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Venue Cardiff Bowling Club**

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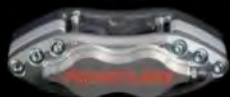
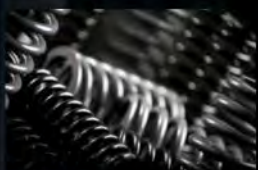


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What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

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 6.00 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 12th—Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 Lunch
The Banks Hotel Melbourne St East Maitland***
- ♦ ***Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th — Goodwood UK 80th Members Meeting***
- ♦ ***Sunday 16th — NO CLUBMAN RUN DUE TO EASTER—enjoy the break***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 19th — "GEAR" at Pheasants Wood circuit***
- ♦ ***Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th — MG Racing Winton***
- ♦ ***Sunday 23rd — MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb Ringwood Pk 12am***
- ♦ ***Thursday 27th — Tuning Run — Meet at Maccas car park
Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch
on 0434143242 to register***

MAY 2023

- ♦ ***Thursday 4th — Square Riggers Natter 12pm to 2 pm Inu Café***
- ♦ ***Saturday 6th — Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair —***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 9th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 10th—Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 Lunch***
- ♦ ***Sunday 21st — Clubman Run — TILLIGERRY MOTORAMA —
Meeting at club rooms for convoy to event. Contact
Howard White if attending on 61 468 335 419***
- ♦ ***Thursday 25th — Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park
Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch
on 0434143242 to register***
- ♦ ***Friday 26 to Sunday 28th — MG Racing at Phillip Island Vic.***
- ♦ ***Sunday 28th — MG Car Display at BOORAL Village Markets @
9.00am until 11.00am—meet at 12 mile Creek Rest
area at 9.30 drive as convoy to Booral.***

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

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

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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 April Kay Bowden

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **12th April 2023**

venue : **The Banks Hotel.**

Location : **Melbourne Street East Maitland**

Parking at rear of hotel

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

There I was waiting patiently at the club house with the Club Captain Howard and no other club car at the Club Rooms for this month's run..

On arrival at Swansea RSL for morning tea we were met by the club Treasurer Greg. Unfortunately his MGB was showing a very hot coolant temperature on the gauge so he elected to return home due to the forecast hot temperature for the day.

We had arranged to meet with Peter LeBreton and his wife Barb at Wangi Coffee House for lunch so proceeded to that venue.

We met both Peter and Barb, as well as by chance Jeff Lauff and Sally, at Wangi so had a pleasant time in discussion with them all. Hopefully there will be more participation in the MAYClubman Run as it is Tilligerry Motorama.

This edition of our magazine has reports on the "Mid Week Gathering", the "Square Riggers" meeting and the Tuning Run 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 long awaited application of Primer/Surfacer to the body of my MGB was successfully completed by our Vice President Denny with his experienced correct mixing of thinners to the paint and his steady hand with the spray gun. It was patently proven to me that I am not meant to be a spray painter.

I am very appreciative of having the experienced capable assistance by Denny.



Enjoy reading this issue of the magazine

Ravings of your President.

Team Hunter is not far from hitting the road to the National Meeting in Adelaide. It's a small crew with a good variety of MGs. The Burns' in their Y, Gowans' in their A and Bev and I in Bev's Midget.

I'm sure Andrew G will be posting lots of photos on our clubs web site and Facebook page whenever possible. Results will be posted when we know.

Doing the preparation for our Concours and the National Meeting has had me thinking... yes really... Mmm dangerous, I find it interesting that $\frac{3}{4}$ of what we do on the cars, will go totally unnoticed because it's neat, clean and just correct. If we don't do it right, everyone notices. Do the work once, do it right, or be prepared to spend double the time and money doing it again.

-It is nice to welcome Anne Pettigrew back onto the committee in the position of Social Secretary. The upcoming centenary celebrations have intrigued her and she'll have another go showing heaps of her usual enthusiasm. Please support her whenever you can.

-None of the Jones MGs have had regular use due to life being too busy. It's a very sad fact of 'non retired' life. Due to this, my B was only just up to the task of the March Tuning Run. Some work is required before his next run.

We had 4 MGs, 3 Bs... Phil Powell, Keith Gibson and I, plus Elliot Burns in his Y. Ross and Sue Adams brought their Hyundai since they've sold their B. There was a forecast of severe storms (they finally hit about 5:30), so I planned the route in a way that we could have lunch back towards town.

Surprisingly, the roads were all pretty good and probably more suited to the Y's speeds. We found a nice coffee place at Bolwarra, then lots of back roads to the Fire Station Hotel at Wallsend.

Talking of tuning runs, I'm thinking of organising another 'Tuning Run Weekend'. I'm looking at mid-September so it is still quite cool. It would be restricted to 10 couples with preference given to regulars. It will be lots of legal speed driving on winding roads with roof down (I hope). I might take the B as it's quieter at the speed limit.

-I spent Newcastle's Supercars race weekend, sitting in a crash/ rescue car on standby. 3 days of doing nothing... which is good and bad. When I watched the telecast on the big screen opposite our position, I decided that love or hate it, the race is one of the best tourist adver-

tisement campaigns ever for Newcastle.

Don't get me wrong, I'd rather the money be spent on a permanent circuit, but there is only one or two race meetings in the world that look as beautiful as Newcastle. Yes there are some magnificent picturesque circuits like Phillip Island but as a street circuit it's up in the top two internationally (can't beat Monarco).

-Wakefield Park has been sold by the Benalla Auto Club to the owner of Pheasant Wood (Marulan). The aim is to have the track up and running before too long. Different options depend what the new State Government promised, but noise mitigation work will be required either way.

The closing of this track by a handful of people has dramatically affected the whole community of Goulburn and the motorsport community of NSW and Australia. Hopefully with the right State Government we might get this disparity where two or three people can write off the livelihood and pleasure of tens of thousands of people changed.

-Well, I'm going to disappear again for 6 weeks in July and August. I'll be working for FRNSW at Perisher Valley Fire Station. The emergency response vehicles there are unique and very challenging (and a little bit fun). Hagglunds, Skidoos, 6x6 quads and a 4x4 tanker. It's work so I won't have fun.

Jonesy

VALE MEMBER RAYMOND BOND

It is with great sadness that I let the club members and friends know of the passing of one of our members. Ray Bond was an enthusiastic member even though he had sold his MG and bought a Jaguar. He and his partner Yilli were regulars at our monthly "Tuning Runs", always showing us what style was. He will be sadly missed.

Steve Jones



We recently received the great news that Wakefield Park race circuit at Goulburn has been purchased by Steve Shelley, the owner of "Pheasant Wood Circuit" at Marulan. Hopefully this will secure the future of "Wakefield Park" as a Motorsport venue & will see the circuit reopen in the near future.

This is great news for all Motorsport enthusiasts, especially Historic enthusiasts, as "Wakefield Park" was considered by many as the home of Historic Motorsport in NSW. Apparently Steve has the backing of the local council and the local MP. I would suggest that the local business community in Goulburn would be very happy to see the circuit reopen. Obviously Steve will have to address the noise issues that led to the track closure and work through a few other issues with the neighbours & the local council. I hope all goes well for him and I wish him all the best in his new venture.

If the presentation and condition of "Pheasant Wood" circuit is any indication I think we can expect to see a revitalised and updated "Wakefield Park" in the near future.

I can't wait to see the circuit reopen to get back on there again.

"Team Hunter" member Bruce Melville recently competed in the "Phillip Island Classic Festival of Motorsport", which is considered by many as the holy grail of Historic Motorsport in Australia.

See his report on the event in the mag, (see page17), thanks Bruce and well done.

All the best to those who are attending the MG meeting in Adelaide at Easter.

Coming Events :

7- 11 April MG Nationals Adelaide SA.

Wednesday April 19 "GEAR" at "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 .

1886 Benz replica of the first car

This vehicle is a replica of the world's first motor car. It was built by Carl Benz at Mannheim, Germany in 1886.

The simple three-wheeled car is powered by a one litre, single-cylinder engine, placed horizontally behind the seats. It develops less than one horsepower and weighs 'about half a horse'. The crankshaft and flywheel can be clearly seen. Drive to the wheels is by a belt and then chains. It uses petroleum spirit as fuel.

Although Carl drove the car himself on the streets of Mannheim, the first long distance journey undertaken in one of Benz's early cars was in 1888, by his wife Bertha accompanying by their two sons. During the 66 mile journey, from Mannheim to Pforsheim, she had to make several emergency repairs.

Bertha unblocked a fuel line with her hat-pin, got a blacksmith to mend the drive chain, found a cobbler to use shoe leather to re-line the brakes and even donated her garter elastic to fix the electrical wiring! When she ran out of fuel, she purchased more spirit from a local pharmacy.

This fully working replica of Benz's carriage was kindly donated to the Trust's collection by Bonhams auctioneers.

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Coachwork:
185-car

Price new:
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Reproduction of the 1886 Benz
1886, owned by Mercedes-Benz



MID WEEK GATHERING MARCH 2023



Another great social gathering organised by Kay Bowden was held at "The Blind Chef" in Cardiff Bowling Club, 175 Myall Road, Cardiff,.

The location for our meals, the excellent service and the usual enthusiastic conversation ensured a good time enjoyed by all.



Car parking was off the street alongside the venue .





Booral Village Markets & Ma Baker Invitational Car Display Day



Our Club has been invited to display our cars at the Booral Village Markets & Ma Baker Invitational Car Display Day on Sunday 28 May from 9-11am.
Entry is free.

We'll meet at the 12 Mile Creek Rest Area at 9:30 and drive in convoy to Booral. The local Markets will be open and Ma Bakers will be open selling pies, cakes & treats.

Please contact Andrew Gowan 0425 204 762 if you have any questions.

After 6 months without anyone else putting their hand up to take over the position of Social Director on the Committee, I decided to offer to return. I was thrilled when the Committee unanimously, and joyously, welcomed me back at last month's committee meeting!

My reasons for not continuing after last August were many; but now that I am fully retired, I just wanted to give back to the Club and its members who have been so helpful and supportive of me ever since I joined over 4 years ago. In particular, I would like to thank Graham Haywood, without him I would not have been able to enter the Club's Annual Concours held in January this year. I had shoulder surgery in December so was in a sling 24/7 for 6 weeks and obviously not al-



lowed to drive. Graham not only drove to my place on the Saturday, and took me & my MG in to Lambton Park and back home again, but also came to my place the day before to help me prepare my beautiful Maggie as best we could. I know that there are many other similar stories of members helping other members with their MG's.

This Club has the reputation as being the Social MG Club. I know that there were some members who felt that we didn't really need a Social Director, but I hope that in the months ahead, we can organise some good events that make new members to our Club feel welcome and also long-term members will continue to support the Committee and come along to Clubnights, Clubruns, Tuning Runs, mid-week lunches, Square Riggers coffee mornings, etc. A calendar of events is always listed in this newsletter, and some members like to print that page and attach it to the fridge door for easy reference.

If there is an activity that you would like our Club to organise, or a destination that you think would make a good outing, or know of someone who could give a talk at one of our Clubnights, please speak to me at a Clubnight, or send an email to at.rose.villa@gmail.com. At the time of writing this report, there are no definite plans for any special social events, although I do expect to have another Christmas-in-July luncheon. However, as this year is the 100th anniversary of the MG, Andrew Gowans (the new PRO) and I are already planning to arrange something special.

So ... as usual ... watch this space!

Anne Pettigrew

The 2023 Phillip Island Classic was held from the 9th to 12th of March, run by the Victorian Historic Racing Register. It is claimed to be the biggest historic race meeting in the Southern Hemisphere, and I would easily believe that.

There were over 440 entries, with about 7 old F1 cars coming from Europe and entries from as far away as Western Australia and North Queensland. All the historic categories were catered for, and I entered in regularity as I usually do. With My Lotus Elan sidelined with a broken gearbox, I ran my Alfa 1750 GTV (sorry – No MG, my MG is a Y Type, definitely not for racing).

There were over 70 entries in regularity and we were all sent out at once, which at first seemed a bit daunting. Even lining us up on the dummy grid in order of lap times was a major exercise.

Also, the speed differential was enormous, from a 1923 Aston Martin through to a couple of Ford GT40s, Ferraris, and Porsche Turbos and



1923 ASTON MARTIN

all sorts of things in between. But once we were on the track everyone drove well and carefully so there were absolutely no incidents at all. Just a few breakdowns, as happens.

As well as the 100 year old Aston Martin, there was a type 37 Bugatti, a Maybach Special, an Alfa Romeo 6C, a 1962 Ferrari Dino, an MG NA and a whole lot of TCs as well as a few MGBs, so the MG brand was well represented.



Type 37 BUGATTI



MAYBACH SPECIAL



ALFA ROMEO 6C



MG NA



1949 MGTC



MGTC

With so much traffic on the track, performing well in regularity was always going to be more a matter of luck than anything else, so I went out there to just enjoy the magnificent Phillip Island track and to be driving amongst so many rare and fantastic vehicles. It rained during qualifying on the Friday morning, but from then on it was fine, if a bit cold, which is good for old cars anyway.

This was the first time I had competed at Phillip Island, and I will certainly be back, it is an incredible race track, this event was well organized and supported, with probably 20 to 30 thousand spectators. Car



MGBGT



MGBGT V8



Bruce & his ALFA ROMEO
1750 GTV



MGTC SPECIAL

clubs from all over Victoria were there in droves and looking out over the car parks, we could have been at Bathurst in the 1970s. All up, a great meeting and I am already looking forward to next year.

Bruce Melville

Morning tea was held at Maddies of Bolwara then onto the Fire Station Hotel at Wallsend for lunch.





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 April 6th 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.



This year is the Centenary of MG, with consensus being the marque began in 1923 when Morris Garages started selling ‘Kimber Specials’. Our newly-returned Social Secretary, Anne Pettigrew and I have suggested to the Committee that we have a special event later in the year to celebrate this significant milestone in MG history. Stay tuned for further details of an event in September.

I’ve been away for a few weeks, with Heather and I having a holiday in Tasmania. It wasn’t a comprehensive trip around the southernmost state of our country, but we did cover a bit of ground. Highlights included Hobart, Launceston, Cradle Mountain, the East Coast and several stops in the central and northern regions.

The roads in Tasmania were, generally, of a great quality and I did wish I’d brought Miss Scarlett for the trip. However, as much fun as that would’ve been, I’m not sure we could’ve fitted everything in my MGA without leaving a few comforts (i.e. clean clothes) behind. I will find this out when I go to NatMeet in April, which I’m sure will be another story.

I was a little disappointed I didn’t see any MGs on the roads (apart from the modern MGs), or many classics in general use. I saw the back of an Austin Healey (100/4 I think) in Hobart, a Mini Cooper in Launceston, a Moke at Beauty Point and ½ a dozen veterans south of Bicheno.

Balancing this out was my visit to the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania in Launceston. This was an easy 1km walk from my hotel, so I wandered over. If you go to Launceston, allow yourself a couple of hours to take a look at the collection, it’s certainly worth it. There are cars and bikes of various vintages, from the US, UK, Europe, Japan and Australia. The conditions vary, with some being ‘on loan’, and others having been restored or being restored in house. It was worth the walk.

Alas, there was only one MG in the collection, but she was a stunner. An MGA modified with a Rover 3.5L V8. A beautifully, tastefully done restomod.



Here's a reminder of the upcoming events to put in your calendar;
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
MG Centenary Event - Sept TBC
Our Concours - Sat 21 Oct

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,

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A Visit to the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania

On our recent holiday in Tasmania we visited Launceston, home to the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania. Our hotel was only 1km away, so I walked over to have a look.



The Museum was established by the late Geoff Smedley in 1987, and has grown in size and moved a few times in the last 30 years. In addition to showcasing splendid examples of rare and desirable cars, the Museum also restores vehicles onsite for visitors to enjoy. A bit of cleaning and maintenance was being done to an Alpine A110 when I was there. There were in excess of 70 vehicles on display. The current, purpose-built museum was opened in 2019.

There is so much to take in it's really worth your time to relax and stroll through, looking at the cars & bikes, reading the info placards, and taking in the pictures and displays. I was there for about 2 hours, including exiting through the shop. The Museum is fine with you taking pictures, but it is definitely a look, but don't touch situation.

For me the highlight was the MGA modified with a Rover 3.5L V8, however the Museum also had 3 of my all-time favourite cars; a Jaguar SS100, an AC Ace Bristol and an Austin Healey 100/4. Many other



marques are on display including Rolls Royce, Chrysler, Ford, Bentley, and a number of Holdens.



A further highlight for me were the motorbikes, including an Ariel Square Four, which was a model of bike owned by my late Dad. That was great to see. I can thoroughly recommend a trip to the National Automobile Museum of Tasmania as an interesting and fun place to visit.

See their Website at <https://namt.com.au/> for details.

Also in Launceston you can visit the Queen Victoria Museum at Inveresk, not too far away from the car museum, where they have a 1923 Alfa Romeo RLS on display. It was originally imported as a rolling chassis with engine & gearbox, and had the coachwork added in Tasmania. According to a guide it still runs. It is a magnificent piece of automotive sculpture.



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Dinky Memories. The Dinky Horsebox

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The Horsebox is an iconic Dinky Supertoy first produced in 1953. Originally numbered 581, the Horsebox was released in 2 versions, "British Railways, Express Horse Box Hire Service" in maroon with the British Railways logo, and "Newmarket Racehorse Transport Services Ltd" in yellow and grey. It appears to be based upon an AEC truck chassis from the triangular badge at the top of the grille. The model has 2 opening doors which become ramps, one at the side and one at the back. It is a very robust toy measuring over 17cm long, 4cm wide and 6 cm high.

The detail in the windows and air vents in the roof is impressive. The model was discontinued in 1964. The "Newmarket" livery model included 2 model horses.

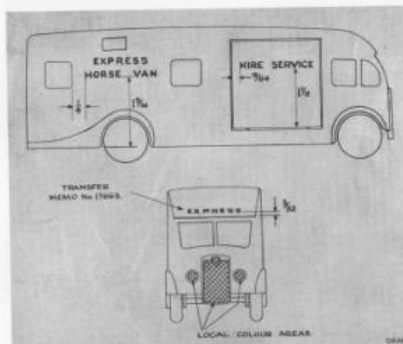
Some of the drawings from the reference book show a version released in the USA without the British Railway decals.

The model in the photos was acquired recently from the auction held after the Toy and Train Museum in Leura sadly closed. I don't think it has been restored, though the decals do look in excellent condition.

Horse Boxes

One Horsebox Casting appeared in three versions. 581 was issued with 'British Railways' decals in the U.K. and without in the U.S.A. though some States catalogues show the U.K. version.

Fig. 254. 581 Horsebox (U.K. version) and 979 Racehorse Transport.



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Cat. No.	Model	Intro. date	Discontin.	Comments
581	Horsebox	1953	1960	Maroon (U.K. decal), Renumbered 981
581	Horsebox			Maroon (U.S. decal), Renumbered 980
979	Racehorse Transport (and two Horses)	1961	1964	Yellow & Grey
980	=Horsebox=			Renumbering of 581 (U.S.)
981	=Horsebox=			Renumbering of 581 (U.K.)

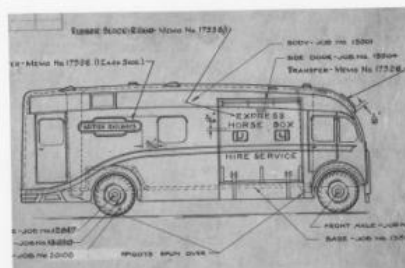
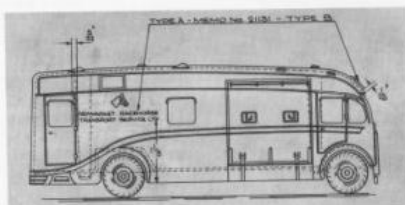


Fig. 253. Assembly drawings of the three variations on the Horsebox.

Reference: Richardson. Dinky Toys and Modelled Miniatures, New Caven-dish Books 1989

Photographs of the model are below.





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

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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)

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

It has had a part restoration completed in Dec 2018 including a gearbox overhaul.

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Tyres are in excellent condition

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Asking price \$28,995

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For Sale.

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

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Selling for a third party.

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Rob Dunsterville

0457 612 152 but best text me first.



Photo is illustrative only. (Editor comment)

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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.

The car has matching numbers for the chassis and engine.

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

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

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

Meeting Opened: 6.15 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Anne Pettigrew.

Present: Denny Bowden, Greg Jenkins, Howard White, Gary Piper, Graham Haywood.

Apologies: Stephen Jones, Frans Henskens, Andrew Gowans, Alan Andoni

In attendance: Anne Pettigrew.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 14th February 2023 Approved, moved Graham Haywood; seconded Gary Piper

Business Arising:

Nil

Reports:

President (Stephen Jones):

Nothing new to report.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

Nothing new to report.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2022/23 Membership renewals to date: 73 single and 77 family, a total paid-up membership of 227.

NCC have placed a pencil hold booking on Foreshore Park for Sunday 18th June (and Sunday 25th June as backup) – for our Annual Euro Motorfest.

The calendar shows this year's Concours as being Saturday 21 October with backup on the 28th. Is this change from Sunday to Saturday correct – I knew there was 'chat' among some members about the possibility, but wanted to confirm before booking Lambton Park with NCC?

Committee confirmed that Yes, *Saturday is correct.*

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

Howard has organised the Clubrun for Sunday 19th March with amt @ Swansea RSL; and lunch @ WANGI WANGI Workers Club

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

Gary reported (very excitedly!) that Wakefield Park Motor Circuit will re-open following the purchase by Mr Shelley

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

As per Steve's email, we've received an invite to display a dozen or so cars at the Booral Markets on Sunday 28 May from 9 - 11am. I think this sounds like a good event. Could you let the Committee know that I'd like to run with this, please? Can you also share it with the Members in tonight's meeting? I'll chase Steve for a contact so we can advertise it.

Agreed for Andrew to proceed with getting 12 or so MG's for a static display at Booral Markets on Sunday 28th May from 9-11am

Euro Day

Confirmed with Committee that *Greg Jenkins will attend to the permit with Motor Sport Australia, & Frans books the food and coffee suppliers and does the Application to NCC.*

To date I've invited 45 associated clubs to Euro Day, with around a dozen responding with interest who will publicise it with their members.

Michael from Shannons has been advised and will have a booth there, and I'll reach out to our advertisers (incl Repco), to see if any would like to have a booth on the day &/or offer us some prizes for the raffle.

MG Centenary

I'd like to propose a special Centenary Clubman Run, in either Aug or Sept. I think 17 September could be a good date, the month before the next Concours and

just before the M.G. Centenary In Australia Rally. The run would end at a suitable venue (I'm still looking) where we can have a sit-down lunch and celebrate the 100 years. I'm thinking of an historic venue, with off-street parking and a function room, not too far from our home base in maybe Maitland or Morpeth. I'll be working on this. A working guide to cost at this stage is \$20-\$30 per head, but this is 'finger in the air'.

The Committee unanimously approved for Andrew to start organising the celebrations for 100 years of MG; and in liaison with the newly re-elected Social Director (Anne Pettigrew)

I won't be at next month's meeting as I'll be on my way to Nat-Meet.

Regalia (Position Vacant):

Committee Member (Alan Andoni):
Nothing new to report.

Social Director: (Anne Pettigrew)
See item in General Business

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):
Magazine was released JIT (just in time) this month with intentional blank pages for the printed magazines.
Deadline for the APRIL 2023 edition will be Friday 24th March, 2023

General Business:

Anne Pettigrew was nominated to the position of Social Director by Denny Bowden, seconded by Gary Piper, which was unanimously (and enthusiastically) accepted by the Committee members present.

Club Website stats for January-February 2022/2023 (Andrew Gowans):
Site was viewed 1,197 times with peak being 14 February with 74 views – average 51 views per day.

The top 5 searched pages for November were:

Site Home Page – 335 views

Magazine Archive – 271 views

★ Classifieds - 111 views

- ✦ Lunch with the Tigers - 100 views
- ✦ 1951 TD Roadster - 40 views

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

- ✦ The Events Calendar to 6.0.10 (Events calendar)
- ✦ Jetpack to 11.8.4 (Site monitoring & performance)
- ✦ Beaver Builder to 2.6.2.3 (Web Page editor)
- ✦ Ninja Forms 3.6.1.19 (Webform builder)

A full Website backup was done on 18 February.

Facebook stats for February were:

There were 123 posts to the Facebook Group, which was viewed 4,121 times.

Meeting Closed 6:52pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th April 2023 @ 6.00 pm

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Deadline for the MAY 2023 edition will be
Thursday 27th April 2023

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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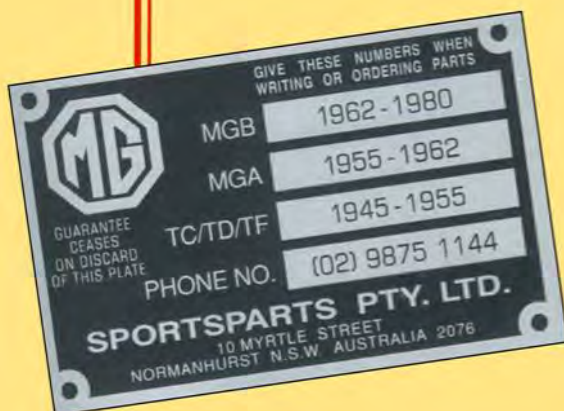
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