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What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

MARCH 2023

- ♦ ***Thursday 2nd — Square Riggers Natter 12pm to 2 pm Inu Café***
- ♦ ***Friday 19th to SUNDAY 12TH — Super Cars Newcastle***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 14th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 15th—Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 Lunch
Cardiff Bowling Club—The Blind Chef—contact
Kay Bowden if you wish to attend***
- ♦ ***Thursday 23rd — Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park
Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch
on 0434143242 to register***
- ♦ ***Sunday 19th — Club Run — Meet at Club rooms, — contact
Howard White 61 468 335 419 or
howardwhite55@gmail.com***

APRIL 2023

- ♦ ***Thursday 6th — Square Riggers Natter 12pm to 2 pm Inu Café***
- ♦ ***Friday 7th to Tuesday 11th — MG National Meeting in Adelaide***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 11th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 12th—Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 Lunch***
- ♦ ***Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th — Goodwood UK 80th Members
Meeting***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 19th — "GEAR" at Pheasants Wood circuit***
- ♦ ***Thursday 20th — Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park
Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch
on 0434143242 to register***
- ♦ ***Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th — MG Racing Winton***

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



NEW MEMBERS NAME TAGS

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

The club badge should be worn during any club function.

Martin / Melanie Campbell

Terry / Janeen Clifton

John / Astrid Perdriau

John Ray

Andy Webmaier

Kevin Bailey

Mark / Karen Hodgen

Jo Barbaschow

Christine Hobson

Jacob Alley-Sonter

Martin Evald

Linda Claydon

Craig Hunt

Bill Pike

Darren Hooper

Tracey Hooper

Marty Elbro

Lisa Eastlake

Scott Brooks

Jason Lay

Peter Davies

Bruce Whitten

Dianne Whitten

Patricia Carter

John Needs

Lisa Needs

Eddy Wedmaier

Hilary Davies

Hong Yan

Kevin Bailey

David Carter

William Hilton

Cheryl Moran

Mid Week Gathering March Kay Bowden

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday 15th March

venue : "The Blind Chef" at Cardiff Bowling Club

Location : 175 Myall Rd Cardiff

Time : approx, 11.30am for 12.00

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

Thank You, Kay Bowden

Our current Club Captain unfortunately could not run the Clubman Run on February 19th due to a death in his family so I volunteered to do it for him. There I was waiting patiently at the club house with only one car, an MGTD and 2 new excited members attending. On arrival at Caves Beach for morning tea we were joined by 1 other an MGBGT. All 3 cars completed the scheduled run and lunched at the Entrance.

All 4 of us members engaged in a lengthy conversation about many subjects whilst enjoying our lunch. Hopefully there will be more participation in the March Clubman Run as our new members would very much like to meet more members whilst enjoying the use of their recently acquired MG TD.

This edition of our magazine has reports on the "Mid Week Gathering", the "Lunch with Tigers" and the "Square Riggers" meeting indicating the club has varied activities arranged each month for our members to enjoy.

I sincerely hope that when I can get my MGB back on the road I will be able to also enjoy the great MG experience driving on runs with like minded members.

Progress with my MGB.

The labour intense tasks of removing paint, filling dents and low areas of the respective body parts and then etch priming has been very wearing on me. Not that this was not expected but I will reluctantly admit my stamina is barely up to the task so the goal of achieving completion in time for the forthcoming MG Nationals in Adelaide will not be achieved.

Nonetheless I am still progressing the work albeit slower than anticipated at the start.

I have also managed to make some stiffening bars from 50x2.5 steel



bar to go under the boot mounted luggage rack that I hope will prevent the denting when light loads are placed upon the rack.

Enjoy reading this issue of the magazine



Ravings of your President.

Sorry I missed last month's magazine. An editorial deadline waits for no one. A big welcome to a new committee member. Andrew Gowan has finally move all the way into the Hunter and decided he has now got time to help us out in an official capacity. He is tireless with his updating and running of out electronic communications and social media. Now he has a seat at the committee table as your Public Relations Officer.

I've asked over a number of month about who might be attending the 2023 MG National Meeting in Adelaide over the Easter weekend. It looks like there will be 3 MGs and their families going from the MGCC Hunter.

The work two doors up from me has hit fever pitch with the gearbox coming out of the Y so it can have a visit to the dentist. The first gear cluster had a missing tooth, making the sound effects coming from the transmission when taking off, head turning. I did get asked if I was any good at getting indent balls back in. I suggested cable ties. They worked a treat.

Talking of two doors up, I got a sneak peak of the P type's progress. It is looking like a car (a very small one) again and it won't be long until it is stripped down again and some paint applied. It's an exciting time.

Andrew Gowan is also venturing south west is his beautiful MGA. Very little preparation is required other than general maintenance for the 1500km drive (each way). Elliot and Andrew with be driving in convoy.

Bev's Midget is as good as she will get. After many years of looking at the tappet cover thinking it needs a repaint, I finally did it. A reupholster of the door capping on the driver's door, and some studious cleaning in a few hard to get at places sees everything on the list almost done. A wheel alignment is the last thing to do.

We are starting a new year with the weather all over the place. If you need to do flood preparation at your house, be warned, the car club has set the dates for the 2023 Concours. It, and its accompanying east coast low, will be scheduled again for October.

Euroday is set down for June.

I heard a comment made by a club member, 'what do we get for our membership?' I found this very disappointing. Just to give you all an insight, your membership goes to pay rent on the club rooms, water, electricity, insurance, accounting, affiliations, subscriptions, magazine (yes it still costs to produce an electronic magazine), J van etc. This comes to just under \$12,000 per year. Income from membership fees totals just under \$10,000. We are behind the eight ball to the tune of \$2,000 a year.

The club depends on fund raisers like our Euroday and our Concours (and you know how many of those we've managed over the last few years) to keep our heads above water. The biggest cost is rent on the Mechanics Institute so without moving out and finding somewhere else we have to keep

paying. Now that we have had a closer look at our financial situation the committee may be forced to consider increasing our membership fees. It has been quite a few years since we've had an increase. Most of these costs are outside our control and unfortunately are always increasing.

It is nice that we have a few members that look for what they can do and help the club every year. It is a real shame that we can't get enough members to fill all the positions on the committee. It has been many years since we've had a full committee and a number have been working for quite a few years and would like a break. They don't want to leave the club 'wanting' so keep plodding along.

Ask not what the club can do for you, but what you can do for your club.

I will be working at the Supercars in Newcastle again. I've been to every one so far. I don't know of any other club member donating their time on the big stage but it wouldn't be many. Yes, I would much rather the council and government put their funds into building a permanent track so all motorsport participant could compete all year round and the general public could learn life-saving driving skills in a controlled environment. There is nothing within hours of Newcastle. I can't see that happening anytime soon with the current thinking.

Steve



SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

Gary Piper

Not much to report on with most team Hunter members cars under going repairs of some sort with Austin Blanch doing some brake repairs & tail shaft mods on the A , Matt Blanch an engine rebuild , Steve Jones still has a few issues with the race midget ,

but I think he's been concentrating on getting Bevs midget ready for the coming National event , both of them will be driving the midget , my MGB engine is still in bits & will probably be that way for a while but I must say I'm looking forward to getting back on the hill & the track . Great to see Bruce Melville's Lotus Elan S3 still alive & running well .

Good luck to all those members who will be attending the upcoming National Meeting in Adelaide over Easter.

GEAR Club recently held its second meeting on Sunday Motorsport Park with record entries proving that SMP is a popular venue .

Coming Events :

10- 12 Newcastle 500 Super Cars

7 - 11 April MG Nationals Adelaide SA

Wednesday April 19 GEAR Pheasant Wood circuit Marulan

Sunday April 23 MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb Ringwood Park course A4

9 - 11 June HSRCA Sydney Classic. Sydney Motorsport Park.

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

Cheers Gary



PHOTOS FROM GAYDON MUSEUM UK

BRITISH MOTOR MUSEUM

The following photographs are available by courtesy of member Don Noble .
This will be a feature over a few magazines to illustrate the changes that occurred with MG sports cars from the considered first until the last MGBGT LE.

1925 MG 'Old Number One'

Although traditionally called 'Old Number One', this is not the first 'MG' car. A saloon based on the Bullnose Morris chassis had been advertised under the famous initials early in 1924 and several more 'MG sports Morris' cars followed before the year was out.

The car registered FC 7900 was a one-off special completed in March 1925 for Cecil Kimber. Kimber was manager of Morris Garages in Oxford, the business which lent its initials to MG. He entered it in the Land's End Trial and was awarded a Gold medal. His passenger on that occasion was Wilfred Matthews, who was later described by Kimber as "my first passenger in my first MG".

Early MGs, including this 'Kimber Special', were based on standard chassis with special coachwork, far more elegant than the normal range of Morris bodies. Old Number One had bodywork by Carbodies of Coventry. It used a special overhead valve version of the sidevalve Hotchkiss-type engine normally found in the Bullnose Morris. This engine has been dated to 1921.

MG Old Number One is reputed to have cost £279 to build. Soon after the Trial, Cecil Kimber sold it to Harry Turner of Stockport for £300, thereby making a profit. After it had gone through several ownerships, MG bought it back in 1932 for the princely sum of £15.

Engine:	Top speed:	Power:
4cyl. 1496cc	82 mph (132 km/h)	40 bhp
Coachwork:	Price new:	Registration mark:
two-seater sports	not quoted	FC 7900

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‘Lunch with the Tigers’ - Sat 04 February A. Gowans

The opportunity for this event came via Ian Ashton, and was a general invitation to interested car clubs to come along to a day of aircraft and cars at Luskintyre Airfield. The Airfield is home to a small aviation museum and aircraft restoration workshop, and is also home to a number of DeHavilland Tiger Moths - hence ‘Lunch with the Tigers’.

I’d arranged for the MGCC HR to form our convoy at Lochinvar, opposite the pub on the New England Highway, before the 10 minute drive into Luskintyre. We had 10 MGs in attendance, plus 2 ‘other’ marques (Jaguar & Mazda) and 19 people for the short run, which is a great turnout for a special event. Included in our contingent were Peter & Tracey, who visited us from the Central Coast in their lovely Turquoise MGB.





After a short drive down and across the Hunter River to Luskintyre we drove into the airfield and joined other historic vehicles on the field next to the runway. In addition to static displays of aircraft and a tour of the Workshop, the day also included various historic aircraft being ‘fired up’ and taken into the sky. Kids on the day were also given the opportunity to sit in the cockpit of a Tiger Moth.

Fortunately the weather was beautiful with a cool breeze running across the airfield to moderate the summer sun, considerably better than our damp Concours from a few weeks ago.



The MGCC HR contingent filtered off from midday, but the air displays continued into the mid-afternoon, and included a display of aerobatics which we could see from our home in Greta after we returned.

The organisers said they intend to run similar events at other times in the year, so if any details come our way we can always go there again.

Thanks to all who attended.

Andrew Gowans

MID WEEK GATHERING FEBRUARY 2023

Another great social gathering organised by Kay Bowden was held at the "ORANA HOTEL" at Blacksmith.

Entry of the highway was an interesting diversion but not too difficult. The covered outdoors location for our meals and enthusiastic conversation was excellent and so was the service.

Car parking was on the street outside of the venue and some participants managed to find shade for their vehicles from the street trees.







SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting will occur this month. Meet at the usual location "Café inu" on 43 Denison Street in Carrington for March 2nd 2023.

We can order, then sit in the outside area as below, or inside the Café to eat, drink and chat.

Come and join us as you will be welcome.



Hi Members and Welcome to 2023!

Over the Christmas-New Year period I decided to take on the big PRO boots that Asho stepped out of last year. I'd like to thank Ian for all his hard work as PRO over the past few years (& other roles as well), and I'd also like to thank him personally for the help and advice he handed over to me. Thanks again, Ian, it's all very much appreciated.

We've already had a good start to the year, with the VPs Breakfast Run & a soggy, but successful, Concours in Jan and a run to Luskintyre Airfield for an aircraft & car display day in Feb (see my separate report). There are some more events & opportunities like the Luskintyre day coming up, some of which are;

Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair May 6th - another display day

Tilligerry Motorama May 21

JDC HR All British Day - in July TBC

Our Euro Day - Sun June 18

Our Concours - Sat 21 Oct

As details on these events, and any new ones, come to hand I'll let you know.

Wearing my Webmaster hat, you may notice my email (below). I'll be working with the Committee to move the office holders onto Club email accounts. There's no hard dates for changes, but stay tuned for developments.

Regular maintenance of our cars is important if we expect them to start, go & stop, etc. The same goes for our Clubman Points & Sporting Scoring. The 3 monthly Clubman events are the Midweek Run, the Tuning Run and the Clubman Run. If you attend these make sure you write it up on the Run Sheet, including your co-driver 'Mate' if you have one on the day. All Sporting results are kept by the Sporting Director, so keep in touch with Gary regarding all events you enter representing our Club. The Clubman results are forwarded to me after each run, so they can be counted towards the awards. Details on how it all works is in our Magazine and on our Website - <https://www.huntermg.com/mgcchr-clubman-point-scoring-system/>.

Lastly, drop me a line or give me a call (before 9pm, please) if you have any questions, or any ideas about other potential events.

Cheers,

Andrew Gowans

PRO with no 'Mo

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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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2023 MG National Meeting 7-11 April

January Update

www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/



Registrations have now been open for over a month. The registrar has been kept busy processing over 100 registrations. The standard registration fee applies for another month. After this a late fee will be charged.

There have been several questions about Motorsport Australia licence requirements. As per section 4 of the National Meeting Supplementary Regulations, competitors must: possess a current Motorsport Australia licence, minimum of a Motorsport Australia Speed Licence for the Super Sprint, Motorkhana and Observation Run events, and a Motorsport Australia Speed Junior Licence for junior competitors in the Super Sprint and Motorkhana events. You do not need a motorsport licence for Concours, Kimber Run or the Social Tour.

The link to the Motorsport Australia (formerly CAMS) website to obtain a licence is <https://motorsport.org.au/licence>. Since a Motorsport Australia review on licencing, single event and non-speed licences no longer exist. The minimum licence is a speed licence. This is very annoying to many people who compete in a small number of events; however, this is how Motorsport Australia now issues licences.

In this update we are providing information about the social events.

The first social event is the **Noggin 'N' Natter** which will be held at the Festival Function Centre, Findon on **Friday April 7**. This event gives you the opportunity to catch up with fellow MG enthusiasts, some of whom you may not have seen for several years. Food will be provided at tables.

Once you have been fed you can take part in or spectate at the Rocker Cover racing. The rules for constructing a Rocker Cover Racer are in the Supplementary Regulations.

Saturday is the **Concours**, being held at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg. This is, of course, always a highlight and attracts attention from the public and owners alike.

Saturday night is the **Theme Night** at The Stamford Grand in Glenelg. The theme for this year is "A night at the movies, Disney style". Fancy dress is not mandatory but you may feel left out if you do not try to match your clothing with the theme. The name Disney suggests lots of Mickey Mouse ears, perhaps some ducks in sailor suits or muddled Goofy look alikes. Google Disney Movies and you will be surprised at the range of possibilities. If your club representation is eight people, what about Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs? Did you realise that Cool Runnings is a Disney movie? Word of warning, the dining room is on the first floor and a 4-man bob sleigh may not fit in the lift. The Disney studios have also produced pirate movies so you can dig into the wardrobe and resurrect your costumes from the Pirates of Abbingdon night at the 2010 National Meeting. During the night the class trophies from the Concours will be presented and there will be spot prizes for group and individual costumes.

On **Sunday**, the **Motorkhana** will be staged at The Bend Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend, and for those looking for a gentler pace, the **Kimber Run** will end with lunch at the Hahndorf Oval. If you haven't been before, this Adelaide Hills town is a prime tourist spot and well worth a lengthy wander during the afternoon.

Sunday night is a free night. You can have a quiet night after a hectic day at the motorkhana or the Kimber run or you can join with others at an Adelaide restaurant.

Monday it's back to The Bend for the **Supersprint**, coinciding with the **Observation Run and Social Tour** which will end with lunch at the Lobethal Bierhaus, who are also a sponsor and have arranged a special National Meeting bottling of a fine brew as a souvenir of the event.

Monday night is the **Presentation Dinner** which will be held at the Festival Function Centre, Findon, the same venue as the Noggin 'N' Natter. Traditionally National Meeting participants gather in their finest clothing to have a meal and collect trophies from the Motorkhana, the Super sprint and the Observation run. After this has been completed, the winners of the perpetual trophies will be announced, culminating with the presentation of the John Wratten Memorial Trophy to the best performing club at the meeting.

Tuesday morning is the **Farewell Breakfast** which will be held at The

Stamford Grand. The last time the Farewell Breakfast was held at The Grand (2002) no-one started their trip home with an empty stomach.

Enquiries about registration can be sent to our Registrar, Chris Bray, at Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au

The National Meeting **website** is a primary source of information and contacts for the event and is updated as more details become available, so check it out at www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au

And if you haven't booked your **accommodation**, I urge you to get onto it ASAP! Adelaide is hosting the AFL Magic Weekend featuring all teams from April 13th – 16th (the weekend after Easter) and as this also falls within School Holidays from most Eastern states there is likely to be very strong demand for hotel/motel rooms. The Stamford Grand at Glenelg, for example, is filling up fast. Straight after the footy is the LIV Golf Tournament at Grange which will put further pressure on accommodation.

There has been a request from visitors for **Trailer parking** over Easter, and Peter Micklem in Hahndorf has some space available. His contact details are pbmicklem@gmail.com or 0411238514. The Bend Motorsport Park has also confirmed trailers can be left there but at owners' risk.

Further enquiries can be sent to:

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Chris Bray, Registration, Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au
Sandra Cardnell, Secretary2023natmeet@adam.com.au

See you in Adelaide next Easter!!

Cheers,
Tim Edmonds
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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



MGB Parts For Sale

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FOR SALE

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4 speed manual transmission

Compliance plate 1/1967

NSW REGO BSF 75P

Family purchased 14/12/2002 but has documentation back to 14/12/1990

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A respected British classic specialist described it as an 'honest car'

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12/12/22 till 12/12/23

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Asking price \$28,995

June Kentwell 0409441173



For Sale.

MGB hood frame believed to be c1970 and complete with tattered material.

View central Newcastle or Central Coast on request.

Selling for a third party.

Offers over \$100 please.

Rob Dunsterville

0457 612 152 but best text me first.



Photo is illustrative only. (Editor comment)

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1957 MGA 1600 Roadster

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

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MG Car Club Hunter Region
Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 14th February 2023

Meeting Opened: 6:30 p.m.

Chair: Stephen Jones. Minutes: Stephen Jones.

Present: Stephen Jones, Denny Bowden, Greg Jenkins, Gary Piper, Andrew Gowans, Graham Haywood.

Apologies: Frans Henskens, Howard White, Alan Andoni.

In attendance: Nil.

Minutes: Approval of **minutes of** previous meeting held on 8th November 2022.

Business Arising:

Concours conducted 22 January 2023 in spite of intermittent rain.

Successful event. 31 vehicles on show. Profit of around \$100

There has been a nomination of Andrew Gowans for PRO position.

Nominated: Denny Bowden, Seconded: Gary Piper. No other persons standing. Andrew duly elected.

Reports:

President (Stephen Jones):

Dates for Euroday and concours decided. These will be added to the calendar.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

No report.

Secretary (Frans Henskens): *In his absence*

2022/23 Membership renewals to date: 72 single and 76 family, a total paid-up membership of 224.

Suggested dates for Euro Day 2023 are 18 June and reserve date 25 June. Seeking Committee approval before booking with NCC.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

No report.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per magazine.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Concours was damp, but well received. Congratulations & well done to the organising crew!

The Luskintyre Airfield display day was well attended with 12 cars & 19 Members going. Some other clubs were there and I've left it open for the airfield to contact me with dates for future events.

Next time I'll take our club banner.

Ian put us in touch with David Campbell in Port Stephens, who has started a Cars & Coffee in Fingal Bay. I've attended a couple & I'll keep in touch with David and add this event to our calendar for Members to consider.

Ian passed on details of some upcoming events where it would be good to get some Members to attend; The Newcastle Show (3-5 March) and the Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair (6 May). I'll publicise these.

We'll need to settle on dates for Euro Day and Concours (DONE). Based on last year's dates these could be Euro Day 18 June and Concours 22 Oct, with backup dates the following week. For discussion.

Nepean Classic is moving from Penrith to Taylors Beach. I'll approach them to see if they'd like to advertise in our Magazine, or sponsor something at Euro or concours. Perhaps, when they move, we could offer to bring a display of Club cars up for an opening event? I'll keep you advised.

I'll be away from 25 Feb to 12 Mar. If I could ask someone on the Committee to help muster any Members who are going to the Newcastle Show display days, that'd be great.

The club should think about a centenary of MG celebration.

Regalia (Position Vacant):

No report.

Committee Member (Alan Andoni):

No report.

Social Secretary (Position Vacant):

No report.

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

A new calendar year has started and the February magazine had plenty of photographs illustrating our club activities during January even though traditionally there is only the Breakfast Run.

There was a Hiccup in the sending of the last group of 25 members magazines this time but I was able to get them out by individual E-mail messages. Not sure why it happened with my sender Telstra but all is well again.

General Business:

Club Website stats for December-January 2022/2023 (Andrew Gowans):

Site was viewed 1,311 (Dec) and 2,054 (Jan) times with peak being 22 January with 343 views – average 42 (Dec) and 67 (Jan) views per day.

The top 5 searched pages for December-January were:

Site Home Page – 419 views

Magazine Archive – 311 views

✦ 2022 Annual Concours - 186 views

✦ Classifieds - 114 views

✦ 1968 MGB MK 11 Roadster (4x Nationals Winner) - 86 views

Website backend updates are regular and ongoing. Updates applied in December-January were;

✦ The Events Calendar to 6.0.8 (Events calendar)

✦ Jetpack to 11.7.1 (Site monitoring & performance)

✦ Beaver Builder to 2.6.2 (Web Page editor)

✦ WP Super Cache 1.9.3 (Site performance accelerator)

✦ Ultimate Product Catalogue 5.2.3 (Club regalia)

✦ Ninja Forms 3.6.1.6 (Webform builder)

✦ WP-ShowHide 1.05 (Committee contacts display)

✦ NEW - Jetpack Protect 1.2.0 (Site security tools)

✦ A full Website backup was done on 23 December & 1 January.

Facebook stats for August were:

There were 168 (Dec) and 192 (Jan) posts to the Facebook Group, which was viewed 6,500 (Dec) and 6,364 (Jan) times.

Meeting Closed 7:07 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 14th March 2023

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MGCCHR Clubman Point Scoring System

The Honour Board on the wall in the Clubroom has provision for the yearly Clubman Champion and Sporting Champion.

Every member has the chance to get their name on the board through consistency of participation in Sporting Events or Clubman runs.

Sporting results are kept by the Sporting Director and apply to any MG Club endorsed sporting event that members compete in whether it is a hill climb, motor kana or racetrack event. 1 point allocated for each sporting event a member competes in during the club year.

1st, 2nd and 3rd placings are decided by the total number of points allocated and are rewarded with a trophy. The 1st placing winner's name is listed as the **Sporting Champion** on the Honour Board.

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

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

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

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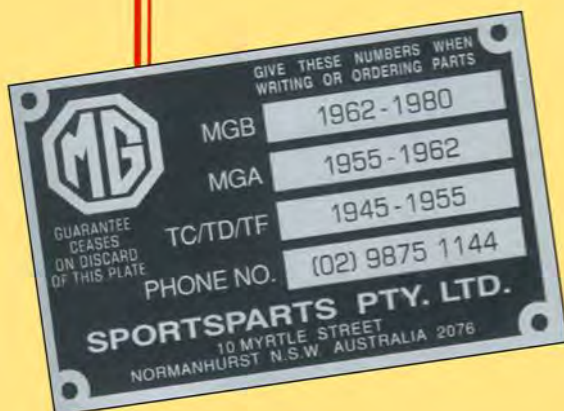
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