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“Lakeside Morning Coffee” Run

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What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

March 2024

- ♦
- ♦ **Thursday 7th — Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—"CafeInu" Carrington—43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm**
- ♦ **Saturday 9th — Hawks Nest Motorfest — Meet at 12 miles rest area on Pacific Hwy for a 7.30 departure to Hawks Nest for an 8.00 am start to Motorfest.**
- ♦ **Sunday 10th — Newcastle Machines and Macchiatos — Register online prior to the event**
- ♦ **Tuesday 12th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 13th — Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch—at "The Blind Chef" Cardiff, contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend.**
- ♦ **Sunday 17th — Clubman Run — Meet at Club rooms for 10 am departure. Morning tea will be at "Maddz" café approx. 10.30 am at Teralba and lunch at Kurri Kurri Bowling Club**
- ♦ **Monday 18th — "Cars and Coffee in the Bay" — Meet at Paul's Corner at 8.30 for 9am in the car park Fingal Bay**
- ♦ **Thursday 22nd — Tuning Run — Because many members are attending the "MG Nationals" in Tamworth the Tuning Run for March has been cancelled.**
- ♦ **Monday 25th — "GEAR" Sydney Motorsport Park Amaroo circuit(south circuit).**
- ♦ **Tuesday 26th.— Lakeside Morning Coffee — "Marks Point Post Office & Café" at 9.30am to 10.30am.**
- ♦ **Friday 29th to Tuesday April 2nd — "MG Nationals" in Tamworth. Wishing safe travels to and from Tamworth and a club success during the Nationals.**

APRIL 2024

- ♦ **Monday 1st to Tuesday 2nd — "MG Nationals" in Tamworth. Wishing safe travels home from Tamworth and a club success during the Nationals.**
- ♦ **Thursday 4th — Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—"CafeInu" Carrington—43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm**
- ♦ **Tuesday 9th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.30 pm
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm**
- ♦ **Wednesday 10th — Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch—contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend.**
- ♦ **Sunday 14th — Clubman Run — Meet at Club rooms, for departure at 10 am.**
- ♦ **Monday 15th — "Cars and Coffee in the Bay" — Meet at Paul's Corner at 8.30 for 9am in the car park Fingal Bay**
- ♦ **Sunday 21st — "MGCC Newcastle" hillclimb "Ringwood Park"**
- ♦ **Thursday 25th — Tuning Run — Meet at Macca's Hexham for 9.00am start.**
- ♦ **Saturday 27th — JDCHR "All British Day".— Car display at Foreshore Park Newcastle.**
- ♦ **Tuesday 30th — Lakeside Morning Coffee — "Marks Point Post Office & Café" at 9.30am to**

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

Mid Week Gathering February Kay Bowden

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

Venue : .**"The Blind Chef"**

Location : **Cardiff Bowling Club**, Parking at side of bowling club off Myall Rd.

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 or Denny Bowden on **0402 476 631**.

Thank You, Kay Bowden

NEXT MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

Please submit your contributions via email to editor@huntermg.com

Deadline for the APRIL 2024 edition will be

FRIDAY 29th March 2024

We are into another year of club activities and with the "What's On" page (page 5) filling quickly there are many opportunities available to get out and enjoy your classic "MG" with like minded fellow members.

We have a new club initiative activity with the "Lakeside Morning Coffee" that started in late February and several new external classic car meeting functions that are on a regular monthly basis starting up this year along with some of the previous activities that were shelved during the dark years of "COVID". Check out some of these new functions in the "What's On" at page 5.

The Centenary MG National Meeting will occur in Tamworth from March 29th until April 2nd and this club is well represented. I am sure the members attending will do our club proud in their respective activities with many great friendships started at the National similar to previous National Meetings.

Our club will be holding the "Euro Motorfest 2024" on Newcastle foreshore on Sunday 23rd June, weather permitting, with our Secretary, PRO and the committee busy with organizing the event.

For readers whom may have noticed this issue of "On The Marque" is the first being prepared as A4 size pages when previous issues were prepared in A5 size pages to enable printing both sides and then folding of A4 paper to create the A5 magazine.

Progress with my MGB.

Since the last magazine I noticed that the inside of my fuel filler pipe felt damp and an inspection of the locking fuel cap identified that the tell tale indentation of the seal suggested that it was not sealing properly. I have known since I first got the car that the fuel filler pipe had been modified quite crudely to allow the use of a vented cap that required an internal locking surface.

So I decided to put things right and went in search for a new fuel cap and filler pipe. However to my dismay all of the usual suppliers in Australia and indeed the UK had the same answer!

The fuel filler pipe for the US cars with a non vented cap were no longer available and that I had to revert to the vented cap and filler pipe for the earlier chrome bumper MG's.

Being an opportunist person I immediately thought now is the time to install an "Aston" flip type fuel cap that I had lusted after for many years and then ordered such a cap from an Australian supplier.

It was well within my budget but it wasn't a locking type! Not to be thwarted from my ambition I then ordered a locking cap that would fit within the "Aston" cap. I was working on the concept of getting the end of a suitable fuel filler pipe from a wrecker and weld it to my existing filler pipe.

Reality hurts some times and I was quickly reminded of my lack of welding skills with thin metals.

Therefore I then purchased the most expensive part so far, a new vented style fuel filler pipe.

Nonetheless with much reduced spare cash I now have that beautiful, to me anyway, "Aston" flip style fuel cap in all its chrome polished glory that I first saw and wanted back in the late 60's for my then new Woodward Green Hillman Gazelle. So below are some pic's of the treasure installed.



Enjoy reading this issue of our magazine!



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MGCC Hunter Region Presidents report for March 2024

For those heading to the National Meeting, plans are well under way and hopefully, those that are going have registered.

If you haven't and are having problems doing so, call me or Steve Jones, we should be able to assist.

In case you have ever thought that things are a bit quiet, I can assure that your Committee is working away in the background to keep the activities in our Club moving along. Thanks to Frans our Secretary we have been able to secure the Newcastle foreshore Park for our Euro Day to be held 23rd June.

Andrew has a couple of events for you to attend, Hawkes Nest Motorfest on the 9th March, and March 18th for Cars and Coffee at Fingal Bay.

Also we have all of the usual runs, Square Riggers ,Clubman, Tuning, and mid week lunch runs and a new run, Lakeside Morning Coffee that Peter is starting.

Plenty of reasons to get the MG out.

Finally, thanks to Graham for stepping up to fill in for Howard while he takes a few months leave . Octagonally Yours.

Denny Bowden, President



So February has come & gone, and I've already been to a few Club Events. On the 1st Thursday I went to the monthly Square Riggers Lunch & Natter at "Cafe Inu", in Carrington. This is a regular Club meetup for owners & fans of classic 'square rigger' MG's. It's a destination event, rather than a run, and the distance you cover in your MG (or other classic) is dependent on how far away you live. If you haven't attended one of these lunches, and you have some free time in the year, you might like to give it a go. As it's a Club Event (in the Magazine & on the Website Calendar) you don't need to put it in your logbook, if you're on historic rego.



Also each month we have the Club Night on the 2nd Tuesday, with the Midweek Run on the Wednesday, and the Clubman Run on the 3rd Sunday. In the latter half of the Month you can look forward to the new Lakeside Morning Coffee Run on the last Tuesday, and the Tuning Run on the 4th Thursday. Once again we have lots of opportunities to get our MG's out on the King's highways with our regular Club Events.

Please note that due to commitments with the NatMeet over Easter, the **Tuning Run WILL NOT be run in March.**

As I write this, my MGA 'Miss Scarlett' is still waiting on her refurbished tacho, and she's on a hoist getting a major service, and some mechanical work, in preparation for NatMeet. This has meant I've had to drive an 'ordinary car' (a non-MG) to a couple of Club Events. However, this isn't an issue for our Club, and Members (& guests) are always welcome in whatever form of transport is available. Just carry an MG in your soul.



Oh, and the MG ZT has been pushed back, to allow 'Miss Scarlett' to get the attention (which she relishes). Maybe more news next month?

Cheers & see you in your MG,

Andrew Gowans

The PRO with Tacho-to-go?

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Sunday 23rd June
Newcastle Foreshore Park

TUNING RUN REPORT FOR FEBRUARY Andrew Gowans

The ongoing roadworks in and around Hexham have necessitated a change of start location for our Club Tuning Runs. For February the run started from the Oak Cafe carpark at Freemans Waterhole. The weather was initially cloudy, and a bit cooler, but as the cloud cleared the day started to heat up.



Four MGs and two other marques (one of them me, with my MGA in the workshop for NatMeet preparation) made the run, with John in his RV8 leading the drive through Cooranbong, Morisset, and Wyee on our way to The Doylo at Doyalson for morning tea in the club.



Having paused and refreshed, we then headed for lunch at the pub at Patonga. Our route took us down the Pacific Highway through Wyong, out through West Gosford, and down Brisbane Water Drive through to Woy Woy, Umina and onto Patonga. Most of this leg was through fairly heavy weekday traffic, which wasn't entirely pleasant. However, the run through Burbank and Kangy Angy was good, as was the final leg along Patonga Drive.

We had a table booked at Patonga, and lunch was accompanied by much conversation. The views out over Pittwater are lovely, although there is a fair amount of parked cars to contend with. The usual Urban Assault Vehicles really dwarf the MG's, but can't detract from their classic design.



Once again a great time for driving your MG.

Unfortunately, there won't be a Tuning Run in March, as Austin & Steve are both going to NatMeet. However, you can look forward to the run in April. See you then.

Cheers,

Andrew Gowans



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IN THE BAY

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Cars & Coffee

In The Bay

Monday

3rd Monday in the month, from 9am in the car-park for Fingal Beach SLSC	March 18th	July 15th
	April 15th	August 19th
	May 20th	September 16th
	June 17th	October 21st



291

ON KING

Machines & Macchiatos

NEWCASTLE

2nd Sunday in the month, from 8am in the car-park for 291 On King. \$5:50 entry fee charity fund raising (online registration, see our Website for link).

SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

Gary Piper

It's great to see that common sense has prevailed & "Motorsport Australia" (MSA) have changed their rule regarding seat belt specs in open top road registered cars. I'm sure the organisers of the up coming "MG Nationals" will be happy about that, however no changes to the licensing structure though.

Great to see that "HSRCA" have scheduled a historic event at "One Raceway" at Goulburn (Formally Wakefield Park) on 6-8 September this year.

Hopefully we will get a few "Team Hunter" members competing at the event with a few cars that have been revived recently and also Matt Blanch's Group S MGB should be running by then. Also the "GEAR" Club have listed an event there on May 6. Will be great to get back there & have a run .



With the MSA rule change regarding seat belts I've had a change of mind & am taking the "F" to the "MG Nationals".



Because I've only driven it on the road I decided to have a run in the first Hillclimb for the year at Ringwood park to see how it goes with a bit of spirited driving (probably



cheaper & safer way to find out than on a public road). Although completely different to the "B" I must say I

was pleasantly surprised with how it felt considering it's a completely standard road car (no modifications at all) on 8 year old road tyres. I found it understeered a bit at times but apart from that it felt pretty good. However I probably won't use it much for Motorsport once I finish the "B". I think the "F's" have loads of tuning potential with both suspension &

engine/driveline that I now understand why the ones that are track cars go so well.

The first Hillclimb for the year saw a maximum field of 66 cars comprising of road registered cars, track cars, open wheelers, tin tops, sports cars, & Hillclimb Specials competing in the event.

The weather on the day was great, just cloudy and no rain with the track gripping up nicely. Fastest car on the day was a Debron RH 23 driven by Ron Hammond, 2nd Ryan Bates Subaru WRX STi, 3rd Matthew Bates Subaru WRX STi.

Thanks to "MGCC Newcastle" for putting on a great days Motorsport.

I guess those who are attending the up coming "MG Nationals" are busy preparing their cars for the event putting in many hours to get the cars looking their best and also tuning their rocker cover racers.

Hopefully the weather is kind to us and it's an enjoyable event.

Coming Events

Monday 25 March GEAR Sydney Motorsport Park Amaroo (south circuit) .

Friday 29 March to Tuesday 2 April MG Nationals Tamworth.

Sunday 21 April MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb Ringwood Park

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

Yours in Motorsport Gary Piper



The first Lakeside Morning Coffee Run was held on a drizzly wet day however the attendance was very encouraging.



There were five MG's that braved the conditions and five regular vehicles driven by their owners for a total of 13 brave souls.

The rain was delayed whilst we were at the Café and we sat outside at tables under the verandah to enjoy coffee's, a pot of tea and cakes with enthusiastic conversations.

A successful first event!





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MID WEEK GATHERING FEBRUARY 2024

The "Mid Week Gathering" for February was at the Swansea Hotel.

Great meals, venue and company. Many thanks Kay for your organising it again.



Charlie and Maggie
Head's MGBGT



Graham's MGB



View of the long table from the girls end



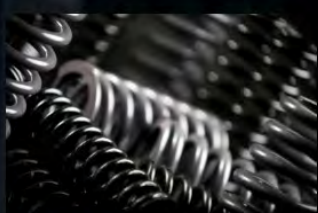
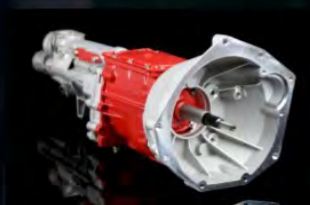
Two of the girls in surprise photo.



View of the long table from the guys end

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Deadline for the April 2024 edition will be
FRIDAY 29th March 2024

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1970 MGB GT Mk 2



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david.noble070@gmail.com

FOR SALE

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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)

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Regards Peter Dever.

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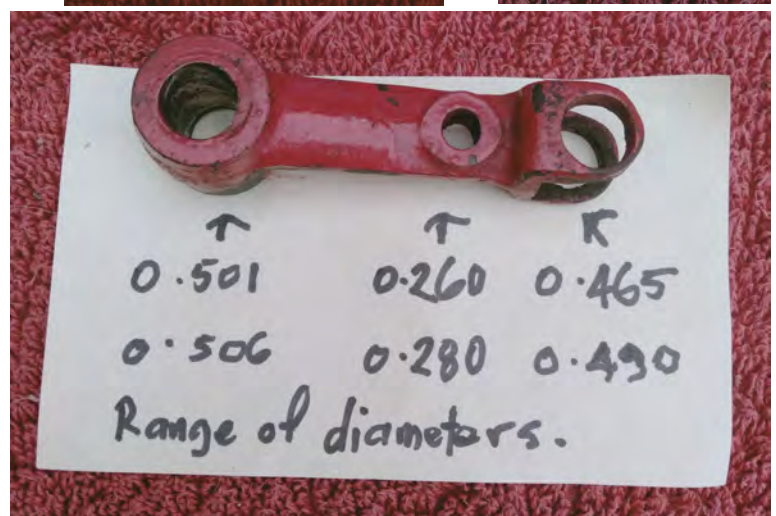


"Enots" Oil Filler Cap. Not original "MG" style, but possibly suits something else in "MOWOG" area.

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



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3.5 litre V8, factory yellow with black interior, soft and hard tops.

Chassis 10704322012192 Engine 11698022008012

This is a replacement R107 SL 3.5 V8 engine from a donor car.

Unusual 2 + 2 configuration with seat belts for the two rear seats.

Fully restored by Mercedes Benz Car Club Newcastle's conditional registration scrutineer, David McKew.

All the filed invoices show he acquired the parts from reputable suppliers. There are some extra spares at Budgewoi including four original wheels and tyres, wiper arms and an air cleaner.

The car has air conditioning, power steering, electric radio aerial, radio and CD player and is fitted with four after-market AMG wheels. A new battery was fitted in early 2023.

New tyres fitted in July 2019 and inflated with nitrogen gas by Jax Tyres, Newcastle, who carried out a full wheel alignment.

Lubrication and oil change service carried out in July 2021 and in December 2022 by Penfold Automotive Services, Newcastle.

An air conditioning system check of all components with gas added was carried out in January 2022 by Freeze Equip Sales and Service, Newcastle.



For offers, more details and inspection please contact Rob at robertanddenny@gmail.com

FOR SALE



1951 MG TD – Unfinished Project

The MG TD in British Racing Green with an Ivory interior, an unfinished project is ready for restoration. In original condition.

1250cc XPAG motor, 4-speed manual transmission, serviceable tyres. All major parts included. Also includes a Rag Top in excellent condition. No structural

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Currently not road-worthy and will require a trailer for transportation.

Selling as a project. **\$24,000** Contact pennyfurner@gmail.com



MG Car Club Hunter Region

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 13th February 2024

Meeting Opened: 6.05 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Frans Henskens.

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

Apologies: .

In attendance:

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 12th December 2023 were read and approved; moved Peter Le Breton seconded Gary Piper

Business Arising:

Nil.

Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

National Meeting 2024 Delegates Meeting.

Gary Piper will attend representing the Club

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew):

These items were carried over to the next meeting because of lack of time.

Discussion of draft document defining Committee Members' roles. Last week Frans and I went through the rather old and tatty document together and have made some recommendations for changes/ deletions / additions. A (still very much) draft is attached to the agenda for the meeting on 13th February.

I would like to start by saying that in order to be a "cohesive and harmonious committee", in many cases, no ONE person is wholly and solely responsible for anything. What matters is that everyone works together and is willing to help out when required.

The areas that need committee discussion and decisions are:

Membership records – at present, both the secretary and the treasurer look after both new memberships and renewals. Is this the most efficient?

Who should actually be responsible for maintaining the master membership record?

Insurance – there is no mention anywhere of who is to look after this (although currently Greg does it)

The organisation for the annual Euro Motorfest is not mentioned; it has previously been done by the PRO

At the end of the Club's monthly magazine, is a document which outlines the Club's Point Scoring System for the Awards of Clubman Champion and Sporting Champion. These need to be added to the Job Descriptions for the PRO and Sporting Director respectively.

Trophies – again, there is no mention of whose job it is to organise and order these. Possibly either the PRO or the Regalia Officer?

Club website and FB administrator – Should these be part of the Public Relations role? Or the Club's Magazine Editor?

We thought that many of the jobs listed for the Regalia Officer, were more appropriate for other committee people e.g. 'sending out get well and bereavement cards' are probably better coming from either the Vice President or the Social Director (if/when there is one!)

Raffle prizes for the Euro Motorfest and Concours are often donated by our Sponsors, and so should probably be sourced by the PRO (currently listed as a job for the Regalia Officer)

Arranging name tags *and* a key ring for new members (currently listed as a job for the Regalia Officer- name tags currently arranged by Denny)

Does the Committee want to have a Euro Ball? And/or an event on the June Long weekend; and a Christmas Party? What about a 'Presentation Dinner'?

Guest Speakers for monthly Club nights – We certainly seem to get more members coming along to Club nights when we have a guest speaker. Arranging speakers needs a Co-ordinator.

(This task is currently attached to the Social Director, but perhaps is a job for the Vice-President?)

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2023/24 Membership renewals to date: 79 single and 71 family, a total paid-up membership of 221.

Application under the Local Sport Defibrillator Program (LSDP) 2023/24: still marked as 'Assessment in Progress' though the program reports applications have closed because all the money has been allocated!

Am now appointed by Crown Lands as a member of the Mechanics Institute Land Manager Board.

NCC allocated a restricted area of Foreshore Park because of construction works on the Frog Pond and Common. Also, for our calendars, the Park is not available on our proposed date (16 June) but is free on the reserve date (23 June) which I have tentatively accepted – and asked for 30 June to be booked as our reserve date. I have written to NCC asking their proposed allowed area to be extended to include the bank to the western side of the loop path, and the flat area to the east of the loop path (i.e. extending into the natural amphitheatre) – awaiting response.

FAH to send an email to Sydney MGCC to ask about membership cards for registration at Nationals.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

St Johns Ambulance quoted \$160 to upgrade the two first aid kits

Accepted.

Graham is conducting the Run this week (18th February, 10 a.m. at the Clubhouse), to Raymond Terrace thence to Morpeth.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marque*.

MGCC Sydney had an issue with Motorsport re seat belts, requiring a 4-point harness in cars involved with the Nationals. Rule has now been changed so if car is road registered it must

have a lap-sash belt, if it has a roll bar it must have a 4-point harness.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Re: Euro Motorfest:

I've released a flyer for Euro Motorfest (see attached), a Website Calendar Event, and a Facebook Event. I've also sent a copy of the flyer to our list of contacts in other Clubs, and our Advertisers. I have copies available for Members to take and distribute.

I'll contact John Hunter Children's Hospital to advise them of the dates.

Who is our best contact for Variety?

I've dropped a message to Graham Champion & Wayne Hamilton at Repco to seek some raffle prizes.

Agenda Items:

I've received an email invitation from David at 'Cars & Coffee In The Bay' for their monthly event in 2024 (see attached). I request Committee approval to add these events to our Calendar.

Meet at Longboat Café Fingal Bay, 3rd Monday of each month February to November inclusive. In addition, weekend Cars & Coffee dates to be confirmed.

Committee approved.

I've also received an email invitation from Sam at Machines & Machiatos in Newcastle for their monthly event in 2024 (see attached). This event has an entry fee of \$5, all of which goes to charity. I request Committee approval to add these events to our Calendar.

Committee approved.

Lake Macquarie Council has invited our Club to the Lake Macquarie Autumn Festival on Sat 4 May. I request Committee approval to add this event to our Calendar.

Committee approved.

The Hawks Nest Motor Fest is being held Saturday 9th March, gates open 8 a.m. There is a \$10 entry raising money for the Surf Club and Fire Brigade.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

Committee discussion and decision on re-ordering Club Polo Shirts

Committee discussion and decision on ordering Club SPF cotton/polyester shirts

JL to investigate further, including into availability of cotton shirts.

Committee Member (Peter Le Breton):

Inaugural Lakeside Coffee Run is being held at the Marks Point Café and Post Office 9:30 Tuesday 27th, thence last Tuesday each month. Members are encouraged to attend!

Social Director: (Position Vacant)

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

February magazine issued and was e-mailed to all financial members on 29th January.

General Business:

From Anne:

I notice that there is an award given at the National Meeting for Club Magazines. Entries close 29th February.

Graham to apply.

There is also a separate award for Club webpage. Entries close 29th February.

Andrew to apply.

The following items were carried over to next meeting

There seems to be some discussion/ confusion as to whether members earn points for attending monthly Club nights. Also, for those who go to the Square Riggers morning tea at Carrington; & possibly for the new group that Peter is trying to establish.

The document which is printed at the end of the monthly magazine outlines the Club's Point Scoring System for the Award of Clubman Champion and Sporting Champion refers to Sporting 'events' or Clubman 'runs' and states:

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

There are 4 categories where members can earn Clubman Points; but there is no mention of earning points for social chat get-togethers including 'natter-nights' or movie nights.

Club Website stats for December 2023 and January 2024 (Andrew Gowans):

In December the Website was viewed 1,084 times with the peak being 2 December with 102 views. The daily average was 35 views per day.

The top 5 viewed pages for December were;

- Site Home Page - 92 views
- Magazine Archive - 53 views
- Classifieds - 42 views
- Square Riggers Lunch - 22 views

What is the best tyre size to fit my MGB? - 9 views

In January the Website was viewed 1,691 times with the peak being 30 January with 122 views. The daily average was 55 views per day.

The top 5 viewed pages for January were;

- Site Home Page - 445 views
- Magazine Archive - 225 views
- Classifieds – 154 views
- Oxford Blue MG RV8 - 70 views

Club President's Breakfast Club Run - 55 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 December there were 120 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 5,362 times.

In January there were 184 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 5,932 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 24 December & 17 January. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date date.

Meeting Closed 7:33 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th March 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.



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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