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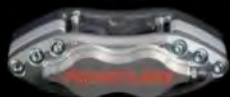
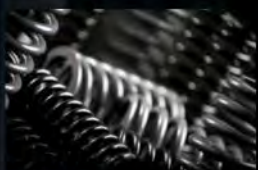


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## **What's On**

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

### **JUNE 2023**

- ♦ ***Thursday 1st — Square Riggers Natter 12pm to 2 pm Inu Café***
- ♦ ***Saturday 10th to Sunday 11th — HSRCA SMP***
- ♦ ***Sunday 11th — Mid Coast Motorfest Tuncurry***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 13th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm  
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 14th—Mid Week Gathering—Heddon Greta  
Hotel 11.30 am for 12 Lunch***
- ♦ ***Friday 16th to Sunday 18th — Goodwood Festival of Speed***
- ♦ ***Sunday 18th — Euro Motorfest—Honeysuckle foreshore***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 20th — GEAR SMP—Amaroo***
- ♦ ***Thursday 22nd — Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park  
Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch  
on 0434143242 to register***
- ♦ ***Sunday 25th — Backup day for Euro Motorfest if bad weather  
for Sunday 11th.***

### **JULY 2023**

- ♦ ***Thursday 6th — Square Riggers Natter 12pm to 2 pm Inu Café***
- ♦ ***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***
- ♦ ***Sunday 16th — Clubman Run***
- ♦ ***Thursday 27th — Tuning Run—Meet at Maccas car park  
Hexham for 9 am departure. Contact Austin Blanch  
on 0434143242 to register***
- ♦ ***Sunday 30th — Ringwood Hillclimb—MGCCN***

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 June      Kay Bowden**

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **14th June 2023**

venue : **.Heddon Greta Hotel**

Location : **65 Main Road, Heddon Greta**

Time : approx, 11.30am for 12.00

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

Thank You, Kay Bowden

**Dear Member of the MG Car Club Hunter Region,**

**Membership Renewals are due by end of June 2023.**

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

2. There are three possible renewal fees as follows:

Single Membership (Full or Associate) is \$60

Family Membership (Full or Associate) is \$70

Student Membership (over 18 and full-time student) is \$25

**3. PDF of *On the Marque* by email is included in Membership. The last printed copy will be published in June 2023 - after that members are welcome to print off the PDF version at, for example, Officeworks.**

4. When renewing it is NOT necessary to complete a Membership Application/Renewal form. If Membership details (e.g. email or postal address, phone number, vehicle details) have changed please advise the Secretary Frans Henskens by email ([henskens@henskens.com.au](mailto:henskens@henskens.com.au))

5. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:

BSB: 062-817

Account Name: MG Car Club Hunter Region

Account Number: 0090 3262

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

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

date and amount of payment,

renewal type either:

Full Single/Family,

Associate Single/Family, or

Student

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



**This is the last printed copy of *On The Marque* all future issues will only be digitally published. The club colour printer is past it's use by date with some 6,000 colour and black and white printed double sided sheets.**

**Membership fees become due in June as our membership year is based upon financial year and fees will remain as \$60 for single, \$70 for family.**

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, as reported herein, by driving on runs with like minded members.

Our club was well represented at the "Tilligerry Motorama" again this year but the laurels were awarded to another club. The standard of each represented club was quite high this year.

The Tuning Run report this month was prepared by Andrew Gowans whom stepped into the roll as organisor whilst Austin was spending time with his family with their caravan. See page 19.

A new advertising for Tuning Run is on page 19.

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

When assembling my MG again there are some difficult to reach fasteners that caused me to have a panic attack as I attempted to extract myself from under the steering wheel which unfortunately was to the amusement of my helpful assistant whom couldn't resist photographing my predicament.

Enjoy reading this issue.



**Ravings of your President.**

-I've been reading some interesting articles (not on Facebook) about alternate fuel vehicles. As a professional that has to deal with them when they catch fire, I can attest to the dangers involved compared to a boring petrol or diesel powered car fire. I have multiple safety bulletins on electric car fires.

The fires are next to impossible to extinguish (they talk about 30 – 60000 litres of water needed, even better, push the car into a dam), the fumes given off are extremely toxic hydrogen-cyanide, hydrogen-fluoride, hydrogen-chloride, and you could have ongoing secondary fires up to three weeks afterwards. Nice anytime but worse when you are at sea and can't just run away.

February last year, a cargo ship (Felicity Ace) carrying 4000 vehicles (both electric and non-electric including Porsches, Bentleys and Audis) sank in the Atlantic after an electric car caught fire and the fire couldn't be extinguished. It spread through the cargo and ship and despite the best efforts of the crew and fire tugs, it couldn't be saved. With this in mind, a European ferry service has done a risk assessment, and made the decision that it will not allow electric, hybrid and hydrogen vehicles to be transported on any of their vessels due to the dangers.

I understand and agree that the risk is frightening. There is a move to ban charging systems in car parks, garages and under buildings. Yes, these lithium batteries are the same as used for solar battery storage.

Spend a minute thinking about what would happen if the ferry ban spread across the world. This is entirely possible if the insurance companies refuse to cover ships carrying these cars due to the unacceptable dangers to people and ships. The humble trip to Tassie and back??? (Scientific facts supplied upon request).

-It seems that I may have kicked an ant's nest with my article last month. The interesting part is that all the reactions have been that the nest has needed kicking for many years and I should keep doing it. It seems that many members, not just from our club, have the same feelings about concours. A good saying, if you have a complaint, you should provide a solution. With that front of mind, I am drafting a discussion paper to give all concours judges a guide to allocation of points for originality. It will also be handy for members who are looking at their own MGs and wondering a) how to present their car and b) why they got the position they got. There should be a consistent allocation of points.

To start with, I would like to see the name changed from a Concours d'élég-

gance (promoting the prettiest cars) to Concours d'original (promoting originality). For some reason all the MGCC's have always called it the former. I know that at any of our club's concours, there are no more than ½ dozen people who's MGs are strictly concours cars. The rest of us are there for a nice day out with mates.

Is it worth all the angst for only a couple of people? Well, if we ignore this and let concours continue the way they have been for many years, we'll end up with a dog and pony show where it's all about who can make the prettiest and shiniest cars. No one will have any idea of what they originally were. There are many big time 'motoring journalists' that wouldn't know a great car unless you pay a £1,000,000 for it. The humble little MGs in their bog standard spec have always been brilliant, fun and a value bang for buck.

Maintain the breed!

-Bev and I are going to head forth to set out the Tuning Run route. I'm restricting numbers to 10 cars and it will be a healthy drive. Leave town on Friday morning, morning tea at Gloucester and through Walcha to Uralla for lunch. It's then up the highway through Armidale to Glenn Innes. We'll spend a day touring that area and catching up with club member and master of restorer, Maurie Prior.

Sunday, we'll head back the back to home. It'll be around 1000kms.

-The names are trickling in for the National Meeting next year in Tamworth. I currently have 15 cars and their custodians expressing an interest. Bev and I might have a look on the way back from our tuning run route check at motels in Tamworth that are MG friendly. They need to have good parking and car washing facilities, parking for a couple of trailers if needed, and good social space for happy hour.

If we find somewhere, I'll let those that have told me of their interest know so they can put their name on a room.

-We had a great run in Bev's Midget on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> up to Booral. We had about 10 cars for a display at the bakery and monthly markets. Perfect weather, fun cars and great company. That's what the club and MGs are about.

-It looks like I might even make it to the next Square Riggers lunch, club night and tuning run. It should be a good MG month!

Jonesy

Not much going on in the "Team Hunter" ranks at the moment with Matt Blanch's & my MGB's currently undergoing extensive engine re-builds, Bruce Melville overseas, Steve Jones with work commitments, & Austin Blanch wandering around the countryside with his caravan. Hopefully a few will have a run in the June "GEAR" event which will be run at Sydney Motorsport Park on the shorter south circuit.

I was hoping to have the "B" running in time for "HSRCA Sydney Classic" but that isn't going to happen. We're still waiting for a few parts to turn up so I will be spending the weekend at the event having a look. I can lose hours just wandering around the pits at these historic events. If you enjoy watching Historic Motorsport it will be worth making the trek to "SMP" to have a look.

Well known race driver Jim Mckeown recently passed away at the age of 85. I'm sure that any of you who followed Motorsport in the 60s & 70s will remember him racing his Lotus Cortina's & his Shell sponsored Porsche 911S. He also spent some time in the "Ford Works Team", & drove various other cars including Morris Cooper S, Valiant Charger & sports sedans. I remember seeing Jim run at "Warwick Farm" in the late 60s when I was a teenager.

Also another well known Motorsport identity Geoff Leeds passed away this week. He made 21 Bathurst starts between 1966 & 1991, making his debut in 66 in a Morris Cooper S. It's a bit ironic that Jim Mckeown's last appearance at Bathurst was in a Mazda RX-3 in 1976 with Geoff Leeds.

Our thoughts go out to their families & friends of the two legends of Aussie Motorsport. It's worthwhile getting on the net & reading up on these two guys achievements in Motorsport. During 60s & 70s a lot of the drivers engineered, worked on and prepared their own cars which is a bit different to what happens today.

Guest Speaker at our July meeting will be Geoff Thomas, owner of "Monaco Performance & Revolution Racegear" in Kotara. Geoff has been competing in Motorsport events for years & has competed in "Targa Tasmania". He says he has a few stories to tell about the "Targa" event so his visit should be interesting.

### **Coming Events**

Saturday 10, Sunday 11 June "HSRCA Sydney Classic" at "SMP"

Tuesday 20 June "GEAR" at "SMP" south circuit

Sunday 25 June "MGCCN Hillclimb Ringwood Park" course A3

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

## 1998 MG EX255 speed record car

In 1959 Phil Hill set the record for the fastest MG at 254.91 mph in MG EX181. To coincide with the 50th Speed Week at Bonneville in 1998, MG set a goal to break that record, which hadn't been beaten in nearly 40 years. MG designed EX255, a streamliner based on the MGF shape, built on a steel tube spaceframe.

The special bodywork, built by Mayflower of Coventry, uses standard MGF parts for the doors and front wings but other panels are made from carbon fibre. The engine, engineered by Janspeed and based on the faithful Rover V8, is mounted behind the driver, who changes gear using a 6 speed sequential system. EX255 rolls on special tyres, designed for very high speeds and is stopped by uprated disc brakes and two parachutes.

The driver was Andy Green, who had piloted Thrust SSC to a world land speed record of 763.035 mph. Under EX255's small canopy, Andy sat in an alloy seat, designed specifically for him.

Initially EX255 was supercharged but this proved unreliable and the record attempt was abandoned until 1999. The car returned to Bonneville, this time with a more reliable twin-turbocharged engine but problems with the clutch meant the team ran out of time again and EX181's 1959 record remained.

Engine:  
V8 cyl, 4797cc

Top speed:  
255+ mph (410 km/h)

Power:  
960 bhp

Coachwork:  
recessed car

Price new:  
not quoted

Registration mark:  
none



## **MID WEEK GATHERING MAY 2023**

Another great social gathering organised by Kay Bowden was held at "Pelican RSL.



The location for our meals, the excellent service and the usual enthusiastic conversation ensured a good time enjoyed by all. Car parking was easy in the ample spaces parking area across the



road from the venue.



Firstly, my apologies for giving the wrong date in the last newsletter for the **Christmas-in-July!** It is NOT on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July, but Sunday **16<sup>th</sup> July**.

This year, I have booked the dining room at the Lochinvar Hotel for a traditional Christmas lunch for just \$28 per head (payable on the day), with drinks extra.

Numbers are limited to a maximum of 30, and I already have 21 names! So, if you are wanting to attend, please speak to me at Clubnight, or you can send me a text to 0400 432 053, or send an email to me [at.rose.villa@gmail.com](mailto:at.rose.villa@gmail.com). As usual, there will be a run to Lochinvar in the morning leaving from the Clubrooms @ 10 am.

The other BIG social event is the celebration for the **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MG's**. This will be a very special sit-down luncheon at the Old Maitland Inn at Rutherford on **Saturday** (yes, SATURDAY) **16<sup>th</sup> September**, following a run-with-a-difference! So please keep this weekend free!

Whilst it is still 4 months away, those members who don't live in the Hunter Valley may want to contact the motel and book some accommodation (phone 02 4932 5255 & mention MG's) – especially as it is probable that we might organise a trip into the wine growing region on the Sunday, where we can sample not only wines grown in the area, but other produce such as olives and dairy.

Before either of these events, is our very own

**EuroDay at Foreshore Park in Newcastle on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June**, with a back-up day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June, in case of bad weather the previous week.

For anyone who has not been to one of these days, it is just fabulous to see all the beautiful cars of European marques looking magnificent in such a beautiful setting beside our picturesque harbour. This day is one of our Club's biggest fundraisers, so please come along, enter your car to support your Club and the hard work of your Committee in planning and staging these events.

In fact, I was a passenger on my very first tuning run last week, as I have only recently fully retired. Andrew Gowans had put in a lot of time and thought into organising the route, and was able to warn drivers about the sections of roads with potholes. It was great to see the line-up of 8 MGs at Paterson for our lunch stop and to meet a different lot of members, including a couple of new Club members.

So please do try and join in, even if you are on your own, don't be shy, because lots of us are single members.

We have the reputation of being a friendly 'social' club, and I'm sure you will finish the day feeling glad that you came along!

I look forward to seeing you at these MG events – please come and say "hello"!

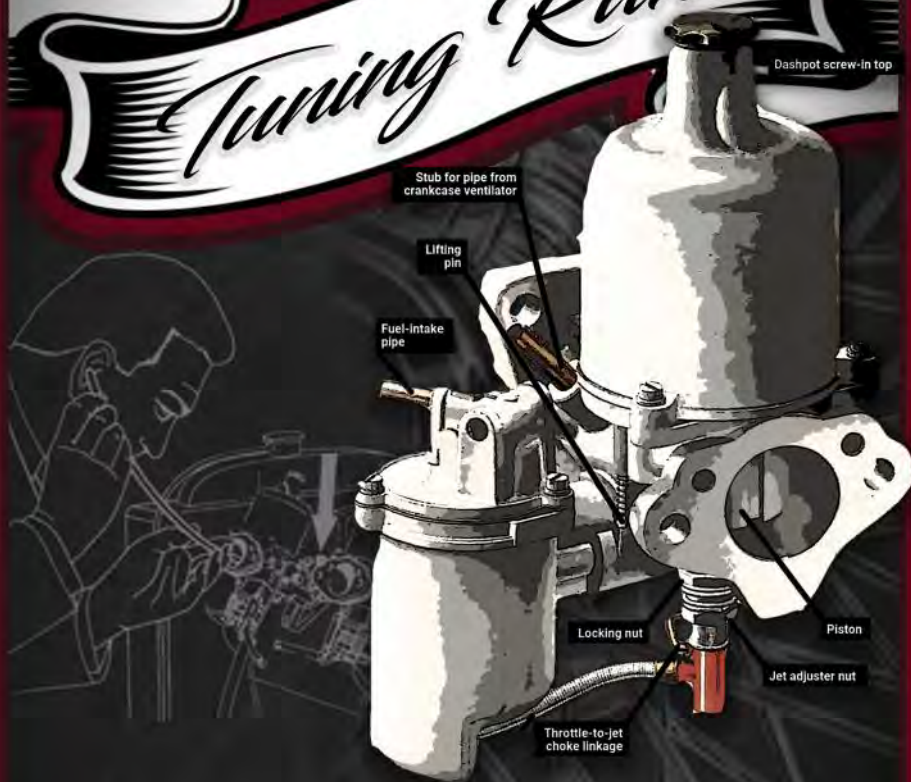
And, as usual ... keep watching this space for updates!

Anne Pettigrew  
Social Secretary



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# Tuning Run



*Every* Fourth Thursday of the month.



Departing Hexham McDonalds promptly at 9am.  
Please arrive fully fuelled and ready to go.

Contact Austin Blanch on 0492824245 or Steve Jones on 0412495234.



## **TUNING RUN REPORT     25/05/2023**

We had a good turn out for the Tuning Run, with 11 Members and 8 MGs. Whilst the morning was chill, the skies were clear with a promise of a warmer day as we progressed.



We departed Maccas at Hexham just after 9am and headed for Cessnock, via John Renshaw Dr, through Kurri Kurri, and then went north up Allandale Rd/Wine Country Dr to Greta for our Morning Tea stop at The Holy Cuppa.





After coffee we went back up the New England Hwy, and took the Branxton turn off towards Elderslie Rd. We followed Elderslie Rd as it crossed the Hunter River, then onto Glendonbrook Rd, and onto Gresford. At Gresford we went south towards Paterson, and then onto our lunch destination at the Paterson Tavern. The Bistro at the back is a lovely spot, the food was excellent, and the company even better.

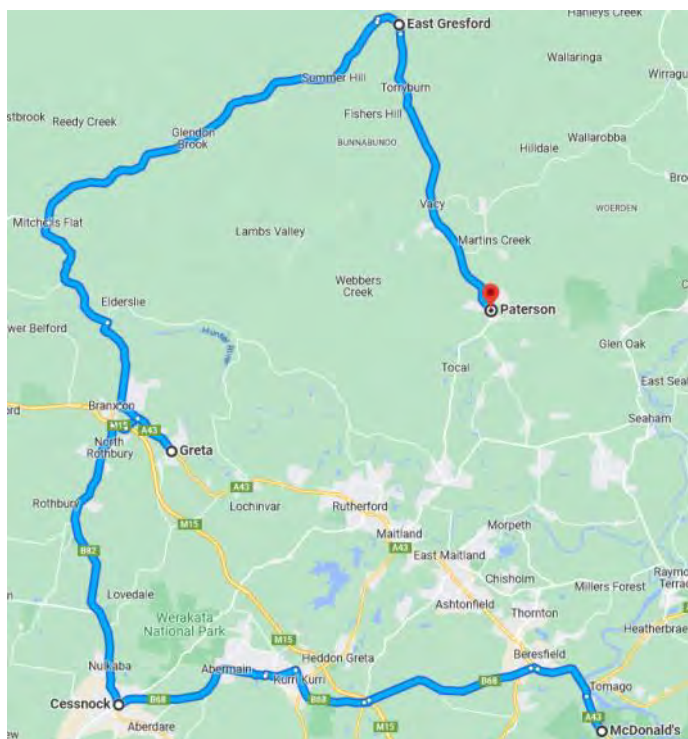


After a lunch in the Bistro we all went our separate ways, having covered 134 km with 2 hours driving. The weather was kind to us, the roads were not too busy, and (mostly) in good condition.





Will we see you next month?



## SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER



Starting to get a more diverse range of “MG’s” attending which is good to see needing some sq rigger “T” types for the visual impact.

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting will occur at the usual location “Café inu” on 43 Denison Street in Carrington for Thursday **June 1st 2023.**

As usual we can order, then sit in the outside area, or inside the Café if it is raining, to eat, drink and chat.



**Come and join us as you will be welcome.**

By the time this gets published, and you read it, we'll only have a few weeks until our Euro Motorfest. Your Committee has been diligently beaver away in the background, getting Council approval for Foreshore Park, negotiating with food vendors, talking to our sponsors, and sending out invitations to other clubs who've supported us in the past, plus some new ones.

However, the Committee can't have all the fun, so we're asking You (the Club Membership) to once again step-up and volunteer to provide the essential roles that make a day like Euro Motorfest a success. I'll also be asking for volunteers at our Club Meeting on 13 June, but please reach out to me to confirm how you can help on the day.

If you're not sure how you can help, there's plenty of jobs to do, and they're not all full-time tasks. So, you can help out and still have time for coffee, nattering with old (and new) friends, and wandering around to enjoy the cars on display. Do it in shifts, or work in pairs; whatever works for you. The jobs include;

- Transporting signage, cones, tables, gazebos, bins etc. - VERY EARLY - FROM 6:30

- Signage & site setup (traffic cones, gazebos etc.) - From 7:30

- Entry traffic control & money collection (cash only) - From 8 - 8:30

- Site traffic control - directing cars to display areas, pedestrian safety - From 8 - 8:30

- Selling raffle tickets & general enquiries - From 8 - 8:30

- Bin bag collection - Ongoing

- Pack up & cleanup

- Taking home a bag (or two?) of rubbish to dispose of at home

- Unpacking back at the Clubhouse

- Collapsing at home with a calming drink.

Last year we found that providing our bins and bin bags, and taking the bags away with us afterwards, kept our costs down (more for our charities), and left the park cleaner than we found it (making the Council happy). So, please keep a space in your car for a bag of rubbish at the end of the show. You can't say we never give you anything!

All-in-all, I think we can look forward to a fun day.

BTW - if you need to purchase a Club car sash for Euroday you can purchase one for \$25 at our Club Night, and (as Joe The Gadget Man used to say) "Bring your money with you".

MG-wise, John Morton gave me a spare MGA speedo which also isn't working, but which gives me some choice as to which is in better nick for repair.

Apart from the odd, out-of-the-way, stone chip I'm finding Miss Scarlett is well-recovered from her Adelaide jaunt. She had a good run to the Tillgerry Motorama, where we had a fine, but windy, day. We had a good show of Club cars, MG's from A to Z (ZA Magnette), A BMW Z4, a Triumph 3A (I



think), and Peter's Jaguar. Alas we didn't win any prizes at the show this year, but the weather and the company were great compensations.

More on the MG front, my ZT has developed a coolant leak, dumping the contents of her radiator with wild abandon. As there are too many hoses and pipes to get a good look from either above or below, I've booked her in with my mechanic to get it sorted.

If I'm lucky it's just a split hose, or a blockage, and if I'm not so lucky it's the water pump. Time will tell. All this fun after spending a few days tidying up loose light trims inside the cabin. I suppose it keeps me out of trouble.

Remember to keep Sat 16 September free for a special event. More to come.



Cheers,  
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# Euro Motorfest 2023

## Sunday 18th June

From 8.30am to 1.30pm

Display Vehicle entry fee \$10.00

### Newcastle Foreshore Park

Wharf Road, Newcastle East

Food & Drinks available

For more info call Andrew Gowans 0425 204 762

*All European Marques Welcome!*

Please register your club's attendance by  
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*In the event of wet weather the alternative date is Sunday 25th June*

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

I spy a driver, two Bathurst legends, and an Aussie first.  
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## **VICTORIAN MG CC CONCOURS 2023   Elliot Burns**

The Victorian MG Car Club held their annual Concours on 26<sup>th</sup> February at a new venue at Caribbean Gardens, Scoresby in the Dandenong region of Melbourne. The concours is organized to coincide with the British & European Motoring display, sort of like our club holding our Concours & Euro Day at the same time. As a result, the event is enormous & while there is a plethora of stunning MG's to admire (the largest representation of a single make), there are plenty of other beautiful & interesting cars to admire.

I attended for lots of reasons, but mainly to see friend Ian Prior display his MG PA for the first time. Ian & I have a few things in common; we both own green MG YT's & we have both been restoring MG PA's during the covid period. This has meant many emails & questions as we both tried to work out how various bits of our cars went together & also to encourage each other through the ups & downs of a long journey through a restoration.

Ian's car, like many early MG's has quite a story to tell. The chassis was the basis of a quite successful club racer in the UK in the 1940's and 50's piloted by Don Moore who later became the engine guru at Lister Jaguar. It was restored in the 60's with a replacement body fitted from another car and somehow ended up in the USA in the 80's. A friend of Ian's spied the car advertised on eBay & purchased & imported it from the USA 15 years ago but did virtually nothing to it. Ian bought the car when his friend was having a garage clear out. Although it appeared complete, it was not running & very tired. The last 3 years have been spent stripping many of the major components & trying to rectify 89 years of wear & tear. It must have been a great feeling a couple of months ago to finally start the engine, see healthy oil pressure, not hear any horrible noises & get the PA moving under its own steam for the first time in a long time. There are still things to be done, but the progress to this point is a great achievement.



Ian Prior (middle) displaying his MG PA for the first time.

There were quite a number of Pre-War MG's on display, so I spent hours pouring over some of these cars to get information, ideas & enthusiasm!

I think two of these pre-war MG's are worth a special mention. The first was George & Marguerite Morgan's K1 which was the outright winner of the concours. This two-tone green car is quite simply magnificent.



The concours line up of champions with the overall winning K1 closest to camera

The second pre-war car that caught my attention was a K3 which is a very significant car in MG history. K3002 was a works race car built in March 1933 & entered initially in the Mille Miglia driven by Sir Henry Birkin. It was bought by Lanes Motors of Melbourne & shipped to Australia where its competition career continued immediately in the 1934 Australian Grand Prix. It finished second after starting from the scratch position in the handicap race. The cars competition career continued as it passed through many owners including Ken Tubman (of Redex & Maitland fame) before eventually ending up with the Berryman family in Melbourne who have now been custodians of the car for more than half its life.



K3 replica closest to camera & K3002 beside it.



I enjoyed a great day, with lots of friendly people & great vehicles to admire.



Aston Martin DB3



Alfa Romeo from early 1930's



British Leyland take note: What a Triumph Dolomite should look like!



Line up of Sprites & MG's

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## MGB PARTS FOR SALE

1- SU electronic fuel pump neg earth complete with banjo couplings (only used for approx 5000K) near new. AUF300 \$180

1 set .30 o/size pistons (4 ring) \$100

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1 Standard 9/16" front anti roll bar \$45

Enquiries Ross on 0412601093 (All negotiable)

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## 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)



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## British Racing Green MGB 1967 ROAD-STER MARK 1.5,



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. It has had a part  
restoration completed in Dec 2018 including a gear-  
box overhaul.

A respected British classic specialist described it as  
an 'honest car. It is fully registered for another 12  
months 12/12/22 till 12/12/23, It has been garaged  
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with no rust, interior and  
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condition

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currently on club rego, in-  
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Kind regards

Paul Jacobson 0414 956 459



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I have a front cross member for an MGB 1966, and two wheels. Happy for them to go to a good home or make me an offer **Bill Brown 0425246572**



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# FOR SALE

## XPAW ENGINE

I have an XPAW engine which was removed from my MGY for being "Smokey" but was running OK otherwise.

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Free to a good home, if interested contact me

Bill Pike on "**fwpike@yahoo.com**".

I am located at Abernathy near Cessnock

## 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.

The car has matching num-



bers for the chassis and engine. The engine rebuild, to the 1600 specification, was blue printed.

Hard tops (2) are available for restoration.

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

Available in Newcastle

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

MG Car Club Hunter Region  
Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 9<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Meeting Opened: 6.05 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Frans Henskens.

Present: Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Howard White, Gary Piper, Andrew Gowans, Anne Pettigrew, Graham Haywood.

Apologies: Stephen Jones, Alan Andoni.

In attendance:

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2023 Approved, moved Gary Piper seconded Howard White.

Business Arising:

Nothing new to report.

Reports:

President (Stephen Jones):

Please contact Steve if you intend to go to the National Meeting in Tamworth in 2024.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

Nothing new to report.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2022/23 Membership renewals to date: 75 single and 77 family, a total paid-up membership of 229.

Membership renewals for 2023/24 have been advertised in *On The Marque* and the Club website.

Members with cars on concessional registration must renew before 30 June otherwise their registration and insurance become void.

FAH to update Membership Application form.

Have submitted paperwork from NCC for our 2023 Euro Motorfest application. Thanks to Greg for arranging the required Club insurance documents for Public Liability and the J Van.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

This month's Run (21 May) will be to Tilligerry, as per *On The Marque*.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marque*.



Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Moving ahead on advertising of Euro Motorfest, has sent out to 60 or 70 Clubs, some of whom have already indicated participation.

Seek a ute (perhaps with trailer) which would be useful for Motorfest movement of equipment, garbage, etc.

Seeking advice on source of trophies as previous supplier has gone out of business.

Need to send invoice to Shannons for a donation, and they will attend with a display.

Regalia (Position Vacant):

Nothing new to report.

Committee Member (Alan Andoni):

Nothing new to report.

Social Director: (Anne Pettigrew)

Christmas-in-July on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> July – except I mistakenly put it in the newsletter as 18<sup>th</sup>!

Unfortunately, the lovely pub in Morpeth is currently closed and up for sale, so I had to look for an alternative. The staff at Lochinvar Hotel have been very helpful and are organising the same traditional Christmas meal for the great price of just \$28-00 per head (payable on the day), with drinks extra.

Numbers are limited at maximum of 30, and I will need to give final numbers one week in advance. So, if members are wanting to attend, please speak to me at Clubnight, or you can email me to [at.rose.villa@gmail.com](mailto:at.rose.villa@gmail.com).

**MG's 100 year anniversary** on Saturday (yes, SATURDAY) 16<sup>th</sup> September - luncheon at the Old Maitland Inn at Rutherford.

This has been confirmed and a \$200 has been paid for the room hire. It will be a sit-down lunch with alternate drops (menu yet to be confirmed) but ~ \$40 /head for 2 courses, which needs to be paid when members book with us (i.e. not the restaurant) with drinks extra. Numbers will be limited again, but with a maximum of 60.

Souvenir / Momento

Committee decided not to have a momento, thus minimising cost to Members.

Weekend away

I have received a couple of emails from Ian with suggestions for a Club event:

One is a lunchstop on a Clubrun to the Mooney Mooney Club at Mooney Mooney! It comes highly recommended. Reservations

are essential

The other is the Black Gold Motel at Wallerawang (approx. 20 kms west of Lithgow) - also highly recommended and popular with car groups for an overnight on a weekend away!

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

May magazine issued on 2<sup>nd</sup> May and was e-mailed to all financial members.

General Business:

Nothing new to report.

Club Website stats for April 2023 (Andrew Gowans):

Site was viewed 1,427 times with peak being 12 April with 80 views – average 47 views per day.

The top 5 searched pages for November were:

Site Home Page – 340 views

Magazine Archive – 220 views

- ✦ Classifieds - 124 views
- ✦ 1970 MGB Mk 2 - 57 views
- ✦ Euro Motorfest 2023 - 53 views

Website backend updates are regular and ongoing. Updates applied in April were:

- ✦ Beaver Builder to 2.6.3.2 (Page editor)
- ✦ Jetpack to 12.0 (Site monitoring & performance)
- ✦ Beaver Builder to 2.6.3.1 (Web Page editor)
- ✦ Ninja Forms 3.6.2.2 (Webform builder)
- ✦ Knowledge Base to 10.1.0 (Ask an MG Guru)
- ✦ Events Calendar to 6.0.12 (Calendar app)
- ✦ Limit Login to 1.7.2 (Login security)
- ✦ WP Advert to 2.0.5 (Classifieds)
- ✦ Ultimate Product Catalogue to 5.2.5 (Regalia)

A full Website backup was done on 24 April.

Facebook stats for February were:

There were 328 posts to the Facebook Group, which was viewed 7,546 times.

Meeting Closed 7:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023 @ 6.00 pm

## 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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