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A Range of MG's at Sq Riggers Noggin & Natter Café Inu

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What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

FEBRUARY 2024

- ♦ ***Thursday 1st – Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—CafeInu Carrington—43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 7th – “GEAR” racing at “Pheasantwood”***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 13th – Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 14th – Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12
Lunch—contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend***
- ♦ ***Friday 16th to Sunday 18th – Bathurst 12 Hrs***
- ♦ ***Friday 16th to Sunday 18th – “MG Racing” at “Sandown
Raceway” Victoria***
- ♦ ***Sunday 18th – Clubman Run – Meet at Club rooms, 10 am***
- ♦ ***Thursday 22nd – Tuning Run – Meet at Freemans Waterhole
for a 9.00am start.***
- ♦ ***Sunday 25th – MG cc Newcastle Hillclimb at Ringwood Pk.***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 27th.— Lakeside Morning Coffee – Marks Point Post
Office & Café at 9.30am to 10.30am***

MARCH 2024

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- ♦ ***Tuesday 12th – Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
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Lunch—contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend***
- ♦ ***Sunday 17th – Clubman Run – Meet at Club rooms, 10 am***
- ♦ ***Thursday 21nd – Tuning Run – Meet at Macca’s Hexham for
9.00am start.***

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NEW MEMBERS NAME TAGS

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

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Terry / Janeen Clifton
John / Astrid Perdriau
John Ray
Andy Webmaier
Mark / Karen Hodgen
Christine Hobson
Martin Evald
Jason Lay
Bruce Whitten
Dianne Whitten
Patricia Carter
John Needs
Lisa Needs
David Carter
Elizabeth Hilton
Cheryl Moran

Mid Week Gathering February Kay Bowden

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **14th February 2024**

Venue : **.Swansea Hotel**

Location : **Pacific Highway Swansea**, Parking at rear of hotel off Woods St.

Time : approx., 11.30am for 12.00

Members and their wives or partners are able to sit together if they wish.

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

Thank You, Kay Bowden

Another New Year has started and the number of club members attending the President's Breakfast Run suggests it will be another successful club year. See a pictorial report on page 21.

We must be meeting the needs of our membership and hopefully we on the committee will be able to maintain and adjust to those needs to ensure a healthy club.

A new venture starting this year is a monthly morning coffee meeting where members meet at a coffee shop and share issues or car discussions etc. over a morning coffee. See page 14 for further information.

Information on the planned September run titled "A Few Weekdays of Winding Woads and a few Winerwies" can be found on page 20.

Progress with my MGB.

Unfortunately my first attempt on sealing the front shocker shaft was unsuccessful due mainly to the offset of the seal bore to the shaft bore.

Onwards to my other venture.

I purchased a complete MGB differential from a club member.



I installed new brass cupped shims and side shims, (that I had stored in my garage), within the differential after checking the crown wheel to pinion back lash. I also transferred the newish wheel cylinders and brake shoes from my current differential as those in the diff that I bought were a little rusty. A quick paint job then several days spent installing the differential.

Joy to drive on the President's Breakfast Run without the annoying diff clunk.

Enjoy reading this issue.





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MGCCHR PRESIDENTS REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 2024

The new year has started out very well with great attendance at the Square Riggers Lunch and at our first clubman run, the breakfast run to Blackalls Park, it is great to see so many members keen to get their cars out and enjoy each others company, thanks to Sally and Jeff for getting to the park early and reserving tables for us, we also had a new , soon to be members couple come along to join in.

For those attending the 2024 National Meeting we will be having a talk on all things National Meeting at our next Club night.

I would also like to thank Peter, John and Andrew for cleaning the old signage of the front windows of our club house, parts of the signage was missing and a lot was peeling off, but we did get over 30 years out of it, thanks to the talent of the late Jeff Redman. The new signage should be in place in about a month.

Now onto some road safety, with an increase in speed and traffic light cameras, *unmarked police cars, cameras parked on the side of the road for speeding and mobile phone detection* , I am putting a reminder out to all members to be mindful of your speed ,phone use, drugs and alcohol intake whilst you are out enjoying your cars, it is your licence and your responsibility , not that of our club, but we wouldn't like to hear our clubs name mentioned over some media outlet if one of us got caught.

Octagonally Yours,
Denny Bowden,
President MGCCHR



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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MGCCHR – Report for February 2024 newsletter – Vice President's report

We certainly finished 2023 with a very happy, fun-filled Christmas themed Club-night in December! It was really great to see so many members come along to our Clubrooms and join in the spirit of the night and have fun with the quiz, the Chocolate wheel, and the game with the dice and the bottle tops.

Special thanks to Doug for mending one of the pegs on the wheel, and to Cindy for donating some fabulous Christmas shirts and socks as prizes.

Wishing all members a very happy New Year and, of course, enjoy your MGs!

Anne Pettigrew

Vice-President





LAKESIDE MORNING COFFEE RUN



This is a proposed new effort to provide an opportunity for a social activity similar to, but not the same as, the popular Square Riggers for club members whom would be interested in coming along.

The club committee has approved the proposed trial effort starting on 27th February 2024 and then to be held on the last Tuesday of each month from 9.30 am until 10.30 am (ish) at the

Marks Point Post Office Café

Located at 80 Marks Point Road Marks Point.



It is proposed to have a morning coffee run to avoid higher temperatures during summer months.

There will be safe parking for our cars alongside and across the road. All will be welcome.

For further details contact

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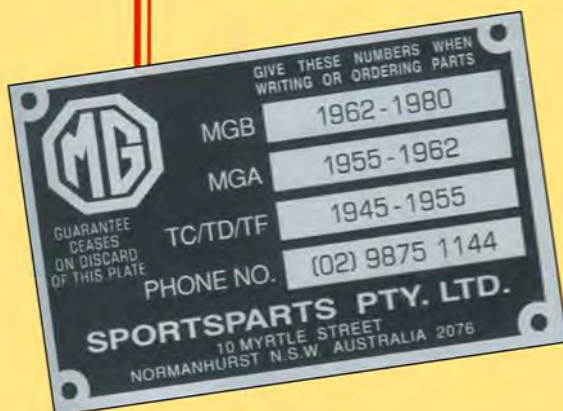
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Firstly congratulations to “Team Hunter” member Bruce Melville for taking a win in the Regularity Event at the “HSRCA Summer Festival” run on “Sydney Motorsport Park” in December last year ,well done!. Thanks to Bruce for his report on the event elsewhere in this issue.

December also saw the final “GEAR” event for 2023 run at “Sydney Motorsport Park” on the north circuit which includes the long straight . The day was run in near perfect weather conditions & saw a total of 74 entries through the different classes, the cars entered were of a very high standard & ranged from historic open wheelers and sports cars to sixties & seventies muscle cars.



Austin Blanch, Matt Blanch & I ran the dummy grid for the day. Once again well done to the “GEAR” committee & volunteers for yet another enjoyable day of Historic Motorsport.

Next “GEAR” event is scheduled for Wednesday Feb 7 at “Pheasant Wood” circuit Marulan near Goulburn. As always if you are interested in competing or getting involved in “GEAR” events contact Steve Jones, Austin Blanch or myself for more info.

With the upcoming “MG Nationals” not far away it is interesting to have a look at the “Motorsport Australia” (MSA) rules that may have an impact on the entries in the sporting events & potentially the “MG National” event itself!

Firstly “MSA” has dropped both the issue of one day licences and the non-speed licence, this means if you want to compete in the sprint or motorkhana or any competitive event you will need to purchase a 12 month speed licence at the cost of \$135.00. OK for us guys who regularly compete in Motorsport but a bit pricey if it is only used at the National meeting. Secondly if you want to compete in an open or soft top road registered vehicle in these events you are required to have a 4 point harness installed in the vehicle in accordance to the current “MSA” rules.

Most of us consider a 4 point harness in a car without a roll bar is in fact more dangerous in a roll over situation than the original 3 point lap sash belt.

Consider also that putting a 4 point harness say in a “MGF” requires a fair bit of time & engineering to fit.

I believe at the time of writing this report that “MG Car Club Sydney” are still waiting for a ruling from “MSA”.

Even the cost of a full race licence is now getting very expensive.

I think it's time for “MSA” to take a look at how their decisions are affecting Motorsport at grass roots level considering the bulk of “MSA” members fall into this category.

Steve Jones (I have signed off on it as well) has sent a well worded email to “MSA” expressing our concern about the issues I have outlined. At this stage still waiting on a reply.

Coming events

Wednesday 7 February “GEAR” at “Pheasantwood”

16 to 18 February “MG Racing” at “Sandown Raceway” Victoria

16 to 18 February Bathurst 12hr. at Mount Panarama

Sunday 25 February “MGCC Newcastle” Hillclimb at “Ringwood Park” course A3

Saturday, Sunday 2,3 March “HSRCA” at Canberra Festival of Speed

Friday 29 March to Tuesday April 2 “MG Nationals” at Tamworth

Remember drive them don't hide them enjoy your MG

Yours in Motorsport

Gary

The 2023 “HSRCA” Summer Festival was held at “Sydney Motorsport Park” over the last weekend in November.

Due to mechanical issues and other commitments, I was the only “Team Hunter” member entered and competed in regularity in my 1967 Lotus Elan.

On Saturday morning it rained heavily during qualifying and for the first round of racing, however everyone was cautious of the conditions and although times were slow, there were no incidents.

In the afternoon there were just a few showers, but the track was wet in places and dry in others, so care and caution were needed even more.

Sunday morning dawned clear and sunny, the track conditions were just about perfect for historic racing and a great day was had.

There were a good number of MGs competing in various categories including a couple of TC’s, A’s, B’s and some midgets and sprites.

There were 19 entrants in regularity and the Lotus behaved itself well all weekend, stayed on the black stuff and finished up being the overall winner.



Bruce Melville

An earlier photograph of Bruce’s Lotus Elan



Start of wet track regularity event



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A Few Weekdays of Winding Woads and a few Winewies

The preview:

The course for the 2024 Tuning Few Weekdays of Winding Woads and a few Winewies has been scouted and modified with some exciting routes. We've studied, scrutinised and Bev and I have even steered most of it. We will do a final pre-ignition run closer to the date to finalise the actual route.

We will be covering around the 1200 kms again but this time were going for 3 nights. The dates are booked at Thursday 26th through to Sunday 29th September. This way the weather should hopefully still be a little bit cool. The accommodation is booked.

Day 1

We will head off from Hexham. My plan is to go to the Halfway Café on the Putty Rd for morning tea. From there it is via Windsor and the Bells Line of Road to the Hydro Majestic at Medlow Bath for 'High Tea' overlooking the Megalong Valley. This is an experience you need to do at least once in your life. I will be asking the participants if they want to do this.

We'll then go as close as possible to Jenolan Caves (the road down has been closed for a few years and who knows when it will reopen) on our way to the 1st night in Oberon. I don't think anyone will be able to fit dinner in but the Royal Hotel does a good feed if needed.

Day 2

After breakfast at one of the splendid Oberon cafes, we will be heading over towards Bathurst on our way to Mudgee for nights 2 and 3. We are going to Sofala then turning left and heading for the magnificently preserved historic Hill End for morning tea/ lunch. Built during the 1870s gold rush, there is lots to see. We'll spend a few hours walking around looking at our history then we'll hook out mid-afternoon and head over to Mudgee.

That will leave the afternoon for the ladies to put their husbands into the local 'daddy' minding service (you only have to pay for drinks) and explore the township and shops.

Dinner will be determined by popular vote but there are many options from Italian (we couldn't fit in desert and could hardly walk back to the motel) to several pubs and breweries. Possibly the same places that the ladies left their hubbies earlier.

Day 3

The next day we'll hit the roads to explore some of the local vineyards. There are several dozen to choose from. If needed (though it would be nice to drive the MGs) we might hire a bus. We'll see what the cost is.

Day 4

We will have breakfast at a local café then hit the road for home. My suggestion is that we head back past Ulan to the Golden Highway. We've just done the Bylong Valley Way and though you probably won't blow a tyre, you may lose ½ the bolts in the suspension and most of your tooth fillings, so through to Denman for morning tea. If needed, we can pull into Branxton for lunch.

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MID WEEK GATHERING DECEMBER 2023

The December meeting was at the Wangi Workers Club.
Great meals, venue and company.
Many thanks Kay for your organising it again.





Apparently parking was difficult that day so only one photograph with 3 of the participant cars.

They are believed to be owned by (from left to right), Bob Woods red MGB, Larry Dickason's white MGB and Charlie Head's white MGB GT.

Cont. from P20

Total KM's of touring will be around 1200kms.

The cost:

You will pay for all your own way so accommodation, meals and fuel.

High Tea at the Hydro Majestic is something you should do at least once. It will be \$60 – \$70 pp depending on which you have.

The Big Trout Motel at Oberon is \$160 for 2 people (\$130 for 1).

Wanderlight Motel in Mudgee is \$140/ night if you use 1 bed, \$165 if you use the 2 beds.

Bus hire for Saturday winery tour.

Numbers:

I will only have a maximum of 12 couples so it is 1st in, best dressed, with a reserve list kept if needed. Since this was posted on Facebook and our club website we have 10 couples already. 2 couple spots left.

I have emailed and texted all the names that I have on my list. If you had your name down and haven't heard from me, or if you'd like to go, contact me immediately.

Bev and Steve

PRO Report February 2024 Andrew Gowans

Well, 2023 has come and gone and 2024 is now upon us. 2023 was a successful year for our Club, with any year where our major events aren't completely rained out being a good year.

2024 is going to throw some great events our way; Nat Meet in Tamworth at Easter, Euro Day at the end of June, the Tuning Run Weekend in late September, and our Concours at the end of October. In addition to these, we have lots of opportunities to get our MGs out of the garage with our regular Club Events. Peter Le Breton has organised a new event for 2024 - the Lakeside Morning Coffee Run, on the last Tuesday of the month starting 27 Feb. As always, see the Website for details.

By the time this gets printed I should have my Tacho back in the MGA, and after some other small jobs in the few weeks, I should be all set for Nat Meet. Work on the ZT should be starting soon, at which point I will have a clearer idea of whether it's a big or small job.

Cheers & see you in your MG,

Andrew Gowans
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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: 4cyl, 1496cc	Top speed: 82 mph [132 km/h]	Power: 40 bhp
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Developments

SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting usually does not occur during January month as Café Inu is usually closed for the Christmas, New Year period.

However that was not the case this year and apparently our industrious “PRO” found out that it would be open so the call went out for club members to enjoy another “Square Riggers Noggin and Natter” event.



Some of the members enjoying a pleasant lunch and discussion group



DINKY BEDFORDS

Dinky produced a number of Bedford vans and trucks and I would like to talk about the ones I have in my collection. The oldest is the Loud-speaker van, apparently the original was used for electioneering. The two I have pictured are Grey with black speakers, and blue with silver speakers. The model is quite simple with no baseplate but the detail includes a silver painted lattice grill, closed in rear wheel arches, door and bonnet outlines and closed in small rear door windows. The model was first produced pre-war with advertising slogans on the side, including Swan's pens and Atco Mowers (1935 to 1941). The loud-speaker van first appeared in 1948 and was discontinued in 1957. There is some evidence that this model was copied by some other unscrupulous manufacturers



The other van in my collection is the yellow "Kodak Cameras and Films", numbered 480 and produced between 1954 and 1956. There were two other liveries in this series, 481 "Ovaltine" in blue and 482 "Dinky toys" in two tone yellow. The trucks are many and varied, the basic "Bedford Truck" 25w (green in picture) becoming 411 has the classic grille used on all the models shown. There is also a tipping version 25m (not shown), a refuse wagon (2 shown) 25v, 252, (1954 to 1965), an articulated version and the ultimate Bedford Super Toy, the Pullmore Car Transporter (582,982). All use the same cab and grille. The refuse wagon has a tipping mechanism (wind the handle), sliding curved doors on the tray and an opening door at the back. Magnificent Dinky engineering, all still working smoothly after 60 plus years! The articulated lorry (521) was available from 1948 to 1963 and the one pictured in yellow is a repaint. The Car Transporter is a toy I have had since new, still in its original box. It comes with a tin loading ramp enabling cars to drive up to the top level

The other item I have pictured is a Matchbox Model of Yesteryear, Y63, described as Bedford K.D. truck from 1939. Made in China by Matchbox International, retailing at \$29.95 in the 1990s. Came in a perspex display box with a realistic load of stone and decals "George Farrar, Yorkshire Stone, Keighley, Yorkshire." While it is a well designed model with clear plastic windows, for me it just doesn't quite have the nostalgia of the original Dinky Toy Bedfords





There are another two Dinky Bedfords, the 3 ton Army truck and the Big Bedford van, the latter advertising Heinz 57 Varieties. These both have the more modern grille





John Stuart

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Only 181 days to the 2024 National Meeting: Let's Keep the Revs Ticking Over!



We're now less than half a year out from the 2024 MG National Meeting and the team is hard at work preparing a wonderful celebration of our marque. Here are a few facts and updates.

Sporting Events

- A competitive speed event will be held on tarmac at the Tamworth Oakburn Park motorsports complex (adjacent to the Tamworth City Speedway)
- A competitive motorkhana event consisting of three (3) tests will be held at the nearby Gunnedah Airport tarmac airstrip.
- A competitive observation run will require a Motorsport Australia Speed License (Touring Assembly Motorsport Australia determination)
- A non – competitive social Kimber Run requiring a valid driver's license

Concours

The concours will be held in a park close to the main town centre, details will be available once confirmed by the Tamworth Council.

Concours classes will be the same as last year.

Anyone available to help with judging please contact: Stuart Ratcliff at mgcentre@bigpond.com

Social Events

The full line up of Nat Meet social events will be taking place as usual:

- Friday: Welcome evening with rocker cover racing will be held at the Tamworth Town Hall
- Saturday: Country Ball at The Mercure.
- Sunday: Club free evening
- Monday: Presentation dinner - Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre

We need all hands on deck - Please volunteer by contacting:
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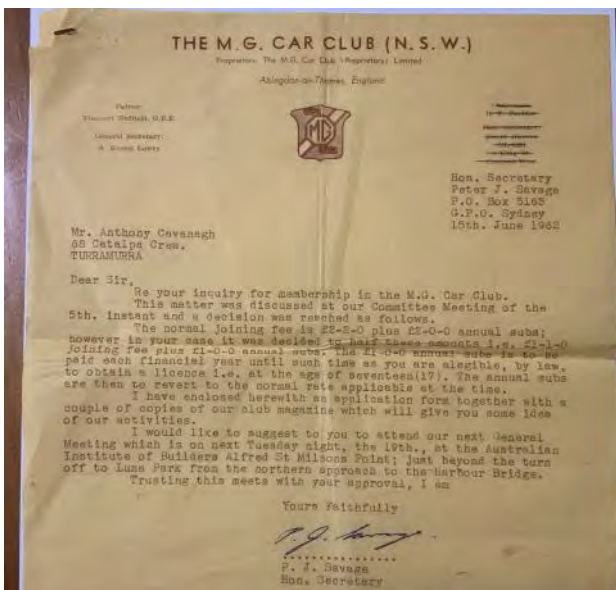
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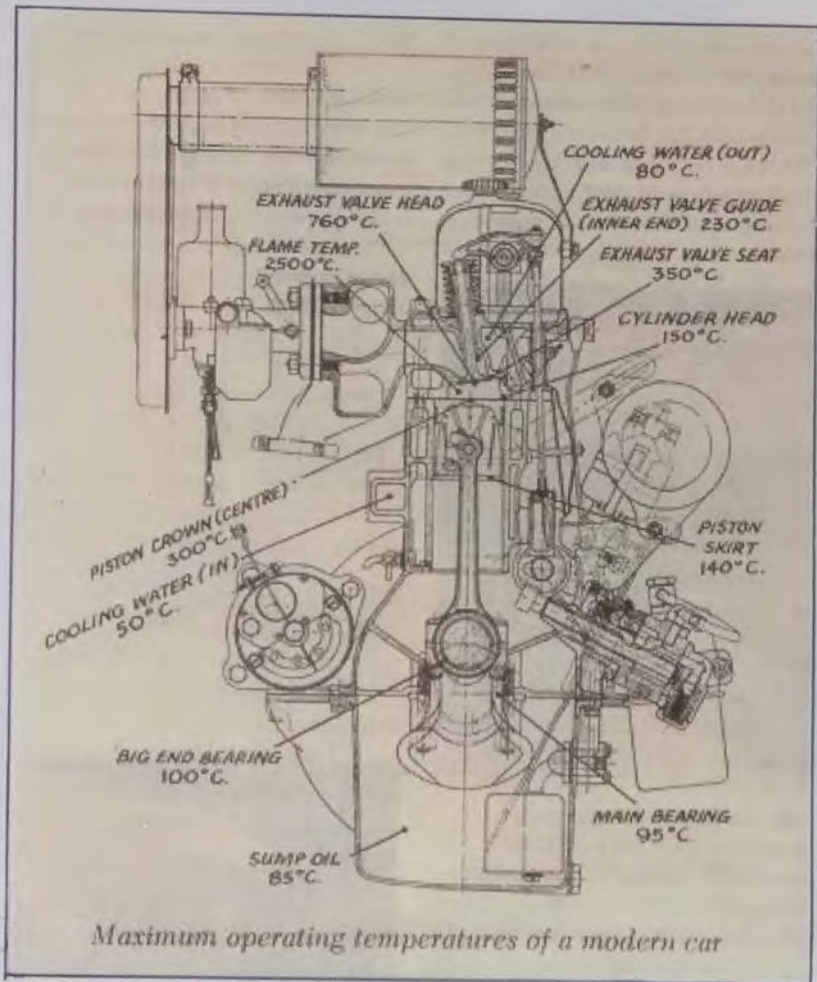


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Please submit your contributions via email to ghaywood6@bigpond.com

**Deadline for the March 2024 edition will be
FRIDAY 23rd February 2024**



FOR SALE

1968 MGB Mk2 Roadster

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

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

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

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

Asking price is \$37,500

This car has not even covered 5000 km since restoration.

Howard Anderson howard@andersonwinery.com.au



MGB Parts Free

A set of Rostyle steel wheels free!

Reasonable condition paint no physical damage.

Phone Alan on 0408608397

FOR SALE

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
No rust, New roof, Kill switch, Single battery Ex-

cellent exhaust note. Tyres are in excellent condition , Weber carb, Mechanic
happy to discuss engine details. I am looking for a new owner who will have
as much enjoyment as I have.

Asking price \$28,995 June Kentwell 0409441173

**1967 MGB roadster,
Monza red, 45734 miles,**

\$32,000

Lovely car inside and
out, very straight body
with no rust, interior and
both tonneau's in excellent
condition

recent engine freshen up,
currently on club rego, in-
spection will not disappoint.

Kind regards

Paul Jacobson 0414 956 459



FOR SALE

The car is in very good condition with new Brakes including slave cylinders, new Clutch, brake servo, clutch slave cylinder, new radiator, new muffler, new water pump and motor oil pressure 70bs. Suspension rubbers replaced. All wet weather gear including hood, Tonneau and side curtains in very good condition.



Include daily log book on all running maintenance including fuel since restoration. Has been in same ownership for 40 years but stored since 1993.

The price is **\$39,000.00** and any enquiries can be directed to me on mobile **0408653581**. Regards Peter Dever.

FOR SALE

White wall tyre inserts 4 off X 14" dia suit MGB.

In very good condition.

\$100.00

Contact mob 0415843710



FOR SALE

MG Car Club Hunter Region

Dear Car Club Member(s),

My recently deceased husband, John Ellis, has left me with a 1948 MG TC 'Tillett' Special, 1945 MG TC 'Cobden' and 1948 MG TC 'Ellis' Special which I am now in the process of selling through "Donington" Auctions.

I am taking the liberty of requesting that you please inform your club members of the forthcoming auction.

The following is the internet link to the "Donington Auctions" website for the Ellis MG TCs. This particular auction is titled "Summer Classic Car & Number Plate Auction", with the auction closing on 25 February, 2024.

Summer Classic Car & Number Plate Auction

<https://online.doningtonauctions.com.au/m/view-auctions/catalog/id/86>

Donington will have the MG TCs as per the appended photos, along with my other cars on display for open inspections in Adelaide on Saturday 17 and 24 February. Please arrange inspections through Donington.

I would greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word within your club and anywhere else that you see fit.

Yours sincerely,

Marjorie J Ellis

Adelaide



LOT 1C

1948 MG TC 'Tillett' Special - 1951 Australian Grand Prix winner on handicap & over 38-year ownership by the Late John Ellis [Location:Adelaide]

Estimates \$50,000 - \$60,000



LOT 1E

1945 MG TC 'Cobden' - First MG TC in Australia & 63-years single ownership - Offered from the Estate of the Late John Ellis [Location: Adelaide]

Estimates \$40,000 - \$45,000



LOT 1F

1948 MG TC 'Ellis' Special - Hand-crafted aluminium body - Offered from the Estate of the Late John Ellis [Location: Adelaide]

Estimates \$20,000 - \$25,000

FOR SALE

MGB PARTS AVAILABLE

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**



For sale 76 Midget 1500cc ,

lot of work done by Bob Rowntree, fast and new German 3.55 Crown Wheel & Pinion.

\$13,500

Selling only as retired and too many MG's. to maintain and rego etc.



Details and info contact Steve in Sydney 96804648 or mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au

FOR SALE

MG PARTS FOR SALE

Q12 coils, checked by auto electrician. Test ranges and dates on the tags. Low voltage resistances 4.2 to 4.8 Ohms, h.v. are 4.7 to 5.6 k. Ohms. Dates range from '46 to '54.
\$80 each, early style thimble included.



"Enots" Oil Filler Cap. Not original "MG" style, but possibly suits something else in "MOWOG" area.
The script is impressed on the surface \$25.00.



Clutch lever, very little wear – Measurements in the photo. Suit "TD", "TF" and "Y". \$40.00



Message only to 0439 212 880 Peter Lloyd as I don't answer numbers that I don't know.

MG Car Club Hunter Region
Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 12th December 2023

Meeting Opened: 6.11 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Frans Henskens.

Present: Denny Bowden, Anne Pettigrew, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Howard White, Gary Piper, John Longrigg, Peter Le Breton.

Apologies: Andrew Gowans, Graham Haywood.

In attendance:

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 14th November 2023 were read and approved; moved Howard White seconded Gary Piper.

Business Arising:

Nil.

Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

Replacing the signs on the front windows of the Club Rooms:

Approved,

Also, a question has been put to me regarding members consuming wine and beer at Club events. if they were to have an accident is there any come back on the club if they are over the limit?

FAH comment – this is why bar service must *only* be provided by holders of a Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) licence (DB, JL, or FAH in the Club Rooms) who have training and a responsibility under terms of that licence.

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew):

I have 16 prizes for the Chocolate wheel, plus 60 chocolate Santas for consolation prizes;

Cindy is very kindly donating 3 Xmas shirts for prizes, which I thought we could use for 3 games:

One game is one of luck;

another is one of knowledge of Christmas trivia, and;

the third is one of getting up and 'having a go' and having some fun!

Hopefully there will be enough time, and enough members to make it worthwhile! Otherwise we might need to auction the shirts!

Alternatively, I could add them to the Chocolate wheel prizes,

and take out 3 MG Regalia prizes to use at our regular Club-night raffles next year?

I also have Christmas music CD's and hope that we have the equipment to play them?

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2023/24 Membership renewals to date: 75 single and 66 family, a total paid-up membership of 207.

On behalf of the Club, I submitted application No. LSDP-2023/24-019 for provision of a defibrillator under the Local Sport Defibrillator Program (LSDP) 2023/24.

Was interviewed by Crown Lands on Tuesday morning as part of the approval process for membership of the Mechanics Institute Trust.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

Asked for approval to investigate either updating of our current (rather old) first aid kit or purchase of a new St Johns First Aid kit.

Approved HW to investigate.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marque*.

Team Hunter member Bruce Melville took out first place in the regularity event driving his Lotus Elan S2 at the recent HSRCA Summer Festival. Well done to Bruce, first in a 19-car event!!

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Report:

From the previous meeting; I amended the Draft Calendar for 2024 and sent an editable version to Frans for him to manage. I've also reached out to both the MGCC Sydney & Newcastle to advise them of our draft dates for Euro Motorfest & Annual Concours. Newcastle has come back to say they have no events clashing with our dates, and the Sydney Club has asked for a couple of weeks to finalise their 2024 event dates. I've agreed to this, as a few weeks at this stage won't impact our overall plans. I'll await their response and forward it to the Committee.

FAH to book dates as previously planned with NCC and the food and coffee vans.

The Christmas Toy Run & Presentation Lunch was well received, with the Club donating a good haul of Toys to the Salvos. I'd like to note my thanks to Howard for organising the Morning Tea start and Run, and to the Staff at Maddz Cafe in Teralba for collecting some additional toys for our Toy Run.

At the Presentation Lunch it was brought to my attention that we'd missed one award. After a brief discussion with Denny on the day, we agreed to order the trophy ASAP, and to award it in the New Year at the President's Breakfast Run. The order is in with Purnells. Denny to collect the award from Purnells in mid-December.

The Tuning Run on 23 Nov was well received, with a run to Nepean Classic, Muscle & Kustom at Taylor's Beach. The owner, Norm, was very hospitable and talked at length about the sort of work he does to maintain and repair vehicles. I've sent a thank you email to Nepean CM&K on behalf of the Club. I propose to contact Norm again in the New Year and invite him to give a short talk at a Club Night.

I will continue to monitor my emails whilst I'm away.

Heather & I would like to offer our best wishes to all the Committee for a safe and thoroughly Merry Christmas, and we'll see you in the New Year.

Re: Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair 2024, correspondence received:

Just letting you know that the 2024 Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair is confirmed for the 4th May. As for the last few years, I will be coordinating the car show part of the Fair and it would be great to have as many car and clubs as are available on that day. Last year the Mercedes Club came along of the first time and enjoyed the weather and the family atmosphere at the fair. Please let me know if your club is interested in attending. It would also help with planning to know if you can't make it. I hope to see you all again in May.
Kind regards, Kim Henley Rotary Toronto Sunrise Club.

Buon Natale for Club Night.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

Nothing new to report.

Committee Member (Peter Le Breton):

Nothing new to report.

Social Director: (Position Vacant)

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

December magazine issued and was e-mailed to all financial members on 27th November.

General Business:

From Anne:

I know that Graham only sends the newsletter to financial members of our Club. So then, why is the newsletter published on our Club's website?

Why doesn't anyone earn points for attending Clubnights? It seems to me that those members who are regular attendees, and help set up and pack up, and fill the urn etc are very valuable club members and deserving of earning points!

AP (and others) to come up with a proposal (or poposals) and bring to a future Committee meeting.

I would like to suggest that we (i.e. our wonderful new regalia officer) consider a long sleeve, cotton or poly/cotton shirt:

JL is looking into that.

Club Website stats for September 2023 (Andrew Gowans):

The Website stats report module was fixed by an upgrade to the new version.

In November (to 24/11) the Website was viewed 1,249 times with the peak being 23 November with 90 views. The daily average was 52 views per day.

The top 5 viewed pages for November were;

Site Home Page - 306 views

Magazine Archive - 148 views

Classifieds - 93 views

Gresford 11th Annual Show & Shine - 86 views

MGA for sale - 49 views

The vast majority of Website views come from within Australia, but we're also seeing traffic from the USA, the UK, Canada, NZ, Ireland, Sweden, China, Austria & Switzerland.

Facebook Stats

In October there were 92 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 4,734 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 15 November. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date.

Meeting Closed 7:13 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13th February 2024 @ 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 (D) member responsible for co-ordinating display of MGs at Car Shows or Community Events (unless there are limits on the number of cars that can participate). 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.