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What's On



MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

MAY 2026

- ♦ **Tuesday 5th – MGCCHR North Region members meeting at Lake Cathie Tavern**
- ♦ **Thursday 7th – Square Riggers Noggin and Natter–“CafeInu” Carrington–
43 Denison St for 12pm to 2pm**
- ♦ **Sunday 10th – Cars and Coffee at the Levee–See web site for details.**
- ♦ **Tuesday 12th – Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm
General Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm.**
- ♦ **Wednesday 13th – Mid Week Gathering–11.30 am for 12 am Lunch at Valentine
Bowling Club.**
- ♦ **Sunday 17th – Clubman Run – To be advised.**
- ♦ **Tuesday 26th – Lakeside Coffee – 9am at Marks Point Café & Post Office**
- ♦ **Thursday 28th – Tuning Run – To be advised.**

JUNE 2026

- ♦ **Tuesday 2nd – MGCCHR North Region members meeting at Lake Cathie Tavern**
- ♦ **Thursday 4th – Square Riggers Noggin and Natter–“CafeInu” Carrington–
43 Denison St for 12pm to 2pm**
- ♦ **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 To be advised.**
- ♦ **Sunday 14th – Clubman Run – To be advised.**
- ♦ **Sunday 21st – Euro Day – Newcastle Foreshore Pk See advert inside magazine pge 11**
- ♦ **Thursday 25th – Tuning Run – To be advised.**
- ♦ **Tuesday 30th – Lakeside Coffee – 9am at Marks Point Café & Post Office**

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.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL MGCC HUNTER REGION

Dear Member of the MG Car Club Hunter Region,

Membership Renewals are due by end of June 2026.

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 \$70

Family Membership (Full or Associate) is \$80

Student Membership (over 18 and full-time student) is \$35

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)

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,

Associate Single/Family, or

Student

to our Treasurer Greg Jenkins (treasurer@huntermg.com)

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

David & Patricia Carter

John & Lisa Needs

Elizabeth Hinton

Robert McDonald

Nicholas Hartley

Ian Jones

Andrew Barker

Clarke & Brenda Orlowski

Bill Pike

Jonathon Prior

Gerry Harper

Kevin Liddell

Lyell Blackman

Maree Sullivan

Thomas Caelli

Lawrence Caelli

John Breedon

Derek Howley

Heidi Nader

Mid Week Gathering MAY.

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **13th May 2026**

Venue : . **VALENTINE BOWLING CLUB**

Location : .**17A VALENTINE CRESCENT VALENTINE**

Parking : .Around the Club .

Time : approx., 11.30am for 12.00

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

Kay and Denny will be away so let Sue and Don Firth 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

Deadline for the JUNE 2026 edition will be

FRIDAY 29th MAY 2026

This issue of the magazine has the usual pictorial report of the club events during March of “Square Riggers”, “Mid Week Gathering”, “Clubman Run”, “Tuning Run”, and the participation of our motor racing members in the Hard Track Hill Climb run by “MGCCNewcastle” event at their “RINGWOOD” track past Raymond Terrace on the main road.

Our next Club Meeting will be on Tuesday 14th of May and we can enjoy sharing our “MG” experiences over a hot cuppa, or a cold Beer, after the formal business is completed.

On a serious note I have declared that I will **not be nominating** for the position of **Editor** at our AGM this year and I am pleased to announce that at least one club member has indicated that he would like to be nominated at the next AGM.

Graham Haywood
Editor

From the driver's seat... *topless talk.*

With the current situation in the Middle East, the talk of shortages and the continued exorbitant prices, the committee has decided that it may not reflect well on the Car Club to have a long line of MG's out touring the roads in a large group, and according to some, wasting a scarce resource. As such, we are temporarily cancelling our longer 'Tuning Run' and making the Clubman Runs a destination run. We still want you to drive your MG's and you will accrue points for the Clubman point score, we just won't be seen in a big line.

Of course, how I want to spend my money it is up to me and no one else's business. It's just, some people like giving their opinion even when they don't know what they're talking about and their opinion isn't wanted. Thankyou Facebook.

This will be revisited every month. Enjoying your MG is important for your mental health so we don't want to adversely affect any member.

Bev and I got Bev's Midget out for the "All British Day". It has been a very long time since she's been out. Getting every red light on the way in and back did not make for a happy car. The next day we went to the Clubman run and got to clean the plugs the best way known, with a spirited drive That's a lot easier in a Midget where the speed lilit feels like you are flying. What great fun on a beautiful autumn day. The baby is going much better now.

My Race Midget is nearing the end of a gearbox/ diff change over. I've finally succumbed to the dark side and put a 5 speed Toyota gearbox in. I just have to decide what diff ratio to run. Should try and get a 4.2 centre again. If anyone has one...

The new ratio's are definitely not 'close' by any stretch of the imagination, and apparently a close ratio gear set is extremely rare. It will be interesting to see how it works out. It looks like a max out in second (8000rpm) and slightly off cam in third.

The real work started when the engine needed to move back an inch. That means engine mounts, prop shaft (needed to be made anyway), exhaust joints and where it enters the cabin had to be modified, hoses etc etc etc. Every time I went to put something back on, it was a modification of some type. There is a light, and hopefully by the time you're reading this, she might be mobile again. The first run will be interesting.

It looks like 1st gear will be for loading the trailer, with starts done in 2nd (even that is a higher ratio than the old 1st). I'm thinking positively that I will now have synchro on all gears. Diff ratios will be played with to get the ideal set up.

The MG National Meeting for 2026 has been run and won. The MGCC Hunter Region Didn't have any starters this year. We all have our reasons, and the afore-mentioned fuel crisis didn't help with any late minute decisions to dash down to South Oz!

It sound like there is some interest in next year in Tasmania. If you are considering it, please let me know so I can keep you updated as planning progresses.

Enjoy your MG whilst the weather is so good.

Steve

PRO Report May 2026

It sometimes pays to check the small details on your MG before you dive into diagnosing an issue. Car won't crank? Check your leads and connections before concluding you need a new battery or starter motor.

Engine misses? Check and clean your plugs, points, leads & rotor before fiddling with your distributor.

Overheating in traffic? Check coolant levels, radiator cap seal and the condition of your fan belt before prescribing a supplementary electric fan. In the latter case, I had oil on my fan belt that was making it slip. A clean with degreaser and a spray with belt conditioner and it's much improved.

I think of it as the Occam's Razor of Classic Car Ownership "the simplest explanation is usually the correct one". I'm sure we all have similar stories.

Dr Occam also prescribes regular use of your MG, to keep it in good fettle. They don't like being laid up unused for too long, they sulk. Even though we're affected by the current fuel concerns, there are still opportunities to get out in our cars and enjoy a bit of Club camaraderie without driving too long or too far. So, check your fluids, kick your tyres, light the fires and off you go.

The next major Club event is our annual Euro Motorfest, down on Newcastle Foreshore Park. Keep the date Sunday 21st June clear. I'll be asking for volunteers for the day, so stay tuned at Club Night and in the Magazine.



Actually, I had an engine miss a couple of years ago that I traced to a leak from the heater valve dripping coolant into the distributor. It happens.

Have you considered being the Club Pro?

Come and have a chat if you think you might. I'm not too scary, and I don't bite much.

See you in your MG.

Andrew Gowans

The PRO with the working fan belt

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SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

On Monday April 13 Paul Embleton & I travelled to Sydney Motorsport Park Eastern Creek to compete in the April "GEAR" event which saw 67 entries. It appears that the current fuel price cost us a few entries with some of those who travel long distances deciding not to come. Weather conditions on the day could only be described as perfect for Motorsport with the track gripping up nicely. The event was run on the Druitt circuit (North Circuit) which contains the long straight with turn 1 at the end that is considered to be one of the fastest corners in Australian Motorsport.

It was Paul's first time on the Druitt circuit & he drove well all day & thoroughly enjoyed the experience. I was a little bit disappointed with my driving on the day finding it difficult to get it right all the way round but as always any day on the track is enjoyable.

Once again Paul & I had some tuition from professional track coach David Stone which was helpful. Thanks to David for the time he puts in at "GEAR" meetings free of charge with not only new comers but anybody who is trying to improve their track skills.

"HSRCA" will run the Sydney Classic at "SMSP Eastern Creek" from Friday June 5 to Sunday June 7 and the event will be commemorating Jack Brabhams 1966 World Title win.

The event will be featuring those thundering "Formula 5000"s", "MG Racing Australia" also there will be Sports Sedans, Touring Cars & various open wheeler classes competing.

If you are interested in Historic Motorsport this event is worth the trip, you can wander through the pits, check out these cars & speak to the owners about their cars history.

Some of these cars are tribute replicas but a lot of them are the real deal. For information on this event get on to the "HSRCA" website. "HSRCA" has invited "GEAR" members to run in the Friday practice session if they don't want to compete in the main event.

Good news for "Team Hunter" is Austin Blanch's MGA is alive again & we look forward to seeing it back on the track. Hopefully Jonesy's race Midget will be running in the near future.

Coming Events

Sunday May 31 MGCC Newcastle Hillclimb Ringwood Park course A5

Friday June 5 to Sunday June 7 HSRCA Sydney Classic SMSP

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

MG is the Marque of friendship

Cheers Gary

CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

At the April committee meeting it was decided to introduce a couple of temporary changes to the club's driving activities due to the current fuel environment and, it would seem, short term supply uncertainties.

I've received generally positive feedback on the stance taken by the club and have been contacted by a few other clubs who have been discussing and/or implementing similar actions.

The runs affected are...

- 1) CLUBMAN RUN. This will continue as usual, but as a 'destination' run only.
- 2) TUNING RUN. This will be suspended for the time being.

The committee will review these at each monthly meeting.

Everyone is welcome to attend the Square Riggers, Club Meeting, Midweek Gathering, Morning Coffee Run and the Clubman Run for lunch as those functions will still be held and you can still get to use your MG's.

The club Facebook page also provides photos and detailed info of the activities.

Club Captain

Peter LeBreton

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July 24, 1948. Motor


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Past Newcastle Dealers & Parts Suppliers

Newcastle has had 3 main MG dealers from the 1940's to the 1980's. They were:



NSW MOTORS: Operated at Dairy Farmers corner in Newcastle West from about 1940 to the early 1980's. They started as an Austin dealer, but eventually became the last MG dealer in Newcastle in the Leyland era.



NSW Motors was always run by the Wolf family & always in the same location. When they stopped selling Leyland products, they opened Wolfie's Spares for a short while, which eventually moved to Islington opposite Islington Park.

Steve & Bev Jones have the MG & Triumph signage from this dealership hanging in their garage.



DELORE MOTORS: Started as Robinson & Delore in 1956 in Hunter Street and changed to Delore Motors shortly after. The business was owned by Harry Delore who was prominent around town driving a large Rolls Royce. There were many business locations including 880 Hunter Street (pictured) which is now an Indian Restaurant & opposite at 797 Hunter Street which is now vacant but shows the signs of being a new car showroom. The main spares warehouse was located at the corner of Scott & Thorn Street Newcastle, but

generally not open to the public. Retail spares sales for many years were from the building on the corner of Stewart Avenue & Parry Street which is now King Furniture. Spares were also sold briefly from a store at Maitland Road Islington which is now Newcastle Mobility Scooters. (pictured below)



P & R WILLIAMS: Percy & Reg Williams initially sold motorcycles from their Sydney dealership, but began importing MG's into the country from the 1930's. They remained the main NSW importers & distributors of MG's until the business was put into receivership by BMC in 1963. The business was then purchased by Larke Hoskins who dropped the P&R Williams name in 1969. They opened a branch in Newcastle at what was 318 Hunter Street (now 656 Hunter Street) which is now part of the Newcastle TAFE campus. This branch operated from the 1930's until 1963. A second branch was opened further along Hunter Street at 364 (now 710 Hunter Street) which now has a new building which operates as a medical practice. This branch was part of what became the Young & Green Holden dealership opposite the Theatre Royal. Local Motorcycling Identity Moss Williamson was initially appointed & always remained the Newcastle manager. P & R Williams cars always had a shiny dealers plaque installed under the bonnet (originally made of metal & later a self-adhesive sticker).



364 (710) Hunter Street in 1937



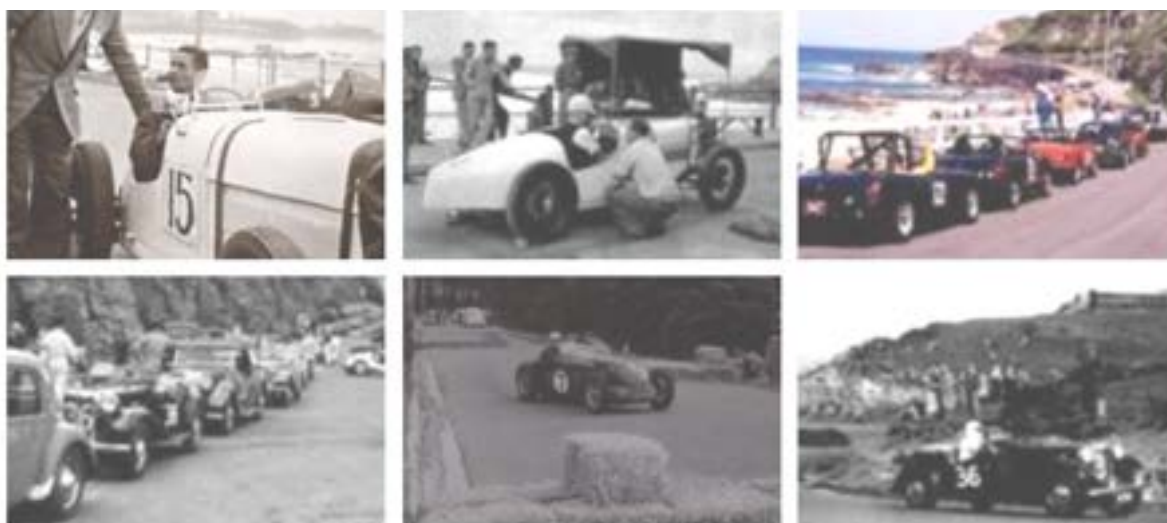
P&R Williams plaque for Y, TD & TF MG

MG's Past – Safety Fast

King Edward Park Hillclimb: Considered one of the most challenging Hillclimb courses in Australia, Newcastle's King Edward Park was a picturesque Hillclimbing venue from 1951. Newcastle MG Car Club ran The Mattara Hillclimb, on the historic King Edward Park course every October from 1963 until the last event in 2015. After this time construction of the Bathers Way walking track from South Newcastle Beach meant that the original starting line was built over & so the course was unusable.

The course record for the 1.094 kilometre hillclimb is 33.63 seconds, set by Neil Farr in a Bowen formula race car.

Many unique cars & people competed at King Edward Park. Consider the unique Ron Ward-Noel Barnes MGTC Special. At the first run in King Edward Park Hillclimb in 1951 Sydney MG owner Ron Ward drove to the top in a time of 67.72 seconds in his, then one year old, MGTC Special. The top left photograph below shows Ron talking to the Clerk of Course at the start of the Jubilee King Edward Park Hillclimb in April 1951.



Other competitors in the past included Dick Cobden, John Crouch, Ron Taurenac and Sir Jack Brabham. Sir Jack was quoted as saying King Edward Park was the most demanding and best set up Hillclimb in all of Australia



Jack Brabham in a Cooper Bristol at King Edward Park in 1954

MG Trivia Questions

- 1).What do the letters MG stand for:
 - a).Major Gardiner (*used in advertising in the 1950's*)
 - b).Modern Gentleman (*proposed by the new Chinese owners*)
 - c).Morris Garages (*the correct answer!*)
- 2).Who am I? I was a founding member of the original MG Car Club in England. In 1931 I joined the MG Car Company as an interviewer in the Service Department. By 1934 I was Service Manager & also managed many of the successful competition programs. In 1952 I became General Manager of MG, a position I retained until my retirement in 1969. (*John Thornley*)
- 3).What was the phone number of the original factory in England? (*Abingdon 251*)
- 4) Name either of the two major early Australian importers of MG's? (*P&R Williams in Sydney or Lanes Motors in Melbourne*)
- 5) What do the names of the following models have in common: PA, TA & MGA Mk1 (*Never official names given by the factory at the time of model release*)
- 6) What unique design feature was first used in the MG Y Type (*Independent front suspension*)
- 7) What other design feature was introduced in the MGB? (*Monoque construction – no chassis*)
- 8) What was unique about the design of the MG Midget Mk1 / Austin Healey Sprite Mk2 in the early 1960's? (*MG designed the front & Austin designed the back*)
- 9) In late 1974 the ride height of the MGB was raised by how far to meet US safety legislation? (*1" or 25mm*)
- 10) How is King Charles linked to MG? (*He bought a MGC GT new in 1967 & passed it on to Prince William in 1997*)
- 11) In the early 1990's BMW sold the manufacturing right for MG for 1 GBP to which corporation? (*Phoenix*)
- 12) What is the model name of the new MG commercial / utility (*MG U9*)

APRIL 2026 SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER



Square Riggers Noggin & Natter was held on Thursday 2nd of April 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.

We sat inside the Café for this meeting and were located at the longest table.

Even so with the numbers of participants it required the doubling up at the ends of the table.

We had a good turnout of 16 regular members on the day.

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



A great turn out of MG history with the variety of attending cars, much to the delight of other patrons to the Café.

Good company with much discussion whilst enjoying the excellent light meals and drinks.

MID WEEK GATHERING for APRIL 2026

The Mid Week Gathering was at the SWANSEA RSL.

It was another enjoyable MG Mid Week Lunch Run with great weather for the journey, food and Company.

Thanks to Kay for doing the organisation for the run as usual an excellent choice.



Members busy in conversation awaiting the call for their ordered meals but interrupted for the usual group photographs.



Some of the club cars used to attend the Mid Week Gathering



Scenic views from the Swansea RSL

Jaguar Drivers Club Hunter Region's 'All British Day'



Hunter Region car display along the edge of the skate area



An interesting comparison of late MGB and very early Austin 10



Austin 10 and MG Y



Rear partial view of MGA's, Austin 10 and late MGB



MG Y Convertible



MG TF



A couple of well presented MGA's



MG TF



MGB



MG MGBGT



Modern MGTF



MGRV8



MGA Twin Cam



MGC SEBRING REPLICA



MG Midget



MGB with cross flow alloy Cylinder head

CLUBMAN RUN FOR APRIL 2026

The Clubman Run for April 2026 was to a destination location of "Bull and Bush" in Medowie, with members not driving as a group after meeting at a specific gathering point, but taking their own selected route. This change in the travel to a selected location was to appease potential public concern if we travelled as a group during a time of the current limited fuel availability.



Lakeside MORNING COFFEE RUN

LAKESIDE COFFEE RUN APRIL 2026

The Lakeside Morning Coffee Run at Marks Point Café & Post Office was well supported by our members on Tuesday 28th of APRIL. with 19 members attending.

The weather was perfect so we all sat outside under the umbrellas on the bench seats of the large tables to enjoy the excellent coffees, sweets and noisy conversation.

Thanks to Samantha & the friendly staff whom welcome the group every month.

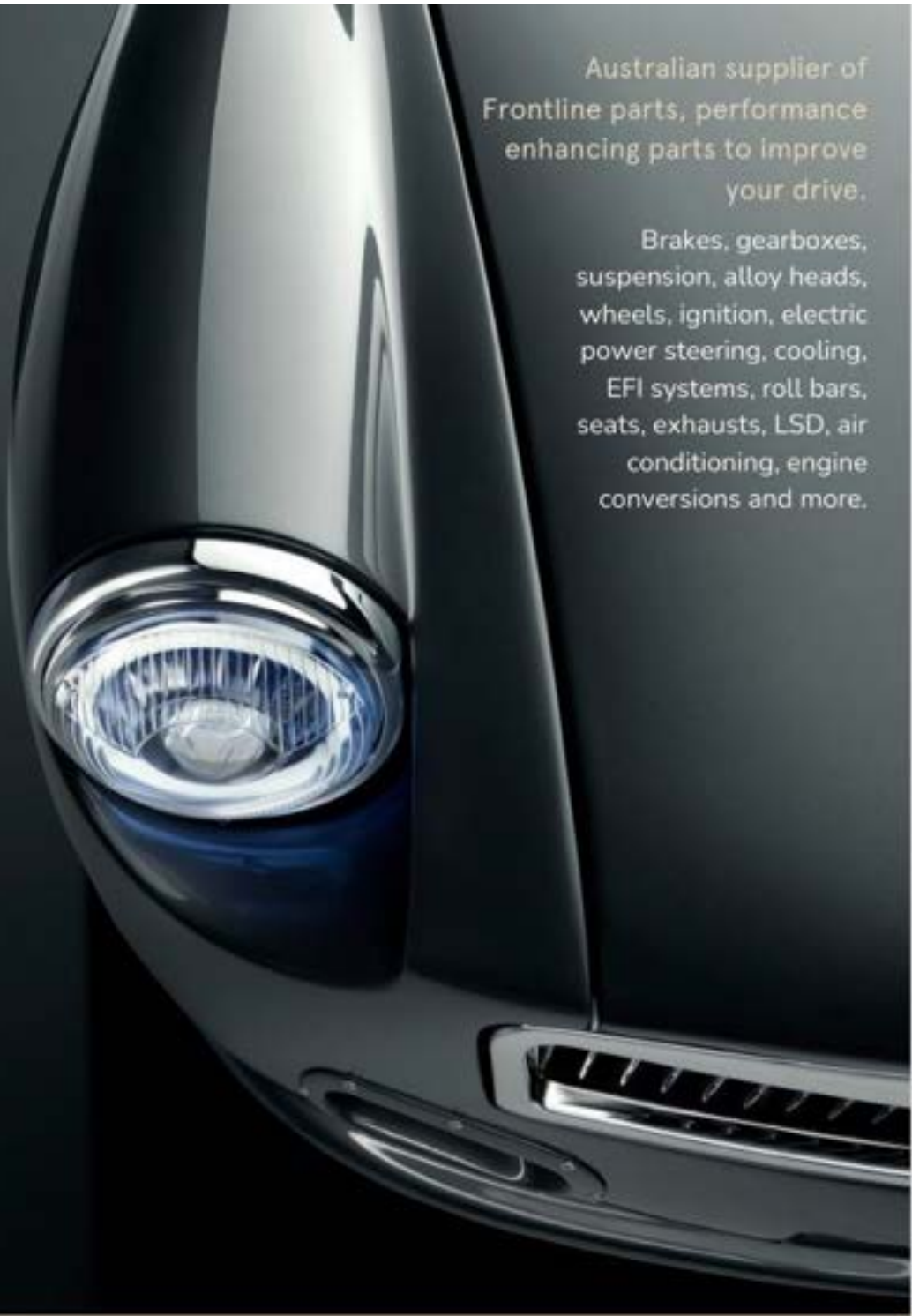




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2. MG MGTF 1500 XPEG engine, professionally reconditionedSelling for what it has cost me\$19,950.00

_Thank you,

Maurie Prior..... 0438668162

Email..... malleeboy01@gmail.com

ITEMS FOR SALE

Message to 0439 212 880. Peter Lloyd



Lucas side entry distributor cap. Pt no 409635. Should suit DKYH4A, 40089 distributor. Applicable to TD, Y types. \$40.



A bundle of mostly XPAG parts, generally in good usable condition, except the rocker shaft assembly which is not quite complete. \$100 the lot.

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MG TD 1951

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Gear Location Floor

Drive Rear Wheel Drive

Steering Rack and Pinion

Induction Twin SU carburettors

Engine Configuration In-line 4 Cylinder

Engine Code XPAG

Power 40.3 kW

Power rpm To 5500 rpm

Drive Rear Wheel Drive

Steering Rack and Pinion **Country of Origin** UNITED KINGDOM **Launch Year** 1951



FOR SALE

1978 MGB

\$15,000 very negotiable.

Recently resprayed.

Seats recovered.

New door cards.

New carpet.

Drives ok.

Strong motor.

Unfinished project.

Good club car.

I need to sell as moving interstate soon.



Ian Jones

0466 478 047



1968 MGB Roadster,

British racing green, overdrive,

Chrome wire wheels, chrome roll bar.

2 tonneau covers, all in very good condition,

recent major service at Moxhams, historic

non transferable rego,

\$25,000 O.N.O

Contact, Denny Bowden 0402476631



FOR SALE

MGB 1970.

Manual with overdrive. 72,741 miles.

4 cylinder petrol.

Located at Armidale.

\$20,500.00

Contact Kay on

[0432 573 574](tel:0432573574)



MG TC 1948 FOR SALE

Price: ~ \$42K Chris 0408 561 211

Chassis No: TC/4663 Engine No: XPAG16016

Restored to a high standard in the mid-'80s, this 1948 MG TC is still in fine shape. Fire-engine RED with red trim, over silver-painted wire wheels. In the 1990's it was changed to 16" wheels and installed a Morris Minor Differential (4,55:1).

Previous owner resided in Newcastle where it underwent an extensive (and no doubt expensive) full and complete restoration, assisted by a well-known MG specialist. Before that, it was purchased from a Central Coast owner who knew little of its history.

Lucas Fog and Headlights. Headlights have halogen globes. A luggage rack sits comfortably on the rear. The roof, tonneau and side curtains were renewed in 2000. The TC moved to Western Australia from 2000 under the same owner and subsequently to Hobart, Tasmania, when it was purchased in 2016 by the present owner. The MG also comes with folders and a bag containing original factory Midget Instruction Manual, a TC Owners Club parts & services book and a service history. There's also, brochures, advertising. The wiper motor was restored and works fine. New Kingpins. This TC has always been garaged and is a wonderful example of a working MG TC that can start reliably, go anywhere and turn eyes as she passes by. A fine example, this 1948 MG TC would likely be a concours contender with some affectionate work. For the enthusiast who can manage that themselves, it should represent good buying.

Please call **Chris 0408 561 211 in New Lambton, NSW**



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.

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 Many thanks Yvette Bywater



1976 MGB FOR SALE

1976 MGB For Sale \$26,500 ONO

Fully rebuilt, in excellent condition.

Vehicle has travelled less than 4000 miles since rebuild, all documents and invoices available.

Has been regularly driven and serviced.

Fitted with alloy head and runs on unleaded fuel, underbody rustproofed and fitted with immobiliser.

Much loved vehicle, selling due to Ill health, will consider offers.

Mob: 0418 256 860

Email: kurtekanayake@gmail.com



FOR SALE

1967 MGB GT, Mk I

Selling my beloved 1967 MGB GT, Mk I Chrome bumper 4 speed manual, 1800cc in British Racing Green.

Structurally and mechanically A1. Classic car that is very original, sounds great, always garaged and well maintained. Receipts for all mechanical work, electricals overhauled and converted to negative earth with 12V battery, quality tyres, clutch hydraulic system recently overhauled. Paint is starting to peel but still presentable. Enjoy now as a very affordable classic car or fully restore.



Plates are Historic Club Rego, now expired. Located in Wollongong NSW

\$15,900 My contact details are **PH 0412 916 709** michael@saltchurch.info

FOR SALE Car Trailer - \$3,000 Contact Ros: 0409693848 or ros@bastians.com.au.

Car trailer suitable for MG T Type (not TF). Tows like a dream, totally stable on the road whether loaded or empty. Registered till October 2026. Good working condition and tyres. Needs a little TLC.



FOR SALE

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



MG Car Club Hunter Region

Meeting Opened: 6:00 p.m.

Chair: Steve Jones **Minutes:** Frans Henskens.

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

Apologies: Andrew Gowans.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 10th March 2026 were read and approved, moved Gary Piper seconded John Longrigg.

Business Arising:

Andrew Gowans has expressed interest in standing for editor of *On the Marque* next year.

Reports:

President (Steve Jones):

Discussion - is it responsible for us to continue to conduct Runs in the circumstance of the fuel shortages?

Moved: that until the current shortage of vehicle fuel has been resolved, that Club events be limited to destination runs for which the purpose of the run is the gathering of members at the destination. This means that the club will cease conducting runs for which the purpose is the drive rather than the gathering of members. To be reviewed monthly. Moved Alan Andoni, seconded Denny Bowden, carried unanimously.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

Reports from Sydney indicate there is currently a Transport NSW crack down of the compliance of vehicles with historic registration.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2025/26 Membership renewals to date: a total membership of 235 individuals with 22 of these being Associates.

Application for the 2026 Euro Motorfest is now completed and submitted to NCC.

I have spoken to Julie from the Clown Doctors and they are sending the paperwork for us to fundraise for them at Euro Motorfest. They will have a presence on the day, and would like a table provided for them.

Can we confirm a date for Rob Rowe to speak at our Club meeting about his involvement in motor sport and building cars.

June 9th meeting.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Balance at 31/03/26 for Working Account is positive. No change to the term deposit.

Re the Square payment feature: that we turn off the newly-provided ability to operate the system independently of Internet connection. Moved Greg Jenkins seconded John Longrigg, passed unanimously.

FAH to turn this off.

Club Captain (Peter Le Breton):

This month's Runs:

Clubman Run Sunday 19th to Bull & Bush Hotel at Medowie for lunch.

This to become a destination run to Medowie.

Tuning Run Thursday 23rd to Moxham Garage and on to Wollombi Pub for lunch.

Arrangements for this run to be changed to reflect the fuel shortage motion.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per *On the Marque*.

Celebration of first conduct of the Australian GP is to be held in Goulburn. Details TBA.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

PRO Report

My apologies for tonight. I'll be back for All British Day.

I've spoken to Repco as well now, and they're onboard to once again sponsor Euro Motorfest by donating prizes for our big raffle. They'll look at providing some flyers to include in the Shannons showbags. So, all past sponsors have now confirmed their continued support.

Shannons, Repco and Tyrepower have all been invited to put a marquee on the field on the day.

I'll get the showbags from Shannons towards the end of May. I'm planning on a working bee a couple of weeks out from the event to prepare our gear & to stuff showbags. I suggest either Sat 6 June or Sun 7 June at the Clubrooms.

I've received the quote from Purnells for the trophies & discussed it with Tyrepower. I'm waiting for their acceptance to place the order. I should order in the next couple of weeks.

Agenda item

Can the Committee choose a day for Euro Motorfest preparation, please? I suggest Sat 6th or Sun 7th June.

10 a.m. Saturday 6th June agreed to.

Coming Events

15/04 Midweek Run to Swansea RSL

18/04 JDCHR All British Day 2026

19/04 Clubman Run (see Club Captain's report for details)

20/04 Cars & Coffee in the Bay

23/04 Tuning Run (see Club Captain's report for details)

28/04 Lakeside Morning Coffee Run

04/05 Tweed Valley Rally

07/05 Square Riggers

10/05 Cars & Coffee at the Levee

Regalia (John Longrigg):

The MGA 70th Anniversary car badges have arrived. Their cost was \$413 for eight (8) badges or \$52 each. The Regalia Officer recommended that we sell the badges for \$50 each and the club covers the postage cost.

\$50 each agreed.

The Club website has very old Regalia item listings and associated pricing. The Regalia Officer requested that all this information be removed from the website and updated Regalia listings be provided for release on the website.

The Regalia Officer has received a list of new members since 1st October 2025 from the Secretary. The Regalia Officer will continue to interview new members for release in the Club magazine.

Committee Member (Alan Andoni)

Introduced Tina, who is tonight's presenter.

Social Director (Linda Claydon)

Is looking at organising a cruise boat function for Club members to be held in July.

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

April issue of *On the Marque* was published online on 1st April 2026.

General Business:

Discussion re submissions to do with National Meeting and Concours. Steve to raise the following issues for consideration at the Delegates meeting:

Criteria for judging the Club magazines favours Clubs who engage professional publishers.

Novelty events such as rocker-cover racing should not be able decide winning Clubs.

Club Website stats for November 2025 (Andrew Gowans):

In March the Website was viewed 3,240 times with the peak being 12 March. The daily average was 104 views per day.

Facebook Stats

Over March there were 528 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 49,797 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 10 March. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date.

Meeting Closed 7:21 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 12th May 2026 @ 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.
- (F) Member responsible for Tuesday monthly Lakeside Coffee Run.

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.