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## What's On



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

### APRIL 2025

- ♦ **Thursday 3rd – Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—“CafeInu” Carrington—  
43 Denison St For 12pm to 2pm**
- ♦ **Saturday 5th – Round 1 MG Racing NSW One Raceway Goulburn.**
- ♦ **Tuesday 8th – Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm  
General Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm.**
- ♦ **Wednesday 9th – Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch— contact Kay  
Bowden if you wish to attend on 0249514125**
- ♦ **Sunday 13th – Clubman Run – Meet at Morten’s for lunch – See website for details.**
- ♦ **Sunday 13th – Cars and Coffee at the Levee – Meet at Paul’s Corner to drive as a group**
- ♦ **Monday 14th – Cars and Coffee at Fingal Bay – Meet at Paul’s corner to drive as a  
group to Fingal Bay.**
- ♦ **Monday 14th – GEAR meeting at SMSP Eastern Creek Sth Circuit**
- ♦ **Wednesday 16th to Friday 18th – MG Nationals at Albury– Wodonga**
- ♦ **Thursday 24th – Tuning Run – Meet for 9.00am start. See website for details.**
- ♦ **Saturday 26th – Jaguar Drivers Club Hunter Region—‘All British Day’@ Newcastle  
Foreshore – See website for details.**
- ♦ **Tuesday 29th – Lakeside Morning Coffee – “Marks Point Post Office & Café” at 9.30am  
to 10.30am.**

### MAY 2025

- ♦ **Thursday 1st – Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—“CafeInu” Carrington—  
43 Denison St for 12pm to 2pm**
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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.

Mark / Karen Hodgen	Gerry Harper
David & Patricia Carter	Kevin Liddell
John & Lisa Needs	Lyell Blackman
Elizabeth Hinton	Maree Sullivan
Robert McDonald	Thomas Caelli
Nicholas Hartley	Lawrence Caelli
Ian Jones	John Breedon
Linda Clayton	Derek Howley
Andrew Barker	Peter Gavey
Clarke & Brenda Orłowski	Heidi Nader
Bill Pike	
Jonathon Prior	

### **Mid Week Gathering March.**

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **14th April 2025**

Venue : **.The Banks Hotel**

Location : **. Melbourne Street, East Maitland**

Parking : **.Plenty of parking at rear of Hotel.**

Time : **approx., 11.30am for 12.00**

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

Please let Kay Bowden know if you are coming on **02 49514125**

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 May 2025 edition will be**

**FRIDAY 25th APRIL 2025**

The release of this issue of our club magazine has been a difficult time for me as through carelessness I deleted all of the documents in my laptop so had little background to use in this issue. I had become slack in my efforts by opening the last issue of the magazine and then making the changes for the new issue, but came to a shrieking halt (Yes I loudly expressed my dismay at noting what I had done) and realized I had a lot of work to do.

I immediately reviewed the very first "On The Marque" magazine that I was editor of, i.e. September 2018 issue that I had kept as a keepsake, looking for inspiration and I was surprised to note the naivety of my first efforts even though I also feel quite pleased with myself to have lasted so long in the job. I freely admit that I always do feel much self satisfaction after the final key stroke and the magazine is then released for viewing. I do hope that you the members also get some joy in reading about your exploits and the photographs of your cars. The photographs have all been provided by members over the 6 years of my tenure as editor, so thank you to those members. Most if not all of the words in the reports come from your dedicated leaders for each of our activities so I give to them all my sincere thanks and gratitude.

So after this outburst of emotion I offer the reports in this issue of "On The Marque".

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

I was starting to add a new advertisement for some MGB Parts when I realised one of the items of parts could be useful on my MGB so rang the owner and after a brief discussion I made an offer to purchase. I feel a little guilty that I had privileged knowledge, however I am also excited that my purchase was of items I longed to fit to my car.

So a little early birthday gift to myself which I can enjoy every time that I use or look at my MGB.

I noticed that the new door cards that I had manufactured from plastic sheet were a little large and were overlapping the door sealing rubber causing some difficulty in closing the doors so off with them, some surgery with the electric jigsaw, and reinstallation.

The doors now close with a satisfying ease.

My next efforts will be to stop the leaking driver side windscreen and look for a replacement to the badly worn sheep skin seat covers that have shown the wear since the purchase of the car in April 2006.

It seems to be a coincidence that my recent purchase and the original car purchase were both in my birth month of April, or is it?.

Enjoy reading this issue of our magazine!

Graham Haywood

Editor



New Wheels & Tyres



Door cards too wide



Worn seat cover



## **MGCCHR Presidents Report for April 2025**

Last months meeting was one of those feel good meetings where Frans was able to make our donation to Variety, the money was from our "Euro Day" and was very well received by the 2 Variety club drivers. They then gave us a talk about "the bash" and all things Variety.

As usual, we have had plenty going on to have you make use of your cars, e.g. "Cars and Coffee", "Square Riggers", "Mid Week Lunch Runs", "Clubman Run", "Tuning Runs", "Lakeside Morning Coffee" etc but unfortunately the weather wasn't kind to us for the annual car show at "Hawkes Nest". However as usual Andrew was there in the "A" in the rain and flying the flag for the MGCCHR.

The Clubman run for March was a great day out with great company and even better MG roads. It was a lovely drive in the Kia but would have been much better in the MG, maybe next time. Thanks Peter for putting that run together and for taking on the next Club Tuning Run.

Yours Octagonally,

President, Denny Bowden

## **CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT**

A healthy attendance for the March run considering the mid 30s temperatures. A few brave souls ventured out with their respective roofs down but thankfully avoiding heatstroke along the way. Most wisely brought their 'normal cars'.

The Yarramalong Cafe was the venue and all 20 attendees enjoyed the lunch, drinks and conversation in air conditioned comfort.

If you're looking for a lovely drive in your MG, I can thoroughly recommend the run out to Yarramalong for a coffee or lunch.

April Clubman Run on the 13th is to the Morton's residence at Arcadia Vale for morning tea/light lunch. More details to follow and numbers will be needed for catering.

Pete Le Breton

Club Captain

## PRO Report April 2025

As this magazine goes to 'print' we're only a couple of weeks away from NatMeet 2025 in Albury. I'll be one of the MGCC HR Crew representing our Club, and the next few weeks will be attending to those fixes, details and tidies that the events calls for. Admittedly it's not all just the Concours, but a lot of the preparation is in anticipation of the competition. I'll post my daily blog of events, with lots of pictures, in the Club Facebook Group, so you can keep tabs on the mischief we all get up to. It'll be fun.

I'm travelling in convoy with Frans and Leo in a 'fleet' of MGAs - a Twin-Cam, a MkII Deluxe and Miss Scarlett my MkII. If you're travelling south on the M1 in the morning of Thursday 17 Mar you may see us in formation. Chocks Away! (and not just chocky eggs).

One upcoming event of particular note is the annual JDCHR All British Day on Sat 26 April, which our Club has supported for many years. The usual range of monthly events will also be available in March, see our Website for details.

I've added another MG to my garage. I bought Arthur Nichols' MG TF160, which has taken up residence next to "Miss Scarlett" in Greta. After some consideration, taking into account his muscular stance and silver paint, I've dubbed him "Stirling". I name all my cars - although some have less polite names when they 'fail to proceed'. Fortunately, Arthur took great care of the car, so we're looking forward to many enjoyable miles (kms?) with "Stirling". He'll get a few runs in before "NatMeet", so I can detail "Miss Scarlett". A girl has to look her best for the ball.



Please remember to keep space in your calendar for Euro Motorfest on Sunday 22 June.

I hope to see you in your MG in 2025.

Andrew Gowans

The PRO with Two MGs

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## MG Car Club Wagga Wagga MG Gathering of the Faithful 2025

Fri 12 - Sun 14 September

See our Website for details

<https://www.huntermg.com/event/mg-car-club-wagga-wagga-mg-gathering-of-the-faithful-2025/>

# EURO MOTORFEST 2025

22nd June - Newcastle Foreshore Park

HUNTER REGION CAR CLUB

## **SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT**

First motorsport event for April will be Round 1 "MG Racing NSW" & will be run on Saturday April 5 at "One Raceway" Goulburn.

"Team Hunter" members Steve Jones & Matt Blanch will be competing in the event. Steve will have 5 other midgets & a Bug Eyed Sprite to compete against.

Matt will be driving Dad Austin's MGA in the event. It will be good to see Matt back on the track as it's been a while. Rumour has it that Austin has turned the rev limiter back a bit. I think Matt will have a run in the practice session on Friday to become reacquainted with the A.



Good to see well known MG race engine builder Bob Rowntree having a run in his Austin Healy Sprite mk1 in the event. I will be travelling down to the event as part of the support crew for the team.

It should be a great weekend on the track with Alfa Romeo, Hyundai Excels, Hyper Racer X1, Legend Cars, & Mazda MX5 all running on Saturday as well.

Well, it's not long to go to the "MG Nationals" at Albury Wodonga over Easter weekend and I believe we have 8 cars attending the event. I would like to wish them good luck & safe travels over the weekend. I'm sure they will enjoy it & get some good results as well.

"GEAR" will run its April event at "SMSP" Eastern Creek south circuit (Amaroo) which should see a good roll up of historic vehicles. Anyone interested in having a look can contact myself, Steve Jones, Austin Blanch for details.

I believe Bruce Melville had a run in regularity at the recent "Phillip Island Historic Meeting" & I will see if Bruce can do a report for the next club mag.

### **Coming Events**

**Saturday. April 5** Round 1 "MG Racing NSW" "One Raceway" Goulburn.

**Monday April 14** "GEAR" "SMSP" Eastern Creek south circuit

**April 18 to 22** "MG Nationals" Albury Wodonga.

Remember drive them don't hide them enjoy your MG

Cheers Gary

# MARCH SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER



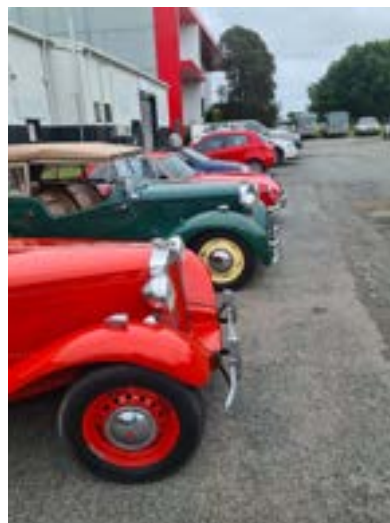
Square Riggers Noggin & Natter was held on the Thursday 6th of March at the usual location "Café inu"

at 43 Denison Street in Carrington.

We met at the usual time of 12 noon and nattered until around 2pm.

As usual we ordered our meals but due to the threat of rain on the day we sat inside the Café to enjoy our food and conversations as illustrated in the photographs below.

**Come and join us each month on the first Thursday as you will be welcome.**



## CLUB MEETING TUESDAY 11th MARCH

On the Club night our guest speakers were Ant and Chris from "Variety The Childrens Charity". Frans our Secretary presented each with donation cheques from funds collected at our **Euro Motorfest** from 2024. We were then given a talk by them on the Bash activities as well as the use of money raised to help support the purchase of items that will help disadvantaged children.

Following are a few pictures of the attentive group of members.





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## **MID-WEEK GATHERING MARCH 2025**

The "Mid Week Gathering" for March was at the "Swansea RSL" in Swansea.

Parking was found to be a little difficult due to building work being undertaken nonetheless an enjoyable time was had by all as is well illustrated by the below photographs of the attendees

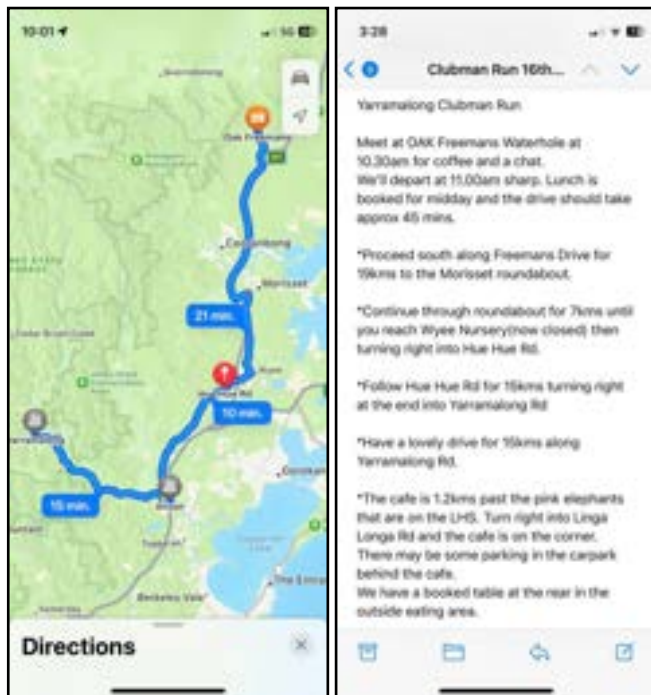
Many thanks Kay for your organising the venue.





# CLUBMAN RUN MARCH

The route taken from the meeting point at the “OAK Diner” at “Freemans Waterhole” was as per the adjacent directions.



*Club Captain you have set the bar for Clubman Run directions very high! (Editor)*

Members met at Freemans Waterhole and enjoyed company along with coffees etc. whilst awaiting the instruction “all are here so let’s get on the road!”

The route was along MG enjoyable roads even though most participants had heeded the advice to use their regular cars, as the ambient temperature was forecast to be high.

Nonetheless there were a few hardy members in their MG’s.



Some of the MG’s at starting point .



There was a little difficulty in exiting the “OAK” car park, nonetheless all vehicles were soon on the road towards our destination for the day the “Angel Sussurri Restaurant” at Yarramalong. Some cars managed to find a park at the rear of the restaurant with others at the front .

The location for lunch could not have been better with air conditioned comfort on a hot day, good company to share the midday with, friendly helpful staff with excellent meals.



We should do this run again.  
Pete Le Breton  
Club Captain

## LAKESIDE COFFEE RUN

Another fine sunny morning for the Coffee Run to Marks Point Cafe & Post Office. A big welcome to our new member Sharon Caldwell for joining us in her MR2. Thanks to Samantha & the friendly staff who welcome the group every month.

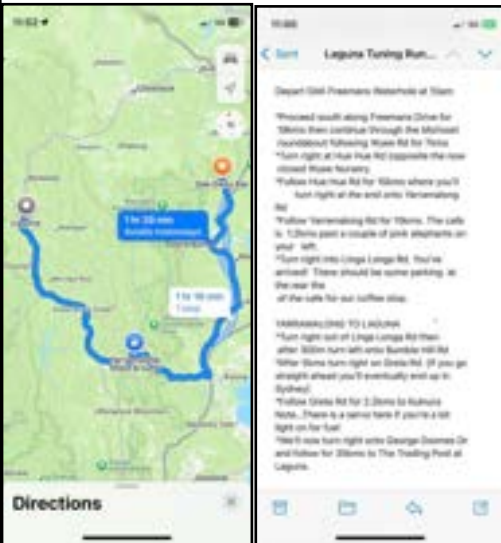
Pete Le Breton

Club Captain



# TUNING RUN MARCH 2025

Hello members, the height of the bar is set!, adjacent are the route map and route details provided for the March Tuning Run.



This is the detailed information intended to be provided for future Tuning Runs.

*It is always interesting to see what vehicles and whom turn up at the designated meeting point prior to the start of a Tuning Run. Some of the vehicles are shown in the below five photographs with an interested observer.*

*( Editor Comments)*



This month's Tuning Run was a bit of a mixed bag weatherwise. We had a group chat with a local Highway Patrol Officer at The Oak Freeman's Waterhole before departing for Yarralong where some hoped we'd have a police escort. Better a cop in front of you than behind, I always say.



Anyway, onwards to the Yarralong Cafe for morning tea and scones.



We had a mixed bag of weather and those with roofs down decided wisely to put them up before leaving for the ascent of Bumble Hill as the weather at the top and along the ridge looked pretty ordinary.

We caught up with Tony Cavanagh in his lovely TC along the way before we arrived at Laguna Trading Post for lunch.



All up about 100 kms.

The sun came out afterwards so roofs came down for a lovely brisk drive via Wollombi towards home.

Pete Le Breton  
Club Captain



**MGCC HUNTER REGION  
TUNING TOUR  
2025**

Coming in late August  
See the article in this  
magazine for details

Contact Alan at:

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HUNTER MG 2025 TUNING TOUR				Monday August 25th / Thursday August 28th
DAY/LEG	PLACE	ACCUM. KM	TRAVEL LEG TIME	NOTES
1	7?? AM	0km		Toilets available. Nearest petrol & coffee 10 mins south at Heather Brae
AM	The Buckets Way	3km	5 mins	
AM	Stroud	33km	30 mins	
AM	Gloucester	81km	35 mins	Head for Thunderbolts Way - Petrol & Toilets available
M/TEA	Gloucester			TBA many cafes in main street
AM	Walcha	230km	1 hr 50 m	Petrol & Toilets available
LUNCH	Walcha			TBA
PM	Walcha - Depart			
PM	Bendermeer	280km	40 mins	<b>THIS LEG NOT TESTED YET</b>
PM	Uralla	330km	30 mins	Our overnight stop
ACCOMM	Uralla - Free Afternoon in Uralla			Various accommodation available incl. the Bushranger Motor Inn (@\$155 p/n)
				Some rooms set aside @ Bushrangers ph 67783777 to self book. Motel on single level
				Please check room meets your needs. Some have very high spa baths!
DINNER	Uralla			2 pubs on the main street & Uralla Bowlo. Bowlo has Asian food if you prefer.
2	BREAKFAST			
AM	Uralla - Depart	330km		A few cafes in Town. Great cafe diagonally opposite Bushrangers Motel
AM	Bundarra	405km	45m	Meet Alma Park on Queen St - NO Toilets available. Continue on Thunderbolts Way
AM	Gilgai	440km	25m	Narrow bridge in Town, some associated roadworks. Now Bundarra Rd
AM	Inverell	450km	10m	Those who'd like to explore Inverell can do so. Plenty of shopping. Jewellery at Info Centre
AM	Nat. Transport Museum - Allow 90 mins			Rifle Range Rd, Inverell. Great range of cars and auto memorabilia. Free coffee available
LUNCH	Inverell			Inverell Sporties, Gwydir Hwy. Park off street next to club
PM	Inverell - Depart	450km		
PM	Guyra	540km	40m	Slay on Guyra Rd until RH on New England Hwy (A15) ** Not well sign posted!
PM	Armidale	576km	40m	
ACCOMM	Armidale			Services Motel (@ \$180 p/n with secure parking), others from \$140 available across town
				Some rooms set aside @ Services. ph 67720918 to self book. Motel has elevator
DINNER	Armidale			Services Club attached to motel. Various restaurants in town centre if you prefer

<b>3</b>	<b>BREAKFAST</b>	Armidale							Various Cafes on The Mall & surrounding streets; also Maccas	
	AM	Armidale - Depart	576km						Meet McDonald Park on Barney St, Toilets available. Continue onto Waterfall Way.	
	AM	Dorrigo	703km	1h 15m					Toilets available	
	AM	Bellingen	732km	45m			2 hr		Cafes & Toilets available. Range of craft shops if interested	
	<b>MORNING</b>	Bellingen							OR Old Butter Factory Cafe for M/Tea, Butter Factory approx 1k from township	
	AM	Bellingen - Depart	732km							
	PM	Blackmans Point	866km	1h 30m			1h 30m			
	<b>LUNCH</b>	Blackmans Point							Riccardoes Tomatoes & Strawberries Cafe, Jams & sauces available. Pick your own fruit.	
	PM	Take the The Lakes	955km	55m					OR Failford Rd exit if you miss first turn off. Easy to do!	
	PM	Forster	978km	1h 25m			2h 20m			
	<b>ACCOMM</b>	Forster							Forster Palms Motel (@ \$140 p/n), or many other nearby motels	
									Ten rooms set aside at Forster Palm. Phone 65556255 to self book. **Motel on two levels	
	<b>DINNER</b>	Forster							Group Dinner next door in the Forster Bowling Club. Club Grill or Asian Buffet available	
<b>4</b>	<b>AM</b>	Forster - Depart	978km						Meet outside Forster Palms Motel in MacIntosh St. Many cafes for breakfast if required	
	AM	Nabiac	1002km	25m			25m			
	AM	National Motorcycle Museum							\$15 entry - Coffee, Food & Shops available in Town approx 500 m south.	
	<b>M/TEA</b>	Nabiac - Depart for Home							Cafes in town - allow 1 hour	





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Alan

0417 431 276



## FOR SALE MGB WIRE WHEELS

I have these rims for sale at best offer.

They are off a mark 1 "B" Roadster 60 spoke rims.

My contact number is 0414372787 and I'm at Kurri  
Peter Brown



## MGB Parts

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  - Brand new, still in box, never fitted
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Contact David on 0414 576 376

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# FOR SALE

## For Sale 1960 MGA 1600

1960 MGA 1600, Monza Red, soft and hard tops, tonneau cover, seat belts, original motor and gearbox, 23,000 miles on clock, two owners since 1980, tyres replaced 5000 miles ago, carby's overhauled 2021, major overhaul by previous owner including soft top and upholstery, mechanically excellent, runs well, used regularly for short distances, garaged, serviced correctly, repair receipts, original service manual, no rust, Kenwood CD player and speakers, crank handle, fully registered until June.

Chrome could be enhanced, Soft top needs re-attaching to crossbar, horn not working, duco under bonnet could do with a respray.

**\$43000 ONO** Contact Craig Patrick on **02 49588658** or **Patrick38@iprimus.com.au**



## 1968 MGB

1968 MGB with overdrive, standard number plate, and electronic ignition. Rust-free and reliable with 12 months registration.

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Reluctant sale, previously advertised on another site.

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**Contact: Dylan Worley on 0407299266.**



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**\$24,000** Contact [pennyfurner@gmail.com](mailto:pennyfurner@gmail.com)



# FOR SALE

## FOR SALE MGYT Tourer 1950

This is Yvette Bywater daughter of Kerry Reily ( I hope you remember dad )  
Dad is 91 years old and his mobility is very poor, hence he is no longer able to tinker around with his beloved MG.

He has asked us to reach out to the club to see if there is any interest from members wanting to purchase his pride and joy.

He has said the coil needs replacing.

This MG has received a whole lot of love from dad over the years, and to be honest, it is sad that we are now putting the car up for sale.

I've attached some photos.

We would prefer to go through the club prior to advertising else where. Would appreciate if you could circulate this to other members. If anyone is wanting to discuss further I can be reached on

**0418 464 363 or [Ybywater@me.com](mailto:Ybywater@me.com)** Many thanks Yvette Bywater



## 1968 MGC GT

Your chance to own a rare 6 cylinder MG!

Only 4,000 built over 3 years, compared to over 300,000 MGBs

4 speed manual with electric overdrive, sunroof.

145 BHP

Serviced by Gilberts in Maitland.



Contact Andrew 0499 602 481

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## FOR SALE 1949 MG Y Type Saloon

1949 MG Y Type four door saloon, finished in British Racing Green with tan interior.

Powered by the single carburettor version of the XPAG 1250cc motor.

The car has a sliding roof and design features of the period such as forward opening front doors, tilting windscreen and burr walnut veneered woodwork, and has period accessories including "Jackall" hydraulic jacking system, 1940's valve radio and Smiths Beehive heater.

Obtained from Phil Redhead (Sportsparts Pty Ltd) in 1974, and since then has been maintained to a high standard including body and mechanical restoration in the 1980's. Originally it was used as a daily/weekly drive, but recently has been placed on Historic Registration 34953J (not transferable).

Price: **\$21,500**

Condition: Good, as per the photos.

Location: Galston 2159 NSW.

Contact: Graham Monaghan

**0296531230**

**gmono1@proton.me**



## WANTED

### Chrome Bumper MGB Roadster Rear Leaf Springs

Wanted a pair of Chrome bumper roadster rear leaf springs.

The springs on my car are a bit saggy and I have noticed that they seem to be missing a leaf, ie I have five and I believe they should have six leaves.

Contact can be **Ray Tolcher 0425245100**

**MG Car Club Hunter Region**

**Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 11<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Meeting Opened:** 6:07 p.m.

**Chair:** Denny Bowden **Minutes:** Frans Henskens.

**Present:** Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Peter Le Breton, Gary Piper, Andrew Gowans, John Longrigg, Alan Andoni, Linda Claydon, Graham Haywood.

**Apologies:** Steve Jones.

**Minutes:** Minutes of previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025 were read and approved; moved Peter Le Breton seconded Linda Claydon.

**Business Arising:**

Nil.

**Reports:**

President (Denny Bowden):

Nothing new to report.

Vice President (Steve Jones):

Is an apology because of work commitments.

Re: this month's Tuning Run on the 27<sup>th</sup>, Austin is away and SJ will be working. We will need someone to organise a run and location for lunch.

Peter Le Breton to organise.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2024/25 Membership renewals to date: a total membership of 228 individuals with 23 of these being Associates.

NCC has approved our application to conduct Euro Motorfest on 22 June with reserve 29 June. Formal notification is being withheld pending up-to-date PLI certificate from one of our suppliers.

I submitted an entry for *What's On in Newcastle* to advertise to the general public <https://whatson.newcastle.nsw.gov.au/event/mgcchr-annual-euro-motorfest-2025>

John McDean and Ant van der Vliet will attend this month's meeting to receive \$500 each for their entry in the 2024 Variety Bash.

Andrew has managed to contact JH Children's Hospital. A representative will attend next month to receive their \$1,000 donation.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Balance at 28/02/25 for Working Account is positive. Investment account with Newcastle Permanent Building Society with a matured balance rolled over for 195 days.

MGCCHR's Membership for MG Car Club UK has been renewed.

Club Captain (Peter Le Breton):

Upcoming Clubman Runs.



This Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> to Yarramalong.

25<sup>th</sup> is the Lakeside Coffee Run.

27<sup>th</sup> is the Tuning Run to Lagoona for lunch, starting at Madz on York, Teralba at 10 a.m.

13<sup>th</sup> April Clubman Run is to The Mortons' place.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On The Marque*.

Bruce Melville ran in Phillip Island historic event recently.

MG Racing Event is coming up April 4<sup>th</sup>, Steve, and Matt are driving.

Gear meeting 11<sup>th</sup> April at Eastern Creek.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Report, as per *On the Marque*.

Clubman Awards proposal, as discussed last year.

Committee members to email AG with suggestions, which he will then further investigate.

Repco is donating the raffle prizes for Euro Motorfest. Shannons have offered to sponsor an award.

Suggest Shannons provide a *Best Club Display* award.

Have a standing invitation to the *Cars and Coffee* events which will become a listed Club event.

26<sup>th</sup> April is *All British Day* event at Foreshore Park, will be added to calendar.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

Club Metal Car Badges can be mailed to Club members who are unable to get to a Club meeting. The badge cost is \$50; the postage charge with tracking is \$12.50. Please contact the Regalia Officer for payment details.

An update on the Club Windscreen Sticker will be provided at the Committee meeting.

JL has them, cost is \$4 each.

Committee Member (Alan Andoni)

Update on developing plans for the August Tuning Tour.

Includes possible interactions with Taree and Port Macquarie car clubs.

Would like to start advertising the Run with our Club membership.

Social Director (Linda Claydon)

The speaker for May meeting is confirmed – Scott Harvey. He is a driving instructor.

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

March issue of *On the Marque* was published online on 1 March 2025.

General Business:

Nothing new to report.

Club Website stats for February 2025 (Andrew Gowans): *to be updated*

In February the Website was viewed 1,989 times with the peak being 2 February with 145 views. The daily average was 71 views per day.

#### Facebook Stats

In February there were 208 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 6,509 times.

#### Website Updates

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

**Meeting Closed** 7:15 p.m.

**Next Meeting:** Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2025 @ 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 MG Club endorsed Car Shows or Community Events (unless there are limits on the number of cars that can participate).
- (E) member responsible for Thursday monthly Square Riggers lunch.

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 MGC-CHR with a range of services over the club year.