

# ON THE MARQUE

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LARGS HOTEL  
for August Mid Week Gathering**

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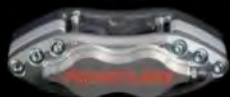
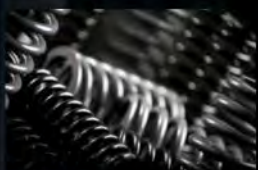


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**MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and or-  
supported activities.**



**September 2022**

- ♦ **Thursday 1st—Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
- ♦ **Tuesday 13th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm  
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 14th—Mid Week Gathering—meet at venue approx.  
11.30 for 12 lunch - contact Kay Bowden  
on if you are attending**
- ♦ **Sunday 11th — MGCC Newcastle hillclimb at Ringwood Pk.**
- ♦ **Sunday 18th—Clubman Run—Please contact Alan Andoni ASAP  
if you wish to attend [0417431276](tel:0417431276)**
- ♦ **Thursday 29th—Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park**
- ♦ **Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Alan Andoni  
ASAP if you wish to attend [0417431276](tel:0417431276)**
- ♦ **Saturday 10th Sunday 11th— "HSRCA" Spring Festival  
Sydney Motorsport Park**

**October 2022**

- ♦ **Thursday 6th — Square Riggers Natter—12pm to 2 pm Inu Café**
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Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 12th—Mid Week Gathering—meet at venue approx.  
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on if you are attending**
- ♦ **Sunday 16th—Clubman Run—Please contact Alan Andoni ASAP  
if you wish to attend [0417431276](tel:0417431276)**
- ♦ **Monday 24th—GEAR meeting—Sydney Motorsport Pk.**

**Deadline for the October 2022 edition articles will be  
FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 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

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Phil / Glenys Powell

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Alan Priest

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Martin Evald

Sharyn Hill

Donna / Mal Regan

Jeff / Kaye Palmer

Bruce / Dianne Whitten

### **Mid Week Gathering September      Kay Bowden**

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday 14th September

venue : **Swansea Workers Club**

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

This month's magazine front page celebrates the club's August Mid Week Gathering with a Photograph, taken by Carol Roxby at the Largs Hotel, of some members and their cars. The car park unfortunately had other customers cars so it was not possible to have all club cars together. See page 11 for a report on the currently best supported monthly club function.

At the club meeting on Tuesday night September 13th we will be presenting cheques to representatives from Variety and John Hunter Children's Hospital who will also give members a short talk .

The report from our Sporting Director on page 12 is not comforting as he reports on the rescheduling of some classic car events due to the forced closure, we hope for only a short time, of "Wakefield Park" raceway out of Goulburn.

See pages 13 and 14 for a pictorial report on the August Clubman run that was organised to avoid many of the secondary roads around Newcastle that have suffered much damage from the heavy rains experienced recently. Also on page 15 can be found information about the next Clubman Run and Tuning Run being organised by Alan Andoni and he assures the roads to be travelled on were free of potholes etc. when he did a check run himself.

Although Ian Ashton has resigned from the committee and the position of Public Relations Officer he has supplied a report for this issue of the magazine that can be found on pages 16 and 17.

Included within this issue is a report on the annual AGM meeting on pages 19 and 20 where all committee positions were open for nominations and election for the next 12 months.

We have a new sponsor, being Moxham Garage, and the proprietor Peter is a well respected and experienced classic "MG" mechanic along with his team that are now located in Wyong.

Welcome to Peter and his team to the area and I recommend to members if they are looking for a specialist classic "MG" service centre check them out! In addition we can welcome Peter and his team of specialists as they have joined our club and are looking forward to participate in club activities.

**Progress with my MGB.**

No progress with my car to report this month.





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

The Car Clubs elections have been run and won.

There are a number of positions still vacant and it would be very disappointing if we can't get enough members enthusiastic about their club to help out when needed.

### **Your committee is:**

President – Stephen Jones (I think this is 7 years)

Vice President – Denny Bowden

Secretary – Frans Henskins

Treasurer – Greg Jenkins.

Club Captain – Howard White

Sporting Director – Gary Piper

Public Relations Officer – No Nominations

Regalia Officer - No Nominations

Social Secretary - No Nominations

Magazine Editor – Graham Haywood

Committee Member – Alan Andoni

If you can help us out or know someone who can, please, these positions are vital to the ongoing survival of our club.

Bev and I have done some reasonable miles in our B this month. The Rylstone Classic (pretend rally, real fun) saw us joining 180+ Mini's, Mini's, Mini's, Mini's, Mokes, Morris', Wolseleys, MGs and a Ferrari on every back road we could find to get to Rylstone. This year was the



south circuit meaning we were going via Sydney... well, Sydney was somewhere nearby but not a high rise building in sight.

We made it to Rylstone for the overnight festivities then on Sunday we headed for Bathurst and the iconic Mt Panorama. Many laps were done at legal speeds then we stopped in the

pouring rain at the top for team photos.

A great weekend but by the time we got home my B was starting to show signs of a few mechanical issues. Oh well, more shed time needed. I've



already put in my entry for next year.



I've collected all the parts for Bev's Midget front end rebuild. I'm just spending all my time either working or looking after my parents (88 and 96 years old). The bits are waiting for me to apply paint, it is just a matter of priorities. Unfortunately, despite being considered part of the family, they aren't our main concern. I will get to them one day soon.

So that is my B and Bev's Midget both off the road in the short term. My race Midget did suffer a dead battery, a replacement was purchased but again, I just haven't had the time to install said battery and she hasn't started since the Easter National Meeting. I'm hoping everything will be ok.

With the disruption forced on "Wakefield Park", the "GEAR" meetings have had to be moved. Originally I was working on the October "GEAR" meeting date but with a change of track, there was a change of date. It is now on Monday October 24th at "Eastern Creek North Circuit". I have my entry in along with Gary Piper (MGB) and Austin Blanch (MGA) with Matt Blanch co-driving the "A".

If the Midget is still going (there is a history of clutch issues that I'm hoping the "GEAR" meeting will show as being fixed) then the next on my calendar is the "HSRCA" meeting on December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> on the full circuit at "Eastern Creek". Again, depending on how Myf is holding up, a quick turnaround is needed with the "GEAR" meeting just a few days later on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> at "Pheasants Wood" at "Marulan". This is a new circuit for me. Let's see how many I get to.

Hopefully I've managed to get the Midget and B back on the road and attended a few club runs too. All fun.

Steve

## **AUGUST MIDWEEK GATHERING**

Over 20 members enjoyed Wednesday lunch run to Largs Hotel organised by Kay Bowden.

Great company, great meals enjoyed by all whom attended.

Charlie and Maggie Head always come up on the runs from Sydney in their white MGBGT.

Thanks Kay for another great venue and for your organisation.



## **Mid Week Gathering September Kay Bowden**

Mid Week meeting Wednesday 14th September

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Kay Bowden

## SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

**Gary Piper**

Wakefield Park management has recently announced it will close the gates to the racetrack on September 1 claiming that it is no longer a viable business after the Land & Environment Court ruling allowing it to only operate 4 days per month.

It appears that unless the State government intervenes the track will probably stay closed & yet another Motorsport facility will disappear & become just a memory.

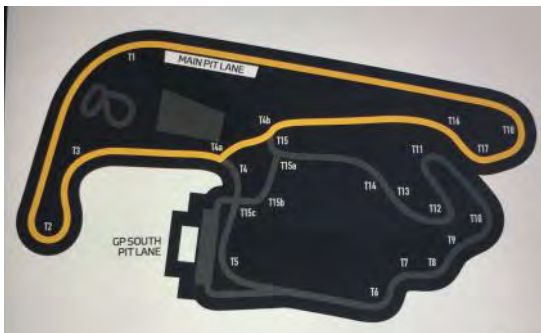
You can read a fairly detailed article on the net by Auto Action.

As a result of the closure "HSRCA" has cancelled its "Spring Festival" programmed for the weekend of September 10 & 11 at "Wakefield Park", so that's two Motorsport events that historic Motorsport has lost in the last two months.

The good news for us is that "GEAR" has decided to run a "GEAR day at Sydney Motorsport Park" on Monday October 24 using the Druitt ( north circuit) which is 2.8 km long.

They will run the December event at "Pheasant Wood Circuit Marulan" if "Wakefield Park" is still not available.

Steve Jones, Austin Blanch & I have already entered in the "GEAR" event at "SMP". This event should be worth having a look at as there will be some interesting cars competing. Anyone interested in going down & having a look can contact me for further details.



Both "GEAR" & "HSRCA" are looking at maybe running events at "Winton Raceway" in Victoria. Having competed there last year I would be keen to go back & have another run even though it is a 8 hour drive to get there.

If you like watching historic cars race get on the net & have a look at the recent 2022 "Winton Festival of Speed". Lots of MG's were there running in different categories and I believe they are worth having a look at.

### Coming Events

Sunday 11 September "MGCC Newcastle" Hillclimb Ringwood Park.

Monday 24 October "GEAR" Sydney Motorsport Park.

Saturday 3 , Sunday 4 December "HSRCA Summer Festival" Sydney Motorsport Park. Wednesday 7 December "GEAR" Pheasant Wood or Wakefield Park (if available).

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

Gary Piper



## **AUGUST CLUBMAN RUN**

Another enjoyable MG CC Hunter Region Clubman Run with a morning tea break in the park at Salt Ash.



Then onwards to Anna Bay Tavern for lunch via a route past Boat Harbour.

Thanks to Alan for organising the day between our past Club Captain Jeff and newly elected Club Captain Howard.



## **AUGUST CLUBMAN RUN**



Above is a view of Boat Harbour.



Above are views of cars parked at Anna Bay Tavern.  
Below are views of the happy attendees awaiting their meals.  
Photographs courtesy of members.





During the transition with Howard White taking over as Club Captain I will continue with the September Clubman Run and whilst Austin is away the Tuning Run.

**Starting times and places remain unchanged.**

Clubman Runs meet at club rooms for 10am departure.

Tuning Runs meet at Maccas Hexham for 9am departure.

No guarantees about the weather! Hope you can join us

**Clubman Run: September 18, Riverside cafe Budgewoi.**

Owner George will give us a waterside table overlooking the canal. Cafe is mainly seafoods with a smaller selection of hamburgers and salads. Servings are generous!

Morning tea at the park on northern side of Swansea Bridge if the weather is suitable, if the weather is not nice to us Swansea RSL. Hopefully our more southern members will be able to join us, if only for lunch.

**Tuning run: September 29,**

**Redhead Mens Shed for Morning Tea**

**Lunch at Murray's cafe at Murray's Beach,**

Departing from the usual longer run with short morning tea and the country lunch, we will have an extended catered morning tea at Redhead Mens Shed followed by tour of the historic buildings and a talk about their original life in mining.

There is a reason why Redhead has no pub but Dudley has two. The colliery at Redhead was called the Lambton colliery. Come and find out why. (\$10 donation to the mens shed for morning tea). Lunch will be a shorter than usual run to Murray's cafe at Murray's Beach, via Catherine Hill Bay.

Hopefully we can capture some of our members with an interest in history and/ or mining.

The various lunch spots would like to know approximate numbers.

If you intend to join us or you need further information please contact me. I lose my phone on a regular basis, I blame the grandkids even if they're not around.

Eventually I do return calls. With thanks Alan Ph. 0417431276  
or E-mail [alan.andoni@yahoo.com.au](mailto:alan.andoni@yahoo.com.au)

## **On the Marque.....Pro Report.....September 2022**

The August AGM is done and dusted with a new Club Captain emerging.

Howard White accepted the nomination for the important role of arranging and organising the monthly Clubman runs.

I know members will enthusiastically welcome Howard to your committee. Should you need to contact Howard his mobile number is 0468335419

Members, it is very important when you complete the registration sheet for either the monthly Clubman, Tuning or mid week run that you record the car you are driving on the run (not the MG at home in the garage!) The correct registration sheet entry helps Trish and I work out the results for the Annual Trophy Presentation.

Speaking of trophies, the Club Trophy Presentation this year will be on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December at the Club commencing at 6pm. Pizza will be served before the Presentation. You are also invited to bring a Christmas style supper for after. So no excuses make a note of the date and come along to support the trophy winners and enjoy a bit of Christmas cheer!

We need more members to make the visit to Greenpeace vessel Steve Irwin (as advertised in your August magazine, on the website and face book) more special with MG's on the wharf at Carrington in Newcastle Harbour. This is a unique opportunity to have a guided tour of the ship...so let me know if you'd like to come aboard in September and I'll confirm the date!

Please make your first 2023 diary note NOW by entering your interest in displaying your MG at the Newcastle Show in March next year. I am aiming at having six MG's on display each day over the three days of the Show. Please keep posted for details later this year.

Peter Moxham from Peter Moxham Garage at Wyong has joined our Club and will be advertising his MG specialist services in our monthly magazine "On the Marque." Please welcome and introduce yourself to Pete in due course and please support Moxham's Garage as we do all our sponsors and supporters

We are trying to come up with ideas to use our Clubroom more, especially during the day as most of us are retired. A card morning or afternoon is an idea. Please let me know if you have any other ideas or if you'd come along to play cards once or twice a month

For those members who purchased a grille badge to commemorate sixty years of the iconic MG B well here is my MGB GT wearing one

We will be presenting cheques to representatives from Variety and John Hunter Children's Hospital who will also give members a short talk.

Enjoy your MG with friends

Ian Ashton Asho



**Metal Grille badges mounted on my MG MGBGT**

## SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting , held on the **first Thursday of the month**, will occur on the 1st of this month. Don't be discouraged as this meeting is more about sharing your interest in MG's in general, other car makes, and other topical issues over a hot cuppa and a lunch meal.



The above & below photographs illustrate that we do include pre war and post war MG's with MGB, TF, TD, TC, MGB RB and MG Magnette represented.

We were given a rare look at a beautiful restored MG J2 at a recent meeting.

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 September 1st 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.**



## MG Car Club Hunter Region

Minutes of Annual General Meeting held 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Meeting Opened 7:50 pm

Chairperson: Outgoing Club President Steve Jones; Minutes: Outgoing Secretary Frans Henskens

Minutes of Last AGM: Because of COVID the previous AGM was election of officers held by email – no approval required.

Reports from Committee:

Treasurer: Mr. Greg Jenkins:

Committee Positions Declared Vacant: The Chair declared all Committee positions vacant and acted as Returning Officer to conduct the next part of the meeting.

Nominations and voting for 2022/23 Club President.

Mr. Stephen Jones (self-nominated seconded Denny Bowden) was duly elected the 2022-23 Club President.

The newly elected President then took the Chair.

Nominations and voting for:

*Vice President:* Mr. Denny Bowden (self-nominated seconded Stephen Jones) was duly elected.

*Treasurer:* Mr. Greg Jenkins (self-nominated seconded Frans Henskens) was duly elected.

*Secretary:* Prof. Frans Henskens (self-nominated seconded Gary Piper) was duly elected.

*Club Captain:* Mr. Howard White (nominated Greg Jenkins seconded Ian Ashton) was duly elected.

*Sporting Director:* Mr. Gary Piper (nominated Austin Blanch seconded Stephen Jones) was duly elected.

*Public relations:* No nominations were received.

*Regalia:* No nominations were received.

*Committee Member:* Mr. Alan Andoni (nominated Stephen Jones seconded Ian Ashton) was duly elected.

*Social Secretary:* No nominations were received.

*Magazine Editor:* Mr. Graham Haywood (nominated Ian Ashton seconded Frans Henskens) was duly elected.

General Business:

All business having been conducted the meeting was declared closed.





## 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.



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## **SOME OF THE JOY MAINTAINING MY MGB GT**

Some of the Joy's of maintaining my MGB GT.

Like many of us in the club since I bought my MGB GT in May 2021, I have done a lot of work to the car to bring it up to good running order so I can enjoy participating in club events.

Through the past 12 months I have gone through all the mechanical items of my car and doing most of the work myself just like many of our club members.



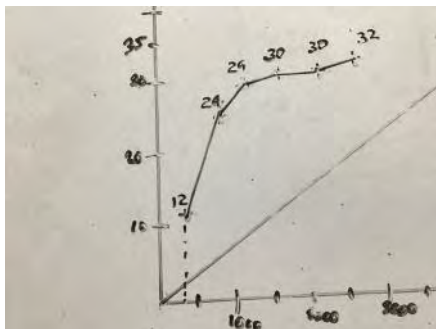
We would not be able to do this work without the close support of the parts suppliers Australia wide giving us ease of supply of parts for our loved cars and in fact it is easier in many cases to get all the parts for our old MG's than it is for our more modern cars. With suppliers like "Sports Parts" ,"MG spares" , "Abington Spares" and "Retro Road and Track". We not only rely on these suppliers for their support with parts but also their knowledge to help solve problems we have along the way.

Of recent time I fitted my reconditioned motor back into the car. This engine has been modified with a sports cam, high compression pistons, "O" series big valve head which has been ported and polished, then the engine con-rod's , crankshaft, flywheel etc have all been lightened and balanced.

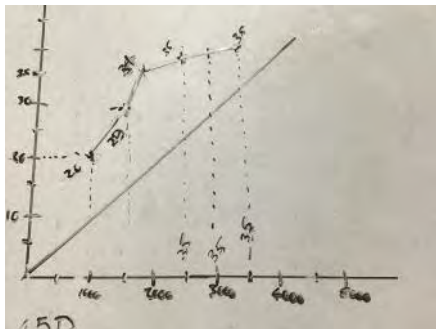
While all these modifications to the engine improve the breathing and speed of acceleration of the engine these improvements present their own set of issues with the auxiliaries and support equipment. One issue in particular was the ignition system, in the form of the distributor.

My 1975 MGB GT has a 45DE4 distributor which has a manifold vacuum advance that means the distributor works opposite to a ported vacuum advance distributor like a 25D distributor from the earlier model MGB engines. On a ported vacuum advance distributor the vacuum is very low at idle and increases as the engine accelerates in rpm whereas the manifold vacuum advance is full vacuum at idle and the vacuum decreases as the engine increases in rpm.

With the sports cam and the engine modification there is an increased rate of acceleration of the engine and the engine suffered from "pinging" (pre ignition ) at mid range RPM .



25D4 Distributor Advance Curve as installed with no vacuum advance



45DE4 Distributor Advance Curve as installed with no vacuum advance

After a lot of experimentation, and disconnection of the vacuum advance, we got the engine to run with only a short rpm period of the pinging issue. Next we graphed the ignition advance over the full range of the engine RPM for both the 25D4 and the 45DE4 distributors thinking the solution might be a resetting of the distributor advance curve.

We then talked to the representative at "Retro Road and Track" whom had supplied a new 45DE4 distributor and supplied them the advance curve information. They put us onto another person whom had extensive experience in "A" series and some experience with "B" series engines who discussed with us the advance curves that we had plotted. He suggested a solution to our specific issue that involved changing the idle advance setting and NOT the advance curve of the distributor. This indeed did solve the pinging issue but he also advised eliminating the manifold vacuum advance. "Retro Road and Track" are now supplying a modified distributor with mechanical advance only, inline with the information supplied to them from their recommended experienced person.

The people at "Retro Road and Track" could not have been more help in solving this problem.

Thanks to all the suppliers whom have provided parts and advice.  
Howard White



Timing light used to show advance @ specific rpm

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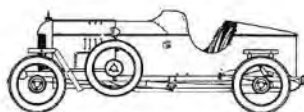


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To celebrate the Centenary of Classic M.G. Cars in Australia,  
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Fifty Classic M.G.s will each start in Adelaide, Melbourne, Canberra  
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# 2023 MG National Meeting 7-11 April

## July Update

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The months are really flying by as we head towards next Easter's National Meet in Adelaide and already, we've had more than 100 expressions of interest. It's a terrific result but please keep them coming in.

Registration is scheduled to open early next year but we'll be keeping you closely informed between now and then on what you can expect.

There's more info on the National Meet website shown at the top of this bulletin, and names, e-mail contact and phone details for expressions of interest should be sent 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 send their details.

And a taster of how the organisation is coming along . . .

The all-important sponsorship is going well and no doubt many of you will be pleased to hear we have a wine sponsor – crucial when you're coming to the Wine State!

Key events like the Concours, Motorkhana, Super Sprint, Observation and Social Run, and the Kimber Run are all well in hand

So are the social events including the Theme Party night: next year the theme will be 'Disney Characters' (a push to make the theme Port Adelaide Football Club fell short by quite a margin)

We're close to finalising designs for the NatMeet regalia

All venues are locked in.

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

The next update will be September, in the meantime please send any 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!!

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

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Dash including instruments (if possible)

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## 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 bare metal restoration painstakingly close to the original factory specification.

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

Hard tops (2) are available for restoration.



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**EOI – contact John Fraser-Easton –  
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# FOR SALE

## 1968 MGB Mk2 Roadster

I wish to sell my 1968 MGB Mk2 roadster. This car has been fully restored by MG Workshops in Melbourne and it is a quality restoration of the car and the engine.

The engine is totally rebuild, balanced and with a fast road cam and is a delight to drive.

The bodywork is restored to a high standard with new floors and sills and fully repainted in the original white colour with a new rag top.

This car is as original except for a very 60s after-market steering wheel and chrome wire wheels from my MGC ( I fitted 15 x 6" wheels to my MGC )

**Asking price is \$37,500**

This car has not even covered 5000 km since restoration.

Howard Anderson

[howard@andersonwinery.com.au](mailto:howard@andersonwinery.com.au)



## MGB Parts For Sale

3/4" (stiffer) front anti-roll bar \$100

Salisbury style diff. Brake to brake. \$350.

A set of Rostyle steel wheels free!

**Phone Alan on  
0408608397**



MG Car Club Hunter Region  
Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 9<sup>th</sup> August 2022

Meeting Opened: 6:10 p.m.

Chair: Stephen Jones. Minutes: Frans Henskens.

Present: Stephen Jones, Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Gary Piper, Ian Ashton, Wendy Croker, Howard White.

Apologies: Jeff Lauff, Anne Pettigrew, Graham Haywood.

In attendance: Nil.

Minutes: Approval of minutes of previous meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> July 2022, Moved Gary Piper Seconded Denny Bowden.

Business Arising:

Good support from the Club for the All British Day.

Reports:

*President (Stephen Jones):*

We have nominations for most of the 2022/2023 Committee positions, and some four for which we do not.

A big thank you for the service of the outgoing Committee.

A special thank you to those who are retiring for your years of hard work.

*Vice President (Denny Bowden):*

Our badge man is retiring. Am investigating the source of trophies as an alternative.

*Secretary (Frans Henskens):*

2022/23 Membership renewals to date: 53 single and 66 family, a total paid-up membership of 185.

Unfinancial 'members' with cars on historic/concessional registration should be aware their registration and CTP insurance are now invalid.

*In spite of personal reminders, we still have seven unfinancial members who are recorded as being on historic plates.*

*Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):*

Water Impost and Regalia listing as at 30/6/22.



Wendy will provide a stocktake of regalia.

We have to pay \$640 for last year's and this year's share of the water availability and usage costs – for which we had not been invoiced.

*Club Captain (Jeff Lauff):*

Nothing new to report.

*Sporting Director (Gary Piper):*

As per magazine.

Due to relaxation of COVID restrictions over the past 12 months Team Hunter members have been able to compete in several Motorsport events with Hunter Region members proving to be very competitive in the National event held over the Easter period.

Just when we thought Motorsport seemed to be getting back to a bit of normality, we are now seeing Wakefield Park, home of Historic Motorsport, having a battle to remain a viable business & remain open & we have seen the August GEAR meeting & HSRCA Spring Festival in September cancelled. Team Hunter members would have competed in both of these events.

I would like to thank the committee for their efforts keeping the club running during the past 12 months, well done it was great working with all you.

*Public Relations (Ian Ashton):*

Peter Moxham of Moxham Garage (02 9484 5909) has moved to Wyong and is coming aboard as a member and advertiser.

Annual presentation day date and venue.

To be held in the Club rooms as a (pizza and ice cream) Presentation and Christmas Celebration Day at 6 p.m. on 13 December 2022.

Newcastle Show 2023.

On 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> March the MGCCHR has agreed to provide cars for a display of our beautiful moving sculptures.

*Regalia (Wendy Croker):*

The MGB 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary grille badges have arrived and will be distributed at the meeting tonight. The grille badges

are numbered and Gold Coast MG Club have kept a list of purchasers. I have forwarded to them a list of purchasers and badges from our club.

The 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary shirts and hats order will be finalised after tonight's meeting. Ross Freeman has agreed to accept returns of any unsold sizes and give a credit against the order that will be placed. Once the order has been finalised I will let Greg know what our total donation to Movember will be.

A club jacket ordered for Howard White has arrived and a replacement Large size has also arrived. Both have been embroidered with the club logo.

As this is my last meeting as the Regalia Officer, I have completed a stocktake ready for my replacement. Once I've updated the spreadsheet I will send a copy to Greg.

Thanks for the support I've received from the Committee while I've been Regalia Officer. To all those continuing and to the new Committee members I give my best wishes and thanks for your contribution to keeping the MG Car Club Hunter Region running along smoothly.

*Committee Member (Howard White):*

Nothing new to report.

Question:

Are we going to sign write or put stickers in the newly glazed window – in particular to complete the partial MG badge?

*Social Secretary (Anne Pettigrew):*

As per magazine.

Left for the Variety Bash 7 August 2022 – donations are still very welcome – is close to and would like to reach \$2,000.

*Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):*

Apology, positive COVID in home, currently negative himself but does not wish to expose members to risk.

Ordered and received the Maintenance unit for the Epson printer as the printer could not print without changing the Maintenance Unit, however this did not fix the poor-quality colour printing only allowed me to continue

printing.

Printed magazines were posted on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

### General Business:

Need to discuss corporate membership for the Moxham Garage work crew.

Will allow the Moxham staff to join the Club with no joining fee.

Club Website stats for July 2022 (Andrew Gowans):

Site was viewed 1,605 times with peak being 3 July with 100 views – average 52 views per day.

The top 5 searched pages March were:

Site Home Page – 332 views

Magazine Archive – 229 views

✦ Classifieds - 128 views

✦ JDCHR – All British Day 2022 – 121 views

✦ 1960 MGA 1600 - 105 views

Website backend updates are regular and ongoing.

Updates applied in July;

✦ The Events Calendar to 5.16.3.1 (Events calendar)

✦ Jetpack to 11.1.2 (Site security & performance)

✦ Beaver Builder to 2.5.4.5 (Webpage Editor)

✦ WP Adverts to 2.0.1 (Classifieds)

✦ A full Website backup was done on 21 July.

Facebook stats for February were:

There were 210 posts to the Facebook Group, which was viewed 5,222 times.

Would like to run an on-line questionnaire as follows – approved to do so by Committee:

MGCC HR Club Website Survey 2022

1.How often do you look at the Club Website?

Once or more a week

- A couple of times a month

- Irregularly

- I don't look at the Website (Could you share why, please?)

2. What do you look at on the Club Website?

Coming Events

Classifieds

Club Magazine

Club Reports

Other (Please specify)

3. Do you find it easy to locate the information you're after?

Always

Mostly

Sometimes

Rarely

Comments (free text answer)

4. If you need information about the Club or it's activities, where do you go first?

Club Magazine

The Website

The Facebook Page

Other (Please specify)

5. Is there anything you'd like to see on the Website?  
(free text answer)

6. Is there anything you think shouldn't be on the Website?

(free text answer)

7. How do you think we could do better?  
(free text answer)

8. Do you have any other comments?  
(free text answer)

Meeting Closed 7:09 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

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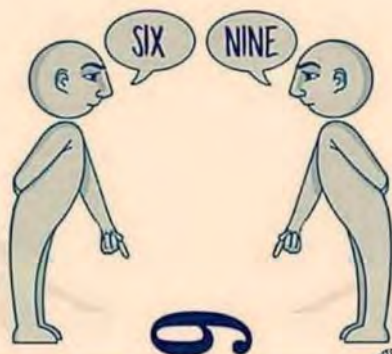
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Thank you to those who have contributed to this edition of "On the Marque"  
Please submit your contributions via email to [ghaywood6@bigpond.com](mailto:ghaywood6@bigpond.com)  
It is great to have input from members as well as committee members!

**Deadline for the OCTOBER 2022 edition will be**  
**Friday 23rd September 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.

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.





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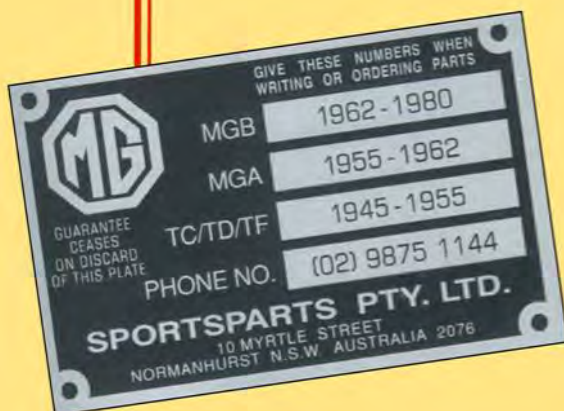
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