint thickness left.

I am also considering giving up on fitting a new headlining to the J&S fibreglass hardtop but to complete the replacement of the windows with Polycarbonate for the rear and Perspex for the side windows. Also new sealing rubber along the joint to the car body and some new connectors to the car body in line with the genuine hardtop design.





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

While you are all hopefully enjoying balmy weather driving your MG with the top down (what is this idiot talking about, it's freezing), I'm tippy typing this article with the temperature outside around -10°C.

They say if you're cold, it means you aren't dressed right. Well, I'm looking and feeling like the Michelin man while I'm out working. Yes, I'm at Perisher Valley Fire Station for a six-week stint that I alluded to last month. The snow is deep to the point that some resorts down here can't open because there's too much of the white stuff... and it keeps on coming down. It's shaping for a cracker snow season if that's what you like.

As most of you know, I like my driving and I like a challenge. I will drive anything and enjoy it. Well, I have added a few more toys to my list. I started by getting reacquainted with 6x6 quads, then I progressed to Skidoos. They are exciting, exhilarating, and totally terrifying

at times. The beast waits for you to relax a little then tries to kill you. It certainly heightens the senses.



Next was the Hagglund. It's an over-snow track vehicle used in Antarctica. It's 4 track drive but at least it has a steering wheel so I feel at home. A lot slower and warmer but it makes our Midgets seem roomy.

Unfortunately, this all means that I am missing yet again from club life. I have missed the Euroday and another couple of Committee meetings, club nights and runs. A huge thanks to Denny for stepping up while I'm occupied elsewhere.

Before I headed for the hills, I delivered club member John Colville's TF back to him after a pile of work on the body and engine. The doors



close better than they did before, and it runs sweetly. Except for the fact that I was very time poor, I was almost tempted to drive the old girl all the way to Tamworth, she was going that well. He was very happy to see it back in its container (away from the rodents that frequent farms). That frees up my workshop for other MG jobs.

Bev's Midget had developed a rattle in the front end and it turned out to be the driver's side spring pan collapsing... big time. I'll bite the bullet and will do a full front end rebuild. It looks tatty and would have let us down big time at the National Meeting Concours. It's time that was fixed. Everything will come out, be stripped, replaced, painted pretty black, and rebuilt. Concours standard. Another box ticked and good for another 50 years... wow, I just realised that we missed its 50<sup>th</sup> birthday last year. We might have to do something about that.

After that there is some lowering blocks required to get Monty's butt back down a bit closer to level, then the Spridget. Specifications are continually changing and me getting a Toyota MR2 Supercharger has certainly thrown the cat amongst the pigeons. No, it won't go on the Spridget but it may end up on the race Midget. That's a long way down the track.

Somewhere in there I have to get back out to past member Mr Norris Jnr to finish some work resurrecting his dad's rubbernose MGB. I'm always busy.

Whilst you are thinking about YOUR car club, the general elections are coming up again soon. Your current committee have done a great job of steering the club through the last few years. It would be good to see a few hands raised when it comes to the election. We haven't had to vote on any positions in many years so have a think about what you want from your club and put your hand up if you're willing to have a go.

I hope you are enjoying all the fine weather. Get out and enjoy your MGs. You don't want to say 'if only...'

Steve

Well it was a cracker of a day for our tuning run we covered something like 220 km, or more for some.

Leaving Hexham McDonalds for morning tea at Bulga then off to Wolombi for lunch at the Tavern.

The Tavern certainly is a popular spot, which I must say was excellent food and including the price.

Spent some time there just nagging then off on our various ways to home.

It was just so nice to have a day that was not raining.

Photo below... I don't think Alan was impressed with what the parrot had to say about the morning tea at Bulga or it might have been about the Jaguar he was driving rather than his MG...

Our next run will be **July 28<sup>th</sup>** and the run will be to the vineyard's.

**Mid Week Gathering JULY****Kay Bowden**

Mid Week meeting Wednesday 13th July  
venue : Largs Hotel 46 High Street, Largs

Time : approx, 11.30am for 12.00

Please let Kay Bowden know if you are coming on 02 49514125  
or Denny Bowden on 0402 476 631.

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

Thank You, Kay Bowden

## July newsletter

WOW!!! What a fantastic turnout last Sunday for our Club's EuroFest! The weather was perfect, the number of cars on display was amazing, the raffle was well supported with wonderful prizes donated by our Club's sponsors including TyrePower at Gateshead and our new sponsor Repco, the dulcet tones of Alan Andoni (our MC on the PA) AND superb organisation led by our PRO – Ian Ashton, and all the committee doing their bit to help. Congratulations to everyone!



On a personal level, I was very excited to see a Mini the same model as the one I bought at the end of 1980.

I was also thrilled to see another magnificent 'Armstrong Sidley' on show and to meet the new owner. It was in very good condition inside and out, and in the classic British Motor Racing Green.



But the car that was really my style was the copy-cat fibreglass Porsche! I have no idea what it was worth, but the owner was also delightful and laughed at my question about it being made with a 3D printer!

We certainly didn't need a social event for June! I hope other members enjoyed the day and the opportunity to talk to other enthusiastic and proud car owners.

Which brings me to report on the July social activity "Christmas-in-July" ... Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July! Following such a great day last year, I have booked the same venue the **River Royal Inn at Morpeth**, with the same menu of a traditional Christmas lunch of Roast Turkey & Ham with Roast Vegetables & Gravy, followed by Plum Pudding & Custard, AND at the same price of just \$25 per head (payable on the day direct to the pub), with drinks extra.

At the time of going to print, I have a full 30 places! Late News is that a waiting list for late hopefuls will be entertained just in case there are late withdrawals for unforeseen circumstances. Please either message me (0400 432 053), or email ([at.rose.villa@gmail.com](mailto:at.rose.villa@gmail.com)).

As well as our monthly raffle at Club nights, I will have a Christmas theme raffle at Morpeth, so please remember to bring some CASH and to wear something Christmassy! But also, I will be inviting members to buy a \$5 ticket in a raffle to win a linen tea-towel (made in England) with photographs of 9 beautiful MG sportscars. This was donated to the Club and the committee agreed it was worth having a special raffle for it. Tickets will be sold at the July Clubnight (Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>), at the Christmas-in-July, and again at the August Clubnight (Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>), which happens to be our AGM, when it will be drawn.



And talking of the AGM . I will not be standing for re-election as Social Director again. I accepted my nomination 2 years ago as I was very grateful to members of the Club who have been so helpful to me with all the dramas I have had with my MGF. I don't think there is anyone who hasn't heard about my poor 'Maggie', who was towed 7 times in the first 2 years after I bought her! I just wanted to give something back to the Club, but it has been difficult during Covid.

I have thoroughly enjoyed being on the Committee and have not missed a single meeting since being elected!

But it is now time for someone with fresh ideas and enthusiasm to take on the role. It is a great Club with a great committee and friendly members, so please think about what the Club has meant for you, and consider how you could contribute?

Anne Pettigrew

Social Director





On Sunday May 29 I competed in a Hillclimb at Ringwood Park. The event saw a near maximum of 64 cars including late model all wheel drives, Classic sports & tin tops, open wheelers & motorcycle engine powered cars face the starter.

Although a cold day it was not raining which is always a bonus these days the way the weather pattern is. As usual the track was slippery for the first run & improved as the day warmed up.

I managed to take 2.2 seconds off my "PB" (personal best) for that course so I'm happy with that even though I'm still at the back end of the field.

First on the day was Tim Blake in a WRX, 2nd Peter Akers in a WRX, with Steve Brydie 3rd in a Datsun 1200 coupe 3.

Well done to Steve Brydie who drove the wheels off the Classic Datsun 1200 coupe to challenge the All Wheel drive cars all day. Fastest MG on the day was Bruce Condron driving a MGB which started life as a 79 rubber bumper car which now has had extensive modifications including removal of bumpers, several carbon fibre panels, four link rear suspension, strut type front suspension & plenty of engine mods giving good horsepower. An interesting car to have a look at.

We travelled to Goulburn for the June "GEAR" event at Wakefield Park and on arrival at the track on Tuesday arvo the temperature was a chilly 9 degrees with a cold westerly wind blowing. It was predicted to get to just 7 degrees next day for the "GEAR" event.

As predicted, on arrival at the track on Wednesday the temp gauge was reading just 4 degrees but no rain. I offered the guys a hand to do the scrutineering which was accepted as they are a bit short of people to do the job. As with all clubs I believe that these events only go ahead because of the volunteers who give up they're time to run the event so it's up to the members to get in & do they're best to help out.

They'd had a fair bit of rain in the week prior to the event & there was water on the track at turns 2, 6, 8, & 10 plus with the cold track it would make for a interesting day.

I had 2 spins in practice, 1 in event 1, but a clean run in event 2. In event 3 coming down the hill towards turn 6 a Fiat 850 coupe spun & was sideways across the track in front of me so off the power on the brakes & side ways & avoided any contact, then fire up the engine, point the car in the right direction & away we go again.

That's my bit of excitement for the day.



Times for the day were about 8 to 10 secs slower than usual due to the cold day & track conditions.

Thanks to the "GEAR" committee for putting on an enjoyable day of Motorsport as usual.

If anyone is interested in becoming involved in Motorsport contact myself, Steve Jones, or Austin Blanch as we are always happy to talk to you about the sport we love.

The Motorsport that we are involved in is what I would call entry level Motorsport where the main objective is to enjoy yourself in your car and respect each other's pride & joy.

### **Coming Events**

Wednesday August 10 "GEAR" Wakefield Park Goulburn.

Saturday 10 Sunday 11 September "HSRCA Spring Festival"  
Wakefield Park Goulburn.

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

**Gary Piper**



## **On the Marque....PRO report...July 2022**

Hello members,

Please note that when you are completing the attendance sheet for the Sunday Clubman run or the Wednesday Club / Pub run or the Thursday Tuning run it is important to complete the details correctly so the Annual Pointscore is accurate when Trophies are awarded.

So if you are NOT driving your MG or other regular non marque car then enter the type of car you are driving eg Mazda, Toyota, Honda etc. Also only enter your partner's name if he or she is travelling in the car with you.

As you know monthly Club meetings have recommenced. We finish the meeting with coffee or tea and supper. Please remember to bring a plate fellas if you are on your own. Supper is NOT the responsibility of the ladies to provide.

Next month is our AGM and your MG committee is wanting some new blood to lead the Club. Several current committee members including me won't be nominating or standing for 2023. So if you want your MG Club to continue with the range of activities you enjoy we need YOU NOW!

Thank you all for your support over the years in my various committee roles. I'm not going anywhere just taking a backseat and having a rest from committee life.

Your MG mate....Asho

## SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting , held on the first Thursday of the month, will occur on the 7th 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 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.**





## THERE'S A LOT OF HISTORY HIDDEN HERE...

I spy a driver, two Bathurst legends, and an Aussie first.  
A honey badger, four tracks, a Martin, a fine four-fendered friend, a bumblebee, and a mad man.



DRIVEN BY PASSION  
FOR 100 YEARS



## Club Run News

## EURO MOTORFEST

MG Car Club Hunter Region Members cars at Euro Motorfest 2022









**MG Car Club Hunter Region Members cars at Euro Motorfest 2022**



**MG Car Club Hunter Region Members cars at Euro Motorfest 2022**





**The CLASSIC Pidgeon Pair ?**



**Photographer's pride and joy Rover MG ZT**



**A well earned coffee break for some club volunteer workers.**

**Denny, Kay, Carol, Nev and Frans**







**Raffle Draw**



**Compere A Andoni in action**



**Overall view of car display with small tree blocking**

## MODERN MGF & TF REGISTER

The MG Car Club in the UK are maintaining a build register of every MGF and MGTF manufactured but do not have information on sales especially export sales and are seeking help.

Their aim is to make the data they have to be the definitive and accurate listing of all MGF/TF vehicles.

They can provide data on your car along with a heritage certificate if you wish.

To obtain one, simply contact Adrian at [registrar@mgfregister.org](mailto:registrar@mgfregister.org)

When have a minute or two to spare could you find the following data and mail it to: [registrar@mgfregister.org](mailto:registrar@mgfregister.org)

It is known that there are inaccuracies with some of the original manufacturing data so it would be appreciated if you could supply the following which can then be checked against the data held by MGCC UK

Vehicle registration

Vin Number

Paint code

Trim code

Engine number

Body number

Original dealer

Date of first registration

Special edition (if applicable)

Edition Number (if applicable)

Original hood colour

Cockpit Colour

Original wheel type

### Sample Heritage Certificate

Such a certificate can be beneficial in establishing a history of your car improving it's value.

**MG Car Club - MGF Register.**  
**MG Rover - MGF & MGTF**

**Data from the Factory Record.**

|  |  |
|--|--|
| <b>Make:</b> MGF                       | <b>Date of Birth:</b> 04/12/1997       |
| <b>Model:</b> 1.8                      |  |
| <b>Colour:</b> 0000000000000000        |  |
| <b>Engine Number:</b> 0000000000000000 | <b>Body Number:</b> 0000000000000000   |
| <b>Registration Number:</b> 00000000   | <b>Original Registration:</b> 00000000 |
| <b>Registration Date:</b> 00/00/00     | <b>Date of Registration:</b> 00/00/00  |
| <b>Paint Code:</b> 000                 | <b>Cockpit Colour:</b> 00000000        |
| <b>Wheel Code:</b> 000                 | <b>Wheel Size:</b> 00/00/00            |

For information only. This form is not a legal document. It is a record of the data provided by the owner. It is not a guarantee of the accuracy of the data. It is a record of the data provided by the owner. It is not a guarantee of the accuracy of the data.





PRE-WAR MG REGISTER  
OF AUSTRALIA



MG PRE-1956 RALLY  
CANBERRA

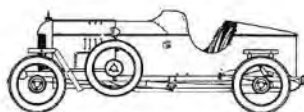


## M.G. Centenary in Australia 1923 - 2023

To celebrate the Centenary of Classic M.G. Cars in Australia,  
a National Hub Rally will be held from Friday 22nd September 2023  
to Thursday 28th September 2023.

Fifty Classic M.G.s will each start in Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra  
Sydney and Brisbane, and after 2500km and 6 days of M.G. Driving  
will arrive in Canberra for a 250 car display of M.G. Models  
from 1923 to 2005 and a Centenary Celebration Dinner and Show.

Checkout our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/MG.Centenary.Rally>  
or email us at :- [m.g.centenary.rally@gmail.com](mailto:m.g.centenary.rally@gmail.com)





# Tyrepower

GET THE **POWER** OF AUSTRALIA'S **BIGGEST INDEPENDENT**

## TYREPOWER GATESHEAD SPONSORING MG CLUB HUNTER REGION

**As summer approaches get your  
MG ready with Tyrepower!**



Exclusive  
Offer

Please ask for our quality  
Technician Dave, and our store discount  
associated with MG club members.

MG Club Members special discounts apply

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue Slips | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> A/C Regas                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rego       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Specialty diagnostic work |

## TYREPOWER GATESHEAD

7/18 Oakdale Rd, Gateshead NSW 2290

Opening Hours: Mon to Fri 7.30am - 5pm, Sat 7.30am - 12pm

Email: [gateshead@tyrepower.com.au](mailto:gateshead@tyrepower.com.au)

[tyrepowergateshead.com.au](http://tyrepowergateshead.com.au)

**PH: (02) 4946 2698**



## **DINKY TOY REMINISCENCES**

### **MORE AMERICANA By John Stuart**

A number of other American models were produced, including the 39 series of 6 saloon cars first released in 1939 and re-released after the war in 1950. The six were Packard Super 8 Tourer, Oldsmobile Sedan, Lincoln Zephyr Coupe, Buick Viceroy Saloon, Chrysler Royal Sedan and Studebaker State Commander Coupe.

My collection is shown in the pictures with some duplicates. All are restored except the Green Chrysler on the left. I thought I had all six, but realise there is one missing, can you guess which? Answer next month.

Initially they were released in drab single colours, but after the war 2 tone colours were introduced. My reference book (Dinky Toys and Modelled Miniatures by Mike and Sue Richardson) quotes from the 1939 catalogue on their release (with some abbreviation) -



"The six models are accurate scale models of outstanding modern cars. The Packard is a typical example of a modern American luxury car with an 8 cylinder engine, four doors and seats 5. The Oldsmobile also seats 5 and has a six cylinder engine. The Lincoln seats 3 and has a very advanced streamlined design with a V type 12 cylinder engine. The Buick has a distinctive appearance with streamlined front wings and bonnet, 8 cylinder engine and gear lever on the steering column. The Chrysler is a seven seater with a safety all steel body and 6 cylinders. The Studebaker has a gearbox fitted with remote control from a lever on the steering column with a body of one piece seamless steel construction. The Horsepower ratings range from 26 (Studebaker ) to 36 (Lincoln)." The Packard and the Buick were the first models to be produced with separate headlamps.

A number of other American makes were subsequently released including Studebaker Golden Hawk (169, 1958-63), Nash Rambler wagon (173, 1958-62), Studebaker Landcruiser (172, 1954-58), Ford Fordor (170, 1949-59) and Rambler Cross Country Station Wagon (193, 1961-68) all pictured.



This picture shows the Studebaker Landcruiser (centre back, green) with two Studebaker Golden Hawks (two -tone) and the two Rambler wagons (front). The latter I originally thought were the same model but close inspection revealed a number of differences, on the left is the Rambler Cross Country (193) and on the right the Nash Rambler (173). The Cross Country has a modernised grill and includes a steering wheel and dash. It also has fingertip steering and suspension all around, with 4 holes in the roof for attachment of a roof rack. Some differences are shown on the baseplates.



The final picture shows the Ford Fordors flanked by the Golden Hawks with the Ramblers in front. They have the characteristic central chrome spike above the bumper, presumably for impaling unwary pedestrians!!!???



My collection is regrettably incomplete with models such as Dodge Royal, Desoto Firelite, Plymouth Plaza and Packard Clipper still to be sought. Waiting for the sharemarket to bounce back a bit!!

Next month we can look at some more mainly British sedans including Rover, Hillman, Triumph, Vanguard and Vauxhall.

John Stuart.

[johnstuart65@bigpond.com](mailto:johnstuart65@bigpond.com)

# 2023 MG National Meeting

## 7-11 April

### June Update

[www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/](http://www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/)



Hello again, more details on some of the events being organised for next Easter's National Meet in Adelaide.

As always, there's more info on the website shown at the top of this bulletin, and a reminder that expressions of interest are open. Please send names, e-mail contact and phone contact to our Registrar, Chris Bray, at [Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au](mailto:Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au)

If you have already done this, encourage your friends to make an expression of interest.

So here are just some of the events you can look forward to:

**Noggin'n'Natter** – Festival Function Centre, Findon. This event, together with registration and scrutineering, gets the National Meet underway on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup>. Noggin'n'Natter is an MG tradition – a casual event to meet up with other registrants from around Australia, while enjoying some refreshments and entertainment.

**Rocker Cover Racing at the Noggin'n'Natter** For those of you new to this, it involves racers made from MG rocker or cam covers. They must be self-propelled, relying on gravity for their pace. The maximum weight is 3kg and the competition is held over a launch incline 1.5m long and a level run of 6m. The competition is conducted in best of three heats of two racers at a time. Winning racers advance to the next round until all are eliminated except one racer, which will be the outright winner.



**The National Meeting Kimber run** on Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> will wind through the Southern Adelaide Hills Wine Region with the cars entering the Hahndorf oval from Echunga for lunch to avoid the town's busy main street. The run is about 76km long and is planned to give you time for a wander through picturesque and historic Hahndorf before lunch.

**Motorkhana – The Bend Motorsport Park, Tailem Bend** Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup>. This will test the acceleration, braking and general manoeuvrability of your MG as well as the skill and judgment of its driver. A series of flags are placed on a sealed surface. The object of the competition is for each driver to complete the tests in the shortest time without incurring penalties. Although there are many ways to incur penalties, some of the most common ways are displacing a marker, traveling in the wrong direction or failing to stop within the "finish garage" boundaries.

The competition consists of 3 patterns with 2 attempts at each pattern. The worst time on each course is discarded. Class winners are determined on total elapsed time including penalties. No special equipment is needed.

**Theme party** – Stamford Grand, Glenelg. The theme party is always a major social highlight of National Meets and next year will be no exception. We're working on a theme and details will be released in plenty of time for you to figure out how you'll dress. This is a really fun night, not to be missed.

And a reminder that Easter accommodation is always in high demand so please book early to avoid disappointment. MGCC SA cannot make bookings on your behalf.

**Please send your expressions of interest and enquiries to:**

Tim Edmonds, President, [Chairman2023natmeet@adam.com.au](mailto:Chairman2023natmeet@adam.com.au)  
Chris Bray, Registration, [Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au](mailto:Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au)  
Sandra Cardnell, [Secretary2023natmeet@adam.com.au](mailto: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](mailto:henskens@henskens.com.au))

5. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:

BSB: 062-817

Account Name: MG Car Club Hunter Region

Account Number: 0090 3262

Description: Name(s) of renewing Member(s)

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

date and amount of payment,

renewal type either:

Full Single/Family,

Associate Single/Family, or

Student)

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

*Run by Enthusiasts for Enthusiasts*  
for over 60 years

## T-Type Parts Catalogue Online Now *with updated pricing*



Tyres



Batteries



Penrite Oil



Renovo Soft Top  
Care Products



Driving Apparel



SPARE PARTS • SERVICE • REPAIRS • SALES

### ABINGDON MOTORS

Phone: 07 3844 2881  
sales@mgcity.com.au  
www.mgcity.com.au

192 Annerley Road  
Dutton Park, 4102  
Queensland



HUNTER REGION  
**All British  
Display Day**



**Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> July, 2022**



Display  
9am – 2pm  
Food stalls  
available



**Foreshore Park, Wharf Road, Newcastle East**  
Please notify President, Denis Shanahan  
if attending . . . [president@jaguarhunter.org.au](mailto:president@jaguarhunter.org.au)



## Team member for Variety Bash 2022

I am looking for a female team member to drive, navigate and have an awesome time travelling across NSW and Queensland, in a 1974 V8 Mercedes 450, with two other chicks, dressed as witches. We do 4000kms in 10 days, mainly dirt roads, and stopping at remote schools along the way, The Variety funds we raise have been donated to the schools, so we get to see the outcome of our fund-raising- computers, play areas, covered areas, stages, etc. The remote schools/ P and C, provide us with breakfasts, lunch and dinner, which our provision fees pay for....so these towns that would never be able to raise these sort of funds in the community, have an opportunity to do so here. We also stay in small towns, taking up the motels and caravan parks, fuel, food, etc

I have already booked the accommodation for the event

The Bash starts on the 6th of August, from the new zoo near Eastern Creek and finishes at Mackay on the 16th, with a big party.

There is also the option of the added Mini bash, which follows on from Mackay to Seaworld...another four days, since everyone will be driving back anyway, the 16th to the 20th, but people can fly home if they don't want to do this option

The costs are- provision fee \$1, 100 .....covers all meals for the 10 days, including mechanics backup, Variety bag and Tshirt, fabulous experiences

The car entry fee of \$ 8,000 for the car - already paid

All stickers and car preparation- already done

Accommodation costs to be shared by team members - all booked

I am looking for someone who really loves cars, driving and fun and is happy with the smell of old vinyl seats. Sadly, my team member of many years, is unable to come

I realise it is not a cheap endeavour, but if this is on your bucket list, you may never get this chance again.... this is for the kids!

Jenny Vaughan Team leader Car 261

Some more details, below

<https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/news/2022->

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2chGuceKy8&t=257s>



# FOR SALE

## FOR SALE

2 Used Rear dampers suitable for MGF with Hydragas suspension units. Incorrectly Supplied with a spring conversion kit but has little compression dampening as is required with Hydragas. Very little use under car. Offers to buy at suggested price \$100 for both ONO.

Contact A Pettigrew on -- [at.rose.villa@gmail.com](mailto:at.rose.villa@gmail.com)



## FOR SALE 1960 MGA 1600

Older restoration, every nut and bolt by myself with professional assistance, photos available.

Car is still in very good condition with all wet weather gear and tonneau cover.

Asking Price \$29,000

Full Rego YCF978

Phone: 02 67628182

Ian Lambert

Tamworth



# FOR SALE

## 1957 MGA 1600 Roadster

A truly stunning example of this classic English MGA Roadster. Finished in HSV Fire Red with cream leather/vinyl to the original combination.



I conducted a complete car ground-up bear metal restoration painstakingly close to the original factory specification.

The car has matching numbers for the chassis and engine.

The engine rebuild, to the 1600 specification, was blue printed.

Hard tops (2) are available for restoration.

Original milage 81,269 miles – since restoration (2002) 2,721 miles

Available in Newcastle

**EOI – contact John Fraser-Easton**  
**– 0409 961 080**





## **MG Car Club Hunter Region**

### **Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

Meeting Opened: 6:10 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden. Minutes: Frans Henskens.

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

Apologies: Stephen Jones, Jeff Lauff, Wendy Croker.

In attendance: Nil.

Minutes: Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022, Moved Gary Piper, Seconded Graham Haywood.

Business Arising:

Nil.

#### **Reports:**

President (Stephen Jones):

At Perisher working during June & July meetings.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

Nothing new to report.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2022/23 Membership renewals to date: 21 single and 34 family, a total membership of 89.

NCC paperwork for Euro Motorfest (Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June) has been received from NCC.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Jeff Lauff):

Apology, not feeling well.

July Clubman Run is organised:

Leave Clubhouse 10 a.m. July 17. Travel to Greta Norman Brown Park for BYO morning tea at 11 a.m. Then quick trip to Morpeth for Christmas in July lunch organised by Anne.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):  
As per magazine.

Public Relations (Ian Ashton):  
Help! required for Euro Motorfest on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June from 7 to 7.30 am – at Newcastle Foreshore Park.

Regalia (Wendy Croker):  
One lady's polo shirt sold after the last meeting, nothing else to report.

Committee Member (Howard White):  
Nothing new to report.

Social Secretary (Anne Pettigrew):  
No extra activity is planned for June because all Members are encouraged to join us at Euro Motorfest.

Barefoot Bowls:

Another very poor response – out of 226 members, just 6 + me, so regretfully cancelled (which takes nearly as much effort to cancel an event as to organise it in the first place!)

Thank you to those committee members concerned that I would be out-of-pocket, but I was refunded in full.

At present, I only have 10 names for the Christmas-in-July at Morpeth on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July (our usual Clubman Run day). I sincerely hope that I won't need to cancel this as well. Still only \$25-00 per head for a full Christmas lunch including plum pudding and custard!

Clubman Run to Neville Schofield's olive farm between Paterson & Dungog. He is currently overseas, but we had pencilled in the September Clubman Run ie Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>

September.

I called in to my local Repco at Green Hills with the Euro Motorfest brochures and asked for some freebies for the raffle (I am a good customer around concourse time!). I was introduced to the Store Manager, Matt Saunders, who would be very happy for us to have a display of MGs in their car park area, lend us their bbq, supply us with sausages, bread, drinks etc, and we collect a gold coin donation!

I received information from a member of the Newcastle Car Club about a world-wide register of MGF's. Some members may be interested – I am not!

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

Issue to do with printing of *On The Marque*. The printer is dying and will need replacement if printed copies are to be continued.

We will continue to offer printed copies. Ian Ashton will make enquiries with Julie Tipper about replacement printer. If this is not successful, Committee approves purchase of a replacement printer up to \$200.

### General Business:

Club Website stats for May 2022 (Andrew Gowans):

Site was viewed 1,200 times with peak being 24 May with 60 views – average 38 views per day.

The top 5 searched pages March were:

Site Home Page – 321 views

Magazine Archive – 199 views

✦ Classifieds - 102 views

✦ Euro Motorfest - 58 views

✦ Club magazine - 46 views

Website backend updates are regular and ongoing.

Updates applied in May;

✦ The Events Calendar to 5.15.0.1 (Events calendar)

- ✦ Ultimate Product Catalog to 5.1.7 (Regalia catalogue)
- ✦ Jetpack to 10.9.1 (Site security & performance)
- ✦ Beaver Builder to 2.5.4.3 (Webpage editor)
- ✦ Knowledge Base to 9.10.0 (Ask an MG Guru)
- ✦ WP Advert to 1.5.9 (Classifieds)
- ✦ Site Theme to 3.2 (Site visual appearance)

Facebook stats for February were:

There were 158 posts to the Facebook Group, which was viewed 4,137 times (down 9.28% on previous month).

Our Internet Service Provider, Digital Pacific, has merged with another company and our Website will now be served by Newfold Digital. There will be no change to our Internet plan. I'll monitor communication with the new company.

Cash float of \$450 is approved for Euro Motorfest.

Denny Bowden raised issue of Life Members that had been mentioned in Council of Motorclubs (CMC) meeting to do with whether Life Members are considered fully paid-up members. Apparently this influences eligibility for historic registration.

The Committee unanimously confirmed that Life Membership of the MG Car Club Hunter Region represents full financial membership of the Club for the life of the member.

Meeting Closed 7:30 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022



## DISCLAIMER

Technical tips and methods suggested herein are the views of the person submitting them and the club cannot accept responsibility for the accuracy of these whatsoever. Persons following these tips and methods must make sure of their personal safety when applying them.

## ***Index of Advertisers***

|                      |                    |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| Modern Classic Cars  | Inside front cover |
| Mg sales             | Page 7             |
| REPCO                | Page 18            |
| Tyrepower Gateshead  | Page 28            |
| Abingdon Motors      | Page 35            |
| Shannons             | Inside back cover  |
| Sportsparts Pty Ltd. | Outside back cover |

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

**Deadline for the AUGUST 2022 edition will be**  
**Friday 29th July 2022**



It's called **reading**.  
It's how people install new  
software into their brains.

## 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.



“NO ONE KNOWS YOUR  
PASSION LIKE SHANNONS.”



Shannons insurance is for motoring enthusiasts just like you, with features like:

- Choice of repairer ■ Agreed value ■ Multi-Vehicle & Multi-Policy discounts
- Limited Use & Club Plate cover ■ Laid up cover ■ One excess free
- windscreen claim per year ■ Total Loss Salvage options ■ Home Contents
- Insurance including \$10,000 enthusiast cover for your collectables & tools
- Towing & storage costs as a result of loss or damage ■ Pay by the month
- premiums at no extra cost

Call Shannons on **13 46 46** for a quote on your **special car, daily drive, bike or your home**, and speak with a genuine enthusiast.



**SHARE THE PASSION**

**INSURANCE FOR MOTORING ENTHUSIASTS | CALL 13 46 46 FOR A QUOTE | SHANNONS.COM.AU**

Shannons Pty Limited ABN 91 099 892 636 is an authorised representative of AAI Limited ABN 48 005 297 807, the product issuer. Some benefits only apply to comprehensive vehicle cover. Shannons has not taken account of your objectives, financial situation or needs. Read the Product Disclosure Statement before buying this insurance. Contact us for a copy.



# Sportsparts Pty Ltd

**Parts and Technical advice  
for pre 1980 MGs**

- Specialists in original and reproduction MG parts for over 30 years.
- Buy your parts or accessories from us and get free and comprehensive advice on the best way to fit them.
- Visit our store or take advantage of our fast mail service. Our normal trading hours are 9.00am to 5pm but may vary if we have to visit customers or suppliers. Please call beforehand to ensure that we are at the shop to provide the parts you need.

**PROMPT MAIL  
ORDER SERVICE**  
Detailed catalogue  
available \$5.00



**Sportsparts Pty Ltd**  
10 Myrtle Street,  
Normanhurst NSW 2076

PO Box 2  
Thornleigh NSW 2120

Phone 02 98751144  
Fax 02 98751906

[www.sportsparts.com.au](http://www.sportsparts.com.au)