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## **MG CAR CLUB HUNTER REGION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**Membership Renewals were due by end of June 2024.**

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

**2. There are three possible renewal fees as follows:**

**Single Membership (Full or Associate) is \$60**

**Family Membership (Full or Associate) is \$70**

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

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

**4. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:**

**BSB: 062-817**

**Account Name: MG Car Club Hunter Region**

**Account Number: 0090 3262**

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

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

**Your name(s)**

**Date and amount of payment,**

**Renewal type either:**

**Full Single/Family,**

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**to our Treasurer Greg Jenkins ([treasurer@huntermg.com](mailto:treasurer@huntermg.com))**



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## **What's On**

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

### **JULY 2024**

- ♦ ***Thursday 4th — Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—"Cafe Inu" Carrington—  
43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm***
- ♦ ***Sunday 7th — Backup day for EURO MOTORFEST — CANCELLED***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 9th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm  
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 10th — Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch—Holmesville  
Hotel 21 George St. Holmesville —contact Kay Bowden if  
you wish to attend.***
- ♦ ***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 — Clubman Run — "XMAS in JULY" at Lochinvar Hotel; ———Meet at  
Broadmeadow Maccas rooms for 10am coffee then run departure  
at 11 am for Lochinvar Hotel before 12.30pm.***
- ♦ ***Thursday 25th — Tuning Run — Meet for 10.00am start TBA  
See website for details***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 30th — Lakeside Morning Coffee — "Marks Point Post Office & Café" at  
9.30am to 10.30am.***

### **AUGUST 2024**

- ♦ ***Thursday 1st — Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—"Cafe Inu" Carrington—  
43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 13th — Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm  
Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm***
- ♦ ***Wednesday 14th — Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch—for location  
contact Kay Bowden also if you wish to attend***
- ♦ ***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 18th — Clubman Run — Meet at Club rooms, for departure at 10 am.***
- ♦ ***Thursday 22nd — Tuning Run — Meet for 10.00am start. See website for details.***
- ♦ ***Tuesday 27th — Lakeside Morning Coffee — "Marks Point Post Office & Café" at  
9.30am to 10.30am.***

Changes to arrangements published in "On the Marque" will be advised on both the Web page and the Club's Facebook page. Members are advised to check them for such changes as the date/time of each event approaches.

### NEW MEMBERS NAME TAGS

The following NEW MEMBERS can collect their club badges when attending a club function .  
The club badge should be worn during any club function.

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 July.**

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

Venue : **.Holmesville hotel.**

Location : 21 George Street Holmesville.

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](mailto:editor@huntermg.com)

**Deadline for the August 2024 edition will be**

**FRIDAY 26th JULY 2024**



Our club reluctantly cancelled the **"Euro Motorfest 2024"** on Newcastle foreshore on **Sunday 30th June**, due to the site being soaked by rain.

The "Square Riggers" had a good patronage for June so check out the report on page 13 and the range of MG models attending.

The "Mid Week Gathering" this month was at the "Grand Hotel" in East Maitland with a good attendance to enjoy a meal and social discussions. Check page 16.

The May "Clubman Run" was run by myself during Howards absence. The morning tea at Mt Sugarloaf was a success and there were some new faces with their MG's in attendance along with familiar faces. The weather probably had much to do with attendance as it was perfect on the day. The lunch at a new location being "Bishops Hill Park" in Cessnock was enjoyed with the BYO lunch meals. This park has only recently been open and although placed on the side of the hill has sculptured flat concrete surfaced areas with well appointed covered picnic tables, benches and electric barbecues. Check out the photographs in the included report on page 25.

The Lakeside Morning Coffee run once again was well supported see the report and photographs on page 27.

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

All is good now with the brakes on my MGB but on the run to Mt. Sugarloaf the rear window in my J&S hardtop blew in to the interior of my car. Consequently I finished pulling the window out of the rubber and placed it in the boot of my car for the rest of the run.

A positive aspect of having no rear window was the improved ventilation of the interior simulating open top motoring without the aspect of potentially getting sunburnt.

Some drivers and passengers might object to the increased sound but I enjoyed hearing the pleasant powerful sounding exhaust allowing me to imagine my engine had more power, at least whilst I was driving the car.

I found an interesting article about the benefits or otherwise of fitting modified exhaust systems to the MGB engine and copied a section of that article below.

### **"Dyno test of Exhaust headers**

ON an "engine dyno day" to test headers, we had the following headers available:

Stock exhaust manifold (as a baseline)

Cannon header

Peco header

Peco header modified with better collector

Tourist Trophy (?) -- the 3 into 1 at the bottom thing.

Kirk

Maniflow Race

Maniflow Rally

Our own design.

Stock finding? The stock manifold allowed 156HP! But.... it was 2nd worst. (1 7/8" outlet). Yet It was also the best in torque up to 5000! (See outlet size again!) (The Cannon was garbage-- glowed cherry red at 4k and only 98HP! We had to abort the pull....)

**So, for a road car, the Stock Cast iron manifold is absolutely fine.**

My biggest objection was the "donuts" that would leak (and the downpipes are crappily made).

If you "customized" the downpipes, you'd end up with a pretty good system."

Enjoy reading this issue of our magazine!



## MGCCHR Presidents report for July 2024

By the time you read this, hopefully we will have had good weather for our Euro Day on the 30th June. Andrew, Frans and Greg have been dotting the I's and crossing the T's to make sure that we have everything in place for the event. Our J Van has been giving us a few worries, but is now sorted, thanks to Gary Piper.

Anne Pettigrew has been busy, working with Andrew to organise a presentation Lunch. We will still do the toy run to Rathmines, for the Salvation Army and have lunch at the club, but our presentation of trophies will be held on another day and a different venue. More to come from Anne and Andrew on that a little later.

Frans has also been busy finalising the grant for our defibrillator.

He has now mounted the cabinet at the top of the stairs and loaded the defibrillator inside plus placed the signage in the correct places. Thank you Frans.

Now to some sad news, Club member, past committee member and friend to all Brian Madden sadly past away early Saturday morning the 22nd June 2024.

Brian's funeral is to be held on Monday 1st July at 3pm at Pettigrew's Belmont.

Brian was very active in our club, best known for organising events, Car show's and trips away or just being there when you needed him.

Condolences to Ros and family.

R.I.P. Brian.

Yours Octagonally,  
Denny Bowden,  
President ,MGCCHR

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

When attending any club run members should fill in the Run Sheet with the **Make** and **Model** of the car that they are using to travel on the run.

If they are not driving an "MG" vehicle then they will **not** be awarded points for the "**Clubman MG Model**" award which also includes the overall "**Clubman Champion**".

Unless they are using their "**Non MG**" car and then they **will** be awarded points for the "**Non-Marque Clubman**" award.

By the time this is published we would've either had Euro Motorfest, or it has been delayed to our backup date. As at the time of writing we're still waiting for the final decision of the organising committee. We were hoping we'd dodged our hoodoo of east coast lows, but time will tell. Whatever has happened, or is about to happen, I hope everyone has had/will have a great time.

The August 'On The Marque' will include a report, so we can see what sort of fun we had.

Talking of fun, our Club VP Anne has organised another Christmas in July for the Clubman Run on 21 July. As I write this, I know the seats were almost all taken. Speak to Anne ASAP to put your name down, or to go on the standby list. You could always come along for the Clubman Run, all the same.

With the recent passing of Brian Madden, I think back to a conversation I had with Bob Woods & Geoff Gallagher a few weeks ago about going to GOF in September. At the time they remarked that Brian used to organise the run to and from GOF, and he worked hard to make them enjoyable drives. I think Brian will be a hard act to follow, but those of our members going to GOF will certainly think about him, and his much-loved MGB Roadster. If you're thinking of going to GOF, please contact Bob & Geoff to discuss the plans. I've never been to GOF, so this is all new to me.

Lastly, if you've looked at the Magazine, you'll have noticed that I've had my MG ZT for sale. Unfortunately it's not viable for me to repair, with the costs outweighing its market value. So far there has been some interest, but no one has clinched a deal. It's an unfortunate end to a classy vehicle.

Cheers & see you in your MG,

Andrew Gowans

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## Christmas-in-July – Sunday 21st July

Only 30 places available and they are filling fast!

So, if you are wanting to attend, BE QUICK! You can send me a text to 0400 432 053, or email me to [at.rose.villa@gmail.com](mailto:at.rose.villa@gmail.com), or see me at Clubnight.

I will of course have a short standby list after the first 30 places are taken to allow for unforeseen circumstances for those “first in” that causes them to withdraw at the last minutes.

This year, we are returning to the Lochinvar Hotel for a traditional Christmas lunch for just \$30 per head (payable on the day), with drinks extra.



**As usual, there will be a run to Lochinvar in the morning with meeting at the Broadmeadow Macca's for morning tea at 10am. Then leaving from Macca's in convoy to arrive at the Lochinvar hotel at approx. 12.30..** This will involve travel along A15 then M15 then off the M15 turn right to Lovedale road then Allendale road to Lochinvar Hotel for an estimated travel time approx. 40 minutes.

And don't forget to wear something Christmassy and bring your small change to buy some raffle tickets!





## SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER



Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting occurred at the usual location "Café inu" at 43 Denison Street in Carrington on Thursday June 6th 2024.

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

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

As usual we order, then sit inside the Café if it is raining, or outside if not raining to eat, drink and chat.

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





## REPORT on HSRCA 2024 Sydney Classic

Bruce Melville

The "HSRCA Sydney Classic" was held at "SMSP" over the King's Birthday weekend.

The meeting was a tribute to Bob Britton and the Rennmax race cars that he produced from the early 1960s. Bob, now in his late 80s, was there along with more than 20 of the cars he built.

The private practice on the Friday was all but washed out, but the weather gods smiled on us and Saturday dawned cold, but fine. Sunday was also sunny making for ideal conditions for old race cars.

The MG marque was well represented with four Bs and three midgets in "Group S", Steve Perry's very quick MGC GT running in "Supersprint", Kerry Phelan's MG B and Peter Lubrano's 1947 TC entered in "Regularity" along with my Lotus Elan.

The TC sadly retired early with engine problems but all the other MGs performed well and reliably, as did the Elan. To the best of my knowledge none of us had a win, but all had a lot of fun and an enjoyable weekend with plenty of chat with like minded people.

Over the Anzac weekend in April I ran the Elan in the HRCC Autumn Historic event at Morgan Park Raceway in Warwick, Queensland for the first time. It is a really good track, a bit longer than Wakefield Park and very challenging.

Cheers, Bruce Melville



4 MGB's entered into Group S



MGB on left of above group



MGB on right of above group





MGTC Entered into Regularity class failed to finish



MGCGT entered into Supersprint class



Steve Jones MG Midget at SMSP



Gary Piper MGB RB at SMSP



Bruce Melville Lotus Elan at SMSP

# MID WEEK GATHERING JUNE 2024

The "Mid Week Gathering" for June was at the "BANK HOTEL" at East Maitland. Excellent off street parking, helpful staff when it was deemed too cold to sit outside in the



garden and good company. Many thanks Kay for your organising it again.





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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



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

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## MG NAT MEET 2025 BULLETIN 1



## WELCOME TO ALBURY-WODONGA

They're waiting for us in Albury-Wodonga and they've been very patient. Originally the venue for the pandemic-cancelled 2020 National Meeting, the twin cities on the Murray will finally welcome us for Easter 2025. The meeting runs from 18 to 22 April.

We've got a great program of events and venues in mind and planning is well advanced.

### **THE PROGRAM**

To get things started, we will be using a venue in Wodonga called The Cube for our Noggin 'n' Natter and Rocker Cover Racing. You will know how to find it on Friday evening because you'll have been there for Registration and Scrutineering earlier on Good Friday.

The Concours will take place on Easter Saturday at Gateway Lakes Park, on the Victorian bank - rive gauche - of the Murray River. It's a great open space with plenty to do after you've checked out all the cars. There's some boutique shopping and refreshment venues at the nearby Gateway Village, along with nature walks along the river bank. Food and coffee vans will be available on the concours site too.

Saturday night will be theme night at Albury's Commercial Club. The theme for this year will be ***Flappers, Gangsters and All That Jazz*** - celebrating a time when the only MG you could buy was a new one, when clothes were classy and the music was hot. So let's celebrate the 1920's in style.

Once the theme night has concluded, the scenic roads, hills and valleys of the region will provide everything a sporting motorist could wish for. The area is replete with historic towns dating back to the gold rush. The scenic Murray River, the Hume Weir and winding country roads, including the longest remaining section of the old Highway 31 running through towns complete with period shops.

What could be better for the Sunday Kimber Run and Monday Discovery Run? Be ready for a walk through some of these historic towns to answer the Discovery Run questions, have a refreshment and soak in the atmosphere.

Sunday will also be Motorkhana Day and the patterns will put all of our memory capacity to work once again. We are still selecting a venue for the motorkhana and will update entrants when a selection is finalised.



Monday will be Lap Dash/Sprint Day at the Logic Centre driver training facility in Barnawartha, a short drive south of Wodonga. This is a great facility with a challenging track and will provide plenty of fun for our competitors and spectators.

Monday night's presentation dinner will be held at the SS&A Club Albury, which will also be the venue for the traditional farewell breakfast and delegates meeting on Tuesday morning.

### **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

#### *Friday 18 April*

Registration and Scrutineering

Noggin 'n' Natter with Rocker Cover Racing

#### *Saturday 19 April*

Concours d'elegance

Theme night dinner

#### *Sunday 20 April*

Motorkhana

Kimber Run

Free Night

#### *Monday 21 April*

Lap Dash/Sprints

Discovery Run

Presentation Dinner

#### *Tuesday 22 April*

Farewell Breakfast

Delegates Meeting

### **ACCOMMODATION IN ALBURY-WODONGA AND SURROUNDS**

Albury-Wodonga has plenty of accommodation options, but Easter is always a busy time of year, so don't delay your bookings.

Accommodation to suit everyone's tastes can be found on the following websites:

[visitalburywodonga.com](http://visitalburywodonga.com)

[alburywodongaaustralia.com.au](http://alburywodongaaustralia.com.au)

**We suggest you make bookings directly with your venue of choice.**

Travel times to Albury-Wodonga are approximately:

3 hours 45 minutes from Melbourne

9 hours 30 minutes from Adelaide

6 hours from Sydney

## **BEFORE AND AFTER TOURISM**

Before and after tourism opportunities are nearly limitless in the area, so if you can arrive early or stay a few days after formalities conclude, you'll be rewarded with some wonderful experiences. Albury and Wodonga have great museums and galleries, along with fine restaurants to enjoy.

Take the time to see Lake Hume, paddlesteamers on the Murray and the north-east Victoria wine and gourmet food region. Fascinating places like Beechworth, Milawa, Chiltern and Yarrawonga are all within easy reach. Albury-Wodonga Tourism is working with us to provide plenty of information about what's on in the region for an extended stay.

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND ENQUIRIES:**

Please lodge your expression of interest now by email to:

Nat Meet Registrar (Jan Rattray) - [natmeet2025.registrar@mgcc.com.au](mailto:natmeet2025.registrar@mgcc.com.au)

Other queries please email:

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Nat Meet Secretary (Louise McKenzie) - [natmeet2025.secretary@mgcc.com.au](mailto:natmeet2025.secretary@mgcc.com.au)

Put Easter 2025 in Albury-Wodonga in your calendar and we look forward to welcoming you.

### **Tony Lupton**

Secretary MGCC Victoria

Director 2025 MG National Meeting

## **MG NATIONAL 2025 ALBURY/WODONGA**

Next year's meeting will be in Albury/ Wodonga from April 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be Victoria's 3<sup>rd</sup> attempt at running the meeting there and I wish them all the best. Bev and I are planning on being there and I hope we'll have lots of Hunter Region friends with us.

**If you are interested in going, please let me know. I will be looking for accommodation very soon and need to know numbers. It's only an expression of interest, you aren't locking anything in.**

Steve Jones (sbmbjones@optusnet.com.au or 0412495234)



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**29TH OF SEPTEMBER**

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#### Friday 13th September 2024

**6.30pm  
For 7pm**

##### **GoF Dinner and Dance**

To be held this year at the Wagga RSL Club, Dobb St Wagga in the Mirage Room.

As it is Friday 13<sup>th</sup>, so please wear something spooky. Entertainment by the excellent "Soul Trader"

#### Saturday 14th September 2024

**8.30am**

##### **Registration**

Meet at the Cross St car park and collect your GOF registration and goody bag. Then take some time out with a short stroll to our wonderful city or stay and have a coffee while we judge cars.

**11.00am**

##### **Car Judging**

All entrants' vehicles are on public display at the Cross St car park. Cars will be judged Saturday so you can all have a more relaxed start to your Sunday morning.

**1.00pm**

##### **Fun run**

A way to enjoy your MG by sharing your experience with other owners on our local area fun run.

**2.30pm**

##### **Afternoon tea**

After the run, sit back and enjoy a hot tea or coffee, plus a delicious afternoon tea provided by the Country Women's Association.

**Free  
For All**

##### **Time Out**

Spend a relaxing evening exploring the many pubs, clubs and restaurants in Wagga city

#### Sunday 15th September 2024

September

**From  
8.00am**

**BBQ breakfast!** Start your day with a BBQ breakfast at the Cross St car park, freshly cooked by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Wagga.

**For more information contact the GOF Committee:**

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GoF Committee

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## JUNE CLUBMAN RUN

## G Haywood



A good turnout for the June Clubman Run with eight MG's at the start for the initial drive to Mt Sugarloaf for morning tea stop under the covered picnic tables. The access road to the picnic area was in terrible condition but our MG's stood the test without any damage.



After morning tea the group of cars then proceeded to drive to the lunch destination via George Bishop Drive, John Renshaw Drive and others with (B68) road designation into Cessnock. The roads were mostly well maintained with a few kilometres of poorer road surface.

Several bends and varying topography added interest in the drive.

Our final destination was to the Bridges Hill Picnic and Playground Park recently completed on the side of a hill in Cessnock where ample parking on the grounds was available.







We were joined by Peter LeBreton and Anne Pettigrew at the park.  
Another couple whom recently joined our club, but I didn't note their names (My apology for not taking more attention), and live nearby came in their well presented Jaguar.  
All agreed that it was another pleasant gathering for a drive, meal and chat .



# Lakeside MORNING COFFEE RUN



The Lakeside Morning Coffee Run was held on Tuesday 25th June and there were nine members present to enjoy company of like minded car enthusiasts over a hot coffee brew and home made treats.



As was stated on our Face Book page there also was a prominent colour of red MG's present however there was at least one white MGB.





One early at Maitland for the Tuning Run.  
We got a nice spot in the sun for coffee.



The June Tuning Run destination was The Belmore Hotel in Scone







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## MEMBERS INTRODUCTION TO THE CLUB

### MEMBER PROFILE

9 June 2024

**Name** ROB DUNSTERVILLE  
**MG year & model** 1954 MG TF

**How did you fall in love with MG's?** I fell in love with MGs through the purchase of my TF in 1968 in England when offered the car by a close friend who was buying a new MGB. I had been looking to buy a Morgan!

**What has been your favourite MG experience?** I have so many favourite MG experiences over the past years it is hard to select just one so here are three!

I co-organised the 2013 and 2015 Pre-war MG Register of Australia's biennial rallies in Bathurst. A total of 80 pre-war MGs were registered to attend the 2015 rally and 71 arrived and took part. This total has not been surpassed in any later biennial rallies.

On a completely different theme, having a chat at Silverstone race track in 1975 with Cecil Cousins and Alec Hounslow was an amazing experience. Respectively they were the MG Car Company's first employee and the riding mechanic with Tazio Nuvolari in the 1933 Ulster TT winning K3.



In 1969 I immigrated with my "TF" and in 1973 my wife and I drove away on our honeymoon in this car and have repeated the experience at both our 30<sup>th</sup> and 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversaries.

The "TF" which I have owned now for 56 years is now my only "MG" but in addition over the years I have owned another "TF", a bare "TA" chassis (!), two "ZA's" and a 2002 "MGF".

While living in UK between 1973 and 1975 I found and purchased six pre-war MG's for new Australian owners – an "M-Type", two "J2's," an "F2" and two "K-Type" saloons. In addition I acted for buyers in other countries for an "F1", two "SA's" and a special bodied "TD".

I totally restored the "TF" over a number of years and it was back on the road in 1995. Since then I have driven it 80,000 kilometres so it's showing a little wear and tear around the edges. When not attending to little bits of upkeep I carry out some research and writing about the marque "MG" and individual cars. On the go at the moment is the history of a 1938 "SA" with an Australian body. I regularly play croquet and bridge and I also spend some hours sorting out a life time of family photos and colour slides as well as my father's stamp collection and my collection of over 100 Dinky toys and Matchbox toys.



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Please submit your contributions via email to [editor@huntermg.com](mailto:editor@huntermg.com)

**Deadline for the AUGUST 2024 edition will be**

**FRIDAY 26th JULY 2024**

## FOR SALE

### **FOR SALE - 1970 MGB GT Mk 2**



MGB GT well-presented and in excellent condition for private sale

For full details and photographs please email

[david.noble070@gmail.com](mailto:david.noble070@gmail.com)

### **FOR SALE SMALL TO MEDIUM CAR TRAILER**



Car trailer suitable for small to medium size car. Has good Mini wheels and tyres so easy to load.

Hydraulic brakes, winch, 12 month rego. Suited my MGB race car perfectly.

**Price \$1500.00      Phil Powell 0408913877**



# 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](mailto:howard@andersonwinery.com.au)



## For Sale Spridget Roll Bar

Roll Bar, suitable for Midget or Sprite.  
Not CAMS approved for racing, but good for additional road safety.  
It was previously fitted under a hardtop.

**\$150.00**

**Contact Bev on 0419 200 813**



# 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 76 Midget 1500cc ,

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

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

**\$13,500 reduced to \$12,000**

Details and info contact Steve in Sydney  
02 96804648 or  
[mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au)



## Also 'For Sale 68 MGCGT .

Full body strip to bare metal is In undercoat & ready for paint.

2 new front guards, new bumpers . needs assembling. **\$20,000**

Steve, [mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au) or 02 96804648.

# FOR SALE

## MERCEDES BENZ 350 SL (R107)

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](mailto:robertanddenny@gmail.com)



# FOR SALE



## 1951 MG TD – Unfinished Project

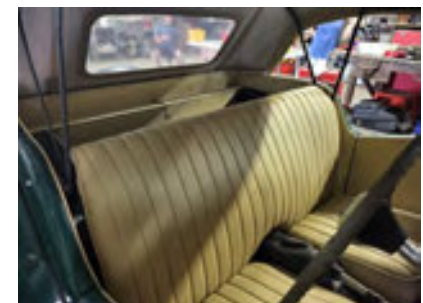
The MG TD in British Racing Green with an Ivory interior, an unfinished project is ready for restoration. In original condition.

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](mailto:pennyfurner@gmail.com)



# FOR SALE

## MGB GT For Sale

I am offering my 1971 MGBGT for sale.

It is mechanically excellent and runs well.

1800cc original engine with twin carburettors and functioning overdrive on 3rd and 4th gears.

Runs on unleaded fuel.

Spares include original Rostyle wheels.

The car was originally imported from US and converted to Right Hand Drive.

I have owned it for 30 years and have documentation of work done over that period including top overhaul, telescopic rear dampers and clutch replacement.

Offers around \$18,000 will be considered.

Phone for a test drive.

**John Stuart 0408622674. (Merewether)**



## 2002 MGZT 190 Project For Sale

MGZT 190 sedan with engine issues. The cylinder sleeves have slipped, requiring a re-sleeve or an engine swap.

In other respects the car is in good condition, with rego until October 2024. Approximately 185,000km, and 4 near-new tyres.

2,5L V6, 5-speed manual, with A/C & sun roof.

The heads have been removed (confirming the sleeves issue), with all removed parts in the boot.

This project is beyond my capability, but is repairable. Contact me for more pics, or to organise an inspection. I can give you details of how to get parts, or a replacement engine.

**Price: \$1,000.00**

**Andrew**

**0425 204 762**





# FOR SALE

## 1971 MGB Roadster

Make: MGB Roadster (Overdrive)

Year of Manufacture: 2/1971

Registration NO: 22998J

VIN/Chassis/Serial Number:  
YHN91085

Engine Number: 18GGRWEH19659

Exterior Colour: British Racing  
Green (BRG)

Mechanically excellent. No rust

Original radiator to be sold with the  
car. Half tonneau

Foldaway roof. Chrome spoked wheels

Always housed in a garage

Copper mallet for removing the winged hub nut

Battery isolator switch installed

Tyres: Near new Pirelli tyres all round

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## MG Car Club Hunter Region

### Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Meeting Opened: 6.03 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Frans Henskens.

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

Apologies: Howard White.

In attendance:

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024 were read and approved; moved Greg Jenkins seconded Graham Haywood.

Business Arising:

Replacement of fridge

FAH has forwarded proposals to the committee, seeks decision on whether we save money by carrying the new fridge up the stairs ourselves (and dispose of the old fridge ourselves) or pay more for the fridge, and have freight people do the carrying.

Quotes (which include GST) received from

Raisbeck supply and install:

370 litre Thermaster LG-370P is \$1,705 plus \$176 delivery and \$165 removal of old fridge

540 litre Thermaster LG-540P is \$1,859 plus \$198 delivery and \$165 removal of old fridge

Snowmaster supply only:

380 litre Altosa P380WA is \$1,244.10 plus \$187 delivery to the curb

Committee decided on Thermaster LG-540P

Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

Past member Damien Kuik (member number 179) has sadly passed away t.

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew):

Job descriptions

Frans and I have worked to update the part of the historic document that describes the Committee positions.

The latest draft was attached to the Agenda, and sent to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Committee members to email FAH with suggestions/additions/deletions and a further draft will be circulated for discussion

Proposal for Club Members to earn Clubman Points for attendance at Clubnights.

This was another item which has been carried over from previous meetings.

Following discussion by the Committee, a vote was held and the proposal was rejected.

Christmas-in-July

I have previously organised this event for the July Clubrun for the last 3 years when I was the Social Director.

As it has always been very popular, I have gone ahead and made a booking at the Lochinvar Hotel (where we had it last year, following the closing of the pub at Morpeth). The date is Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July, which is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday (ie NOT the Sunday that immediately follows the Clubnight).

The cost of the 2-course luncheon of roast turkey & ham, with 3 vegetables; followed by mini plum puddings and custard will be \$30 per head, payable on the day direct to the hotel. There is an absolute limit of 30, and members MUST book with me – either at Clubnight, or email (at.rose.villa@gmail.com), or a message to my mobile (0400 432 053).

Committee endorsed this event. Will be advertised. AP needs names, limit is 30.

Further discussion about criteria for Life Membership

AP will collect and collate suggestions

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2024/25 Membership renewals to date: 30 single and 32 family, a total paid-up membership of 94.

Re Euro Motorfest, all permits and PLI documentation has now been received and submitted to NCC, and formal approval has been received from NCC.

Have received and submitted (to NCC) details of coffee van for Mercedes Club.

The Club acknowledges that the NSW Office of Sport has kindly provided a grant of \$2,450 for purchase of a defibrillator under the 2023-24 Local Sport Defibrillator Program.

The defibrillator grant we received has now been advertised: <https://www.sport.nsw.gov.au/grants/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program/local-sport-defibrillator-grant-program-recipients-3>

We are required to create and submit a *Medical Emergency Plan* to the NSW Office of Sport that requires nomination of a person who oversees medical emergencies, and a first aid trainer.

Steve Jones has kindly agreed to carry out those roles in which, given his training and work experience, he is able to provide invaluable assistance to the Club.

John Longrigg will be our First Aid Officer

Steve will address tonight's Club meeting about defibrillators and explain how it is used.

There are several other requirements, e.g. provision of photographs of the installed defibrillator, and FAH is attending to collation and submission of these.

From Steve Jones re defibrillator

For a report to the committee, I've been chatting to St. John's about the AED. There are a couple of parts with shelf lives.

The pads come in standard and advanced (monitor and report on your COR). They are single use only and have a 2 year life span. Replacements are \$140 and \$250.

The battery has a 4-year life. Replacement batteries are \$495.

There is no GST on these parts.

Steve Jones can organise a half day first aid course at Adamstown for \$115 per person.

AP, JL and PLeB volunteered to do the course.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

(Editorial addition)

**In Howard's absence overseas the run will be organised by Graham your Editor**

The June Run is BYO morning tea and lunch, at Mount Sugarloaf at approximately 10:30, lunch is at Bridges Hill Park, Yango Street Cessnock at about 11:30 to midday.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marquee*.

There is a GEAR meeting on Jul 1 at Sydney Motorsport Park, entry is free.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Re Euro Motorfest (30 June 2024):

- o The Website & Facebook pages have been updated to reflect the new Euro Motorfest entry arrangements (from the east, as per All British Day)
- o All invited clubs have been emailed about the entry.
- o Our sponsors and JHCH are still in the loop for the event.
- o I'm talking to Repco about some merch for the raffle, including what we have from last year.
- o Gary will collect the battery used for the PA and check & charge it.
- o I've brought the Trophies for the Committee to look at.
- o Bob Woods & Geoff Gallagher are going to GOF, and they asked me to advertise this on the Website & Facebook. They've invited interested Members to coordinate with them.
- o I suggest we get together in the week before the event to check and pack our gear into the J Van.
- ✦ Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 11 a.m. chosen.
- ✦ I have my receipts for printing & trophies. Could we issue an invoice to Tyrepower for the 1st, 2nd & 3<sup>rd</sup>
- ✦ Committee approved.

Cars & Coffee have a new event coming up, a Cars & Coffee in Maitland on the Levee. No date yet but I've asked the organisers to send an invite when it moves ahead.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

Club Presentation format – further time needed to respond.

Committee review and decision on Greg Nolan's offer of MG Memorabilia plus MG manuals.

Decided not to pay the \$2,000 for the MG memorabilia book in order to be given some manuals.

MG Centenary Metal Car Badge. Several badges are available from Jenny Jackson for \$40 each. Regalia Officer to contact all members to establish who is interested in purchasing this badge.



## Clothing

An order has been placed with Onya Visuals for additional short sleeve Club polo shirts, plus a few long sleeve Club polo shirts to establish the level of interest from Club members. These shirts should be available by our next Club meeting.

Committee Member (Peter Le Breton):

The car display at Speers Point went well, photo proudly displayed on the cover of *On the Marque*.

Will continue with Marks Point PO of the venue for coffee run for the time being.

Social Director: (Position Vacant)

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

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

## General Business:

Peter Le Breton apologises for next meeting.

Club Website stats for May 2024 (Andrew Gowans):

In May the Website was viewed 1,805 times with the peak being 21 May with 97 views. The daily average was 58 views per day.

The top 5 viewed pages for May was unable to be retrieved

The facility that supports this function now requires a monthly subscription, it was agreed the extra data was nice but not worth paying for;

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

Facebook Stats

In May there were 191 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 6,544 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 9 May. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date.

Meeting Closed 7:28 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July 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.