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What's On

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

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 at “Junction
Inn Hotel” Raymond Terrace, contact Kay Bowden if you wish to
attend.**
- ◆ **Sunday 14th – Clubman Run – Meet at Club rooms for 10 am departure. Morning
tea will be at “Market Cafe” Wangi approx. 10.30 am and lunch at
Budgewoi Hotel**
- ◆ **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 Cancelled due to being ANZAC DAY.**
- ◆ **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 10.30am.**

May 2024

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- ◆ **Monday 15th – “Cars and Coffee in the Bay” – Meet at Paul’s Corner at 8.30 for
9am in the car park Fingal Bay**
- ◆ **Thursday 23rd – Tuning Run – Meet for 9.00am start.**
- ◆ **Tuesday 28th – Lakeside Morning Coffee – “Marks Point Post Office & Café” at
9.30am to 10.30am.**

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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.

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 April Kay Bowden

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **10th April 2024**

Venue : **."Junction Inn Hotel"**

Location : 2 William Street, Raymond Terrace.

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

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This month has been MG busy for me with my attendance at the Square Riggers Noggin and Natter, Tea Gardens & Hawks Nest Motorfest, Committee meeting, Mid Week Gathering, Clubman Run and Lakeside Coffee Morning. All activities put on, or supported by our MG Car Club.

So if you are a member but haven't been accessing these activities I urge you to seriously consider and make the effort to attend some of these friendly activities that involve our passion for our MG's.

There is a report on most if not all of those activities in this issue for your information and enjoyment in reading and looking at some good photos of MG's.

There are many of our members whom have made the journey to Tamworth over the Easter weekend to attend the MG Nationals and compete with other Australian clubs for Concours, sporting activities and non competitive Kimber Run, which is a social touring event. Also each evening there is a dinner to attend and reminisce over the days activities with enthusiasm.

Those of us whom haven't attended wish our representatives much success and look forward to reading and hearing of many reports as to how our club fared during the events.

Hopefully as editor I will be swamped with written reports for publishing in our magazine.

Our club may be holding the "Euro Motorfest 2024" on Newcastle foreshore on Sunday 30th June, weather permitting, due to a request from NCC for us to agree with the change of date.

Progress with my MGB.

During my motoring to Tea Gardens and attending the Hawks Nest Motorfest the front suspension of my MGB progressively became harsher and especially on my return journey. On arrival home I struggled to exit the car due to stiffness and pain in my back.

Nonetheless I tried to ignore it as I checked the front shockers. To my dismay the drivers side shocker barely had any damping force.

As it was late in the afternoon I decided to rest up and attend to the shocker on the next day.

On the Sunday I decided to see if I could get any fork oil that I had in the garage into the drivers side shocker and YES success I managed to insert 100mL of oil. Testing confirmed a big improvement in damping force but the puzzle was where did the oil leak out as there was no evidence of leakage.

I fitted clear plastic covers over the number plates on my MGB recently. At the same time cleaned up the little rust on the rear backing plate primed and repainted it prior to fitting the cover.



Enjoy reading this issue of our magazine!

MGCC Hunter Region Presidents report for April 2024

This past month has been taken up with National Meeting activities and unfortunately it has shown up with a smaller group than usual attending the clubman run, but we did get a couple of events in before the panic started.

I know of two diff centres that have been changed, another has a late change to a new set of tyres, and yet another has had a visit to the mechanics for some fine tuning.

Another job that I have been doing was to replace the steering column coupling rubber, this resulted in no play at all in the steering after having about a three inch play. But I do know now why the steering column on a Midget is called "The Midget's Chinese Puzzle".

Some of us did get to attend the Hawkes Nest Motorfest early in the month, it was the biggest show that they have had, with over 400 car's on the park.
let's see if we can top that at our Euro Day.

By the time you get this the National Meeting will be over for another year and we will be getting back to our events.

Octagonally Yours,

Denny Bowden, President



SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER



Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting occurred at the usual location "Café inu" of 43 Denison Street in Carrington on Thursday March 7th 2024.

Next meeting will be on **Thursday 4th of April.**



We will meet at usual time of 12 noon and natter until around 2pm.

As usual we 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.

MID WEEK GATHERING MARCH 2024

The "Mid Week Gathering" for March was at the Blind Chef in Cardiff Bowling Club. Great meals, venue and company. Many thanks Kay for your organising it again.



March has flown by, in a flurry of preparation for NatMeet in Tamworth at Easter.

In between the Lakeside Morning Coffee Run in February and the Square Riggers Lunch & Natter in March, I had Miss Scarlett in with my mechanic for a service and the replacement of my leaking Brake/Clutch Master Cylinder. He also went around and addressed the various minor oil leaks from around the sump and an engine side plate. These things can creep up on you, and you don't realise how bad it's getting. Because I'm not mechanically very capable, it's good to have a reliable mechanic to take care of the hard jobs.

It's also good to take the time, at least once a year for NatMeet, or Concours, to go over your MG and check it for wear, damage, and overall condition. In a world where all 'modern' cars do the thinking for you, and service intervals are much longer, it's good to slow down and appreciate your MG - followed by Safety Fast!

Other jobs I've ticked off my list, so far, include 'knitting' together a set of ignition leads us-



ing the original-style plug caps for Concours, replacing a modern indicator flasher for an OEM-style one, and installing a new repro indicator switch unit in the dash. The modern repro addresses an issue with the original-type, in that the leather seal in the vacuum tube (which splits over time) has been replaced with a more robust rubber unit. However, the repro chromed screw boss which attaches to the front of the unit on the dash is slightly different in size, and the screw holding the indicator knob to the front has a Phillips head screw instead of a blade-type. I know, this is REAL anorak stuff, but my goal was to present the car at Concours as originally as possible, so this needed some consideration. So I swapped around some parts between the two units, to upgrade the modern internals, whilst using the original type fittings that are visible on the dash. A little fettling was needed, but it all came together rather neatly in the end. It also works - a modern wonder.

After all that no one will probably notice, and I'll still have my non-original chrome wire wheels anyway so I'm not entirely original. However, I feel quite comfortable with all I've done.

As I said earlier, all of this mania is in service of attending NatMeet (occurring as you read this). I know we all can't make it to NatMeet, but I'll be posting pictures on our Club Facebook page, and we'll be more than happy to share our stories at the next Club Night on 9 April. See you there.

Cheers & see you in your MG,

Andrew Gowans

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**EURO
MOTORFEST
2024**



**Sunday 23rd June
Newcastle Foreshore Park**

Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest Motorfest 9 March

The Tea Gardens/Hawks Nest Motor Club has run this event at Hawks Nest for a number of years, and our Club has been a regular supporter. COVID hit the event hard, and it took a little time to get the momentum back, but it bounced back with a successful day this year.

THE MGCC HR has had a regular spot 'on the hill' just inside the entrance for quite a few years, and we were able to field a good selection of cars on the day.

The gates opened at 8am, so we had a staging point at the 12 Mile Rest Area, where we encountered a litter of Jaguars from the JDCHR.

Our contingent left around 7:30 for the drive in, just as our Editor arrived in his MGB, and we arrived in good order to take up our regular spot.





Pic courtesy of Peter Buckley



It was quite a hot day, but we were able to follow the shade as the time passed, and were able to enjoy the display of over 400 cars that were there on the day. We had 8 Club cars, including Pete's Jaguar land yacht, plus a couple of friends of members - one in a Lamborghini which attracted a fair amount of attention.



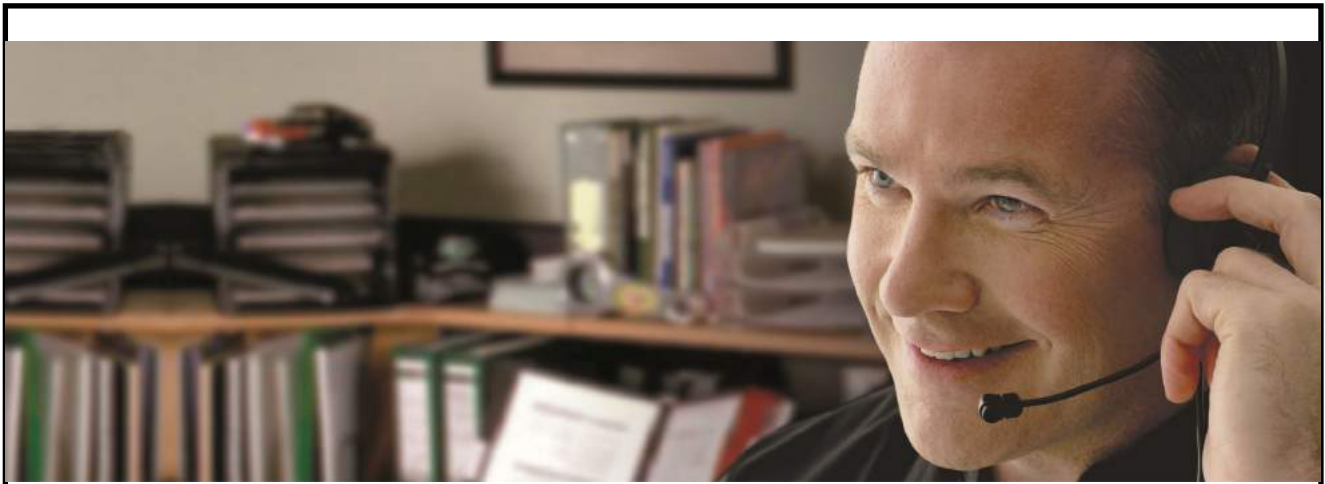


3rd Monday in the month, from 9am in the car-park for Fingal Beach SLSC

March 18th	July 15th
April 15th	August 19th
May 20th	September 16th
June 17th	October 21st



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).



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SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

Gary Piper

It's a bit too early in the weekend to do a report on the MG Nationals at Tamworth other than to mention that Austin Blanch, Steve Jones & I attended a practice day at Oakburn Park raceway which is essentially a go kart & club level Motorsport tack. The track is tight bendy and narrow which keeps you on your toes all the way round. It was really good to get some practice in before we do the event on Monday.



It's great to see Steve Jones race Midget alive & well again with Jonesey leaving the track yesterday with a big smile on his face .

Apparently they have around 200 entrants entered in the National meeting.

We have gone through registration this morning so it's back to our accommodation to give the cars their final clean for the concours which is tomorrow.

No doubt Graham will have a full report on the Nationals in next months mag .



Coming events

Sunday 21 April MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb Ringwood Park.

Monday May 6 GEAR One Raceway or Pheasant Wood Raceway Goulburn .

Remember Drive them don't hide them , enjoy your MG .

Yours in Motorsport Gary





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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MARCH CLUBMAN RUN

G Haywood

The Clubman Run for March was not well supported probably due to the weather but also with the preparations required for the forthcoming MG Nationals taking up members time.

With only Ian and Trish Ashton in their MGB GT leaving with Howard and myself, as navigator, in Howard's MGB GT from the Club room at 10.am to go to MADDZ café at Teralba for morning tea.

We were met at Maddz by Bob Woods whom enjoyed coffee and chatting. However he could not continue with the rest of the Clubman Run.



Phil Mudie had rung prior to the day to advise he and his wife would join us at the Kurri Kurri Bowling club for lunch.

An enjoyable lunch was provided by the catering staff at the Bowling Club with much discussion between us all.

I was still waiting for my lunch with everyone else enjoying their meals when Trish had sought the assistance of another patron to take the photograph for her.

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The Lakeside Morning Coffee Run was held on Tuesday 27th March however the attendance was down and the comments in FB by Suz Views Smith said it well

“Look out, MG’s about!. Compact coffee meet today - Marks Point. Certainly Brightened up the street!”

There were four MG’s that made the trip with one Porsche and two regular vehicles for a total of 8 brave souls..

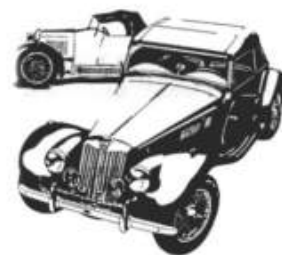
Peter LeBreton, Alistair Leask, Bill Vanderbeen, Howard White, Gary Muirhead, Greg Jenkins, Graham Haywood and for a brief visit Suz Views Smith.



Pre-war & Pre-1960 M.G. Rally – Gympie, Queensland



14th – 16th May 2024



Dear Fellow MG Enthusiasts,

We have taken a bold move in 2024 to host this event during the week rather than on a weekend. We hope that this may encourage more participants allowing 3 days for travel to/from our event.

Interstate/distant owners are also encouraged to attend the event without their Pre-1960 MG if long distance driving/towing is not possible.

We have chosen the Mary Valley Rattler's Rusty Rails Cafe for our major social events. We are sure you will also enjoy our planned drives around the scenic Mary Valley and the Sunshine Coast Hinterland too. See the entry form for all the event inclusions covered by your registration fee.

Please book your accommodation directly with a Motel/Hotel/AirBnB or other of YOUR CHOICE in Gympie. We were unable to secure any accommodation deals/reservations in advance – times are tough.

Payment for registration can be made via:

a) Direct Deposit:- **D L Slattery** **BSB: 645646** **Acct: 106692097**

b) Cheque made payable to **D L Slattery**

A rally plate will be issued for the event, so provision will need to be made for this to be mounted above/beside your front number plate so our event photographer can recognise you on the road as a participant.

We would like to thank the Committee and members of the Gold Coast MG Car Club for adopting the Pre-war MG Register of Australia Qld members and allowing this event to happen.

Yours in MGs,

Tony and Debbie Slattery

your hosts for this combined “**Gold Coast MG Car Club & Pre-War MG Register of Australia**” Event

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Please use one form per person - This is IMPORTANT
Registration, Catering & Event Bookings
Tuesday 14th – Thursday 16th May 2024

Name _____

Address _____

State _____ Postcode _____ Mobile _____
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Email (for last minute notifications) _____

MG Model _____ Year _____

Colour _____ Registration number _____

Your Club _____ Member No. _____ Expiry _____

Registration (covers all of these great events & some catering) **\$300 per person**

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- Tuesday – Morning Tea of delightful sweet pastries
- Tuesday – Admission to Motor Museum incl. guided tour
- Tuesday – Lunch at a modern & new venue
- Tuesday – Admission for a Classic Silent Movie & Tour
- Wednesday – Lunch at a Country Café
- Thursday – Lunch at Country Pub
- Thursday – 75th Anniversary Three Course Dinner
- Friday - Farewell Breakfast BBQ
- Event Photographer, Rally plate, Program & Route Instructions and Awards

Please advise if you have special dietary requirements

Yes

Yes

Yes

Vegetarian _____ Gluten Free _____ Dairy Free _____

Other (please advise requirements) _____

Payment sent by direct deposit on ___/___/2024 (include your surname as payment reference)

Direct Deposit to **D L Slattery Auswide Bank BSB: 645646 Acct: 106692097**

We need payment and a copy of this form by 14th April to finalise numbers for catering and venues. We will accept late registrations, but this is dependent on the capacity of our event venues – please register early. We will take late entries only if people drop out after 14 April 2024.

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Regards Peter Dever.

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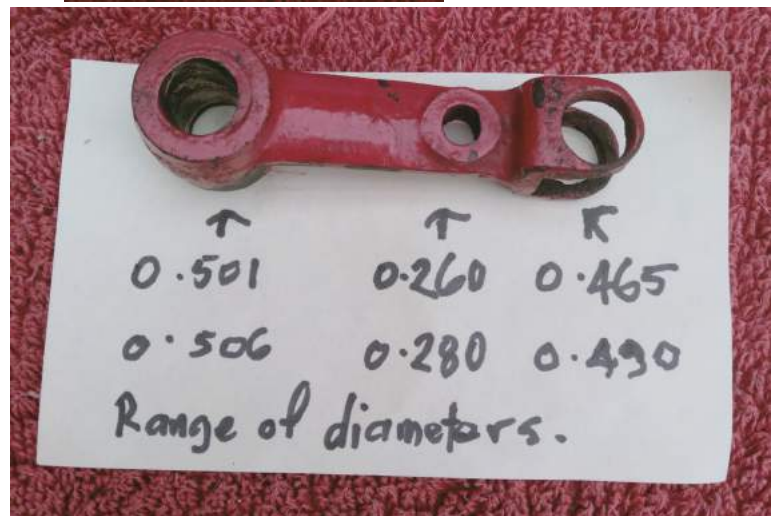


"Enots" Oil Filler Cap. Not original "MG" style, but possibly suits something else in "MOWOG" area.

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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1976 Registered on NSW Conditional Plate 90850H. Exp 20/06/23

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

issues. The car is solid at its core, free from rust.

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 12th March 2024

Meeting Opened: 6.01 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 13th February 2024 were read and approved; moved Gary Piper seconded Andrew Gowans

Business Arising:

Nil.

Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

Nothing new to report.

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew):

The organisation for the annual Euro Motorfest:

Job allocation to reflect that organisation is done by a team; initial setup organised by Secretary, Treasurer and Public Relations Officer.

The organisation for the annual Concours:

Job allocation to reflect that organisation is done by a team; initial setup organised by Sporting Director, Treasurer and Secretary.

Raffle prizes for the Euro Motorfest and Concours are often donated by our Sponsors, and so should probably be sourced by the Public Relations Officer.

Agreed.

These items to be carried over to the next meeting(s) because of lack of time. But need to be resolved prior to this year's AGM.

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)

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!)

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: 80 single and 71 family, a total paid-up membership of 222.

NCC has approved our request for an extended Foreshore Park area allocation; also approved 30 June as our reserve date.

Have booked *Coffee Well* and *Sammy's Tucker* for drinks and food respectively.

Waiting for details of coffee van for Mercedes Club, and PLI documents for our Club, then our paperwork will be ready for submission to NCC.

Defibrillator grant has been accepted, the unit has been ordered – will be delivered soon. (note 22 March embargo)

Collection of snail-mail from our PO Box.

Denny to collect and distribute mail as appropriate.

Water leak from fridge.

MUST make sure door is kept closed. Frans will look into having fridge serviced or possibly replaced.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Euro Motorfest.

Club Captain (Howard White):

Club runs are done for the next 2 months.

Is going away in May.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marque*.

The National Meeting is having a practice session for the lap-dash on the Thursday afternoon. Cost is \$110.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Euro Motorfest.

Frans completed the JHCH form for approval to fundraise on their behalf. Thanks Frans.

I'm looking through Purnells' catalogue to select the awards for Euro Motorfest. I'll look at a similar type & price to 2023.

I'll be away for a couple of weeks at the end of May, but I'll be back in time for organising things in the weeks before the event.

I've received an email invitation from David at 'Cars & Coffee In The Bay' for their special Sunday event on 24 March (see email). I request Committee approval to add this event to our Calendar.

The JDCHR has sent a flyer and details of their All British Day on 27 April (see email). This is already on our Calendar. They have asked for numbers of Club Members attending by the end of March. I'll canvas this at tonight's meeting, plus on Facebook, to get an indicative number for them.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

Had \$60 sales last meeting.

Qty 12 Club Polo Shirts have been ordered from Onya Visuals. Hopefully these shirts will be available before the MG Nationals at Easter.

Committee approved that we sell these shirts at \$40 each.

Qty 10 Club Baseball Caps have been ordered from Onya Visuals.

Committee approved that we sell these caps at \$25 each.

Ordering of 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 last Tuesday each month. Members are encouraged to attend!

Was pleased at the turnout of 8 or 9 Club cars last February 27th.

Social Director: (Position Vacant)

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

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

I have finally sorted out several faulty Email addresses that have meant the magazine was not being sent to those members. With the help of Secretary Frans those addresses have been corrected and no magazine return message "Not received at the address given" were received for March issue.

General Business:

Re MGCC (UK) membership: there is now an option to renew with on-line (rather than paper) version of *Safety Fast*. Our email enquiry re sharing access to the online version is as yet unanswered, but the format is not of simple PDF form, it required username and password.

Committee decided to renew and opt for continuation of our 'paper version' membership.

From Anne:

The following items will be carried over to the 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 February 2024 (Andrew Gowans):

In February the Website was viewed 1,860 times with the peak being 8 February with 156 views. The daily average was 64 views per day.

The top 5 viewed pages for February were;

Site Home Page - 403 views

Magazine Archive - 275 views

1970 MGB GT Mk2 - 147 views

Classifieds - 131 views

1951 MG TD - Unfinished Project - 93 views

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

Facebook Stats

In February there were 196 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 6,381 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 2 & 23 February. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date.

Meeting Closed 7:26 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9th April 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.