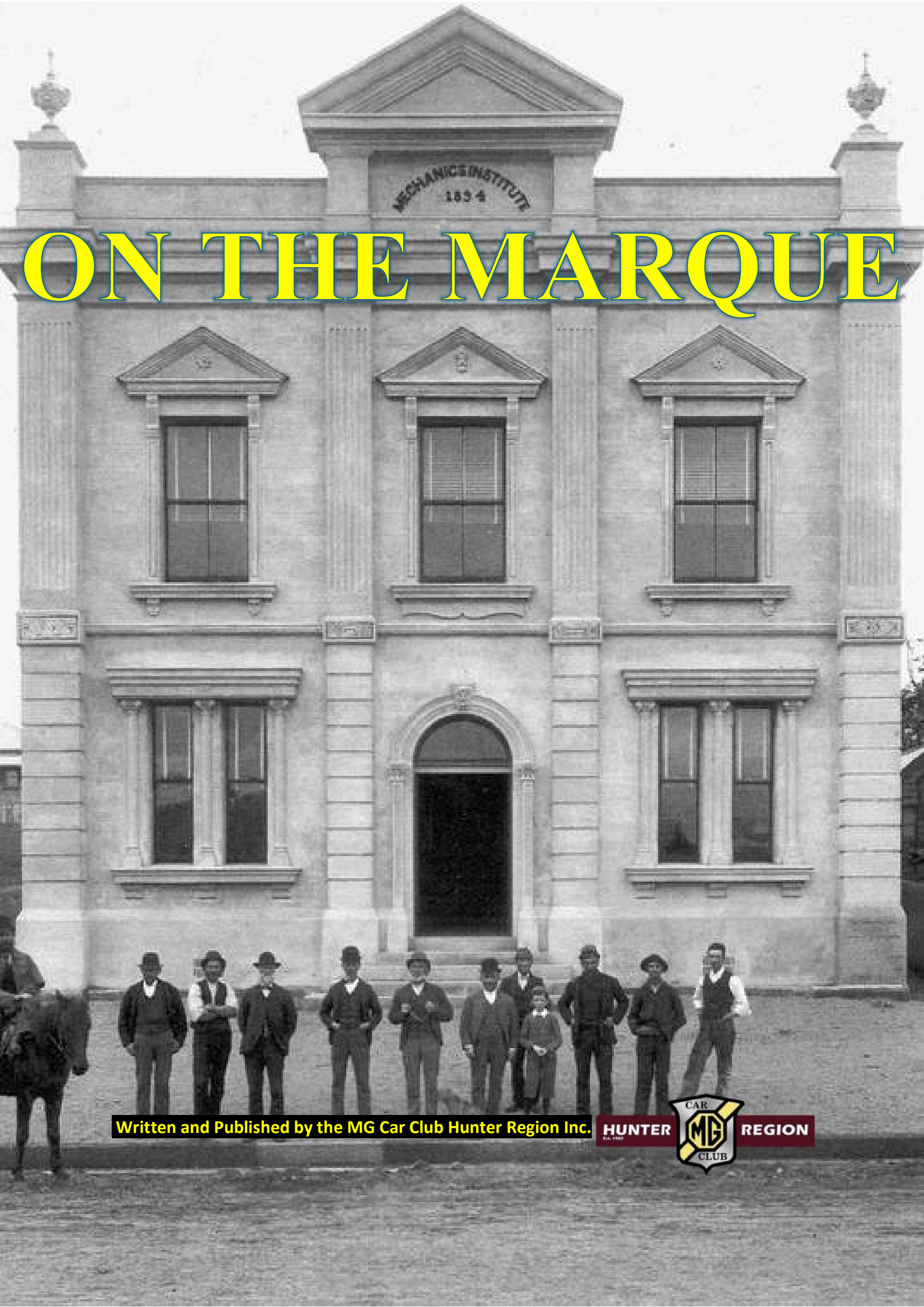




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Phone calls only before 9pm, please.***

WHAT'S ON



MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

OCTOBER 2026

- **Thurs 1ST** Square Riggers Noggin and Natter at Café Inu
- **Tues 6th** MGCCHR North Region meeting at Lake Cathie Tavern
- **Sun 11th** Cars & Coffee Maitland (see Website for details)
- **Tues 13th** Committee Meeting at Clubrooms 6 pm
Club Night at Clubrooms 7.30pm
- **Wed 14th** Midweek Gathering. 11.30 am for Midday Lunch. Venue Orana Hotel, Blacksmiths
- **Sun 18th** MGCC Hunter Region Annual Concours
- **Mon 19th** Cars & Coffee in the Bay (check Website for details)
- **Thurs 22nd** Tuning Run. To be advised
- **Sun 25th** *BACKUP - MGCC Hunter Region Annual Concours*
- **Tues 27th** Lakeside Coffee. 9 am at Marks Point Café & Post Office

NOVEMBER 2026

- **Tues 3rd** MGCCHR North Region meeting at Lake Cathie Tavern
- **Thurs 5th** Square Riggers Noggin and Natter at Café Inu
- **Sun 8th** Cars & Coffee Maitland (see Website for details)
- **Tues 10th** Committee Meeting at Clubrooms 6 pm
Club Night at Clubrooms 7.30pm
- **Wed 11th** Midweek Gathering. 11.30 am for Midday Lunch. Venue TBA
- **Sun 15th** Clubman Run & Christmas Toy Run
- **Mon 16th** Cars & Coffee in the Bay (check Website for details)
- **Tues 24th** Lakeside Coffee. 9 am at Marks Point Café & Post Office
- **Thurs 26th** Tuning Run. To be advised

Changes to arrangements published in "On the Marque" will be advised on both the Web page and the Club's Facebook page. Check there for such changes to date/time/locations.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Dear Member of the MG Car Club Hunter Region,

Membership Renewals were due by end of June 2026.

1. Those on historic registration **MUST HAVE RENEWED 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:

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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 BADGES

The following **NEW MEMBERS** can collect their club badges when attending a club function.

The club badge should be worn during any club function.

Hayley Birch
Greg Blades
Dennis Carter
Jan Cheetham
Tony & Susan Clarke
Andy Dodd
Kurt Ekanayake
Judith Flowers
Chris Gibson
Nicholas Hartley
Kathleen Ibbotson

Graham & Anne Leary
Kevin Liddell
Ben March
Raymond Melton
John & Lisa Needs
Clarke & Brenda Orlowski
Maria Outteridge
John & Astrid Perdriau
Terry Saunders
Greg & Robyn Sharpe
Tim & Rosie Smith

Richard & Trish Thomas
Mark & Toni Woodcock

MIDWEEK GATHERING

Midweek Gathering Wednesday 14th October 2026.

Venue: **Orana Hotel**

Location: **20 Pacific Hwy, Blacksmiths**

Parking: **Parking on Piriwal St.**

Time: **Approx. 11.30am for 12.00**

Members and their wives or partners can sit together if they wish.

Please let Kay or Denny know if you are coming on 0402 476 631.

Thank You, Kay Bowden

NEXT MAGAZINE DEADLINE

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

Deadline for the NOVEMBER 2026 edition will be

FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER 2026

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Folks. We're moving into the last quarter of the Club year with our Annual Concours on Sun 18 Oct, the Christmas Luncheon & Club Presentations on Sun 29 Nov and the Christmas Toy Run on Sun 15 Nov. Stay tuned for those events.

At our Club Night in September, we had a presentation from Clown Doctors Australia on their work with children in hospital, and older people in care. They work on 'Bringing Laughter and care to people in hospital'. We were proud to provide them with a cheque from the gate receipts of our Euro Motorfest back in June.



FROM THE EDITOR CONTD.

After a few late delays, my new garage build is finished, and Miss Scarlett and Stirling have moved in. It's good to have this done, as it provides space for me to properly store my cars, and their associated 'bits 'n' bobs', as well as get all the other family cars under cover. The garage has three bays, with two currently occupied and one intended for larger household projects, plus a carport outside. I have no intention of undertaking any MG rebuilds in this space (I know my limitations), but I do welcome my sons to use the area for their projects.

I've been asked if other members' cars can enjoy temporary accommodation in my garage. In theory I'm not opposed, and my rates are low; just free reign to 'fang' around the Hunter Valley on weekends in your car. If you've seen me drive, this may give you pause though.

With Annual Concours coming up, I'm proposing a Photo Competition for pics taken on the day. We've used the same excellent photo to advertise our concours for many years, but some new material would be great for next year. Please send your entry via email to me at editor@huntermg.com. Snap away!

See you in your MG.

Andrew Gowans



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

One of these days I'm hoping to actually become old and wise, I mean, right now I'm just old enough to know better but still dumb enough to proceed. That's a dangerous age. I've got enough experience to recognise a bad idea but apparently not enough maturity to stop myself from saying, well, let's just see what happens. I mean my brain provides a detailed list of probable consequences, my knees issue formal warnings, my back files an official complaint, and somewhere deep inside me there's an idiot teenager who whispers, 'you can still do it'.

No, I can't, but it's never stopped me from doing it before. I mean wisdom may come with age, but so far age has mostly brought joint pain and suspicious creaking when I move, and the confidence to make terrible decisions without needing anybody else's approval.

I mean one day I hope to be the quiet wise old man sitting on the veranda offering thoughtful advice to people, but today I'm still the old fool with a power tool and absolutely zero permits and I'm about to turn around and say, 'I can probably fix or make that', and it'll turn into a story that my wife tells the Paramedics... but I'll probably have a good time.

Not my thoughts but I can totally relate to them.

I was paroled from the house arrest I've been under at Perisher Valley Fire Station in late September. I got released early due to good behaviour and the feeling that I had been rehabilitated. Nothing to do with the abysmal snow season.

Unfortunately, I'm going to be heading further south to Coolamon for a month of country relief. That will mean that I will miss the October club night as well plus our Concours. Bugga. I should have the TF running by next year.

Speaking of our Concours, PLEASE give your MG a wash and polish and bring it along for the spectacle. Having a good display is an indicator of the health of our club. We still have good membership numbers but the numbers attending the Concours have been dropping off in the last few years, and it would be wonderful to catch up with friend we haven't necessarily met before.

If you'd like to know what we look for in a Concours, we'd be happy to help you out and we always need judges. Don't worry, we won't send you out alone.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Contd.



National Metting 2027 – Launceston Tasmania.

If you are now serious about going, can you please let me know... again if need be.

I've been locked away for too long and not having any MG fun. Hopefully soon.

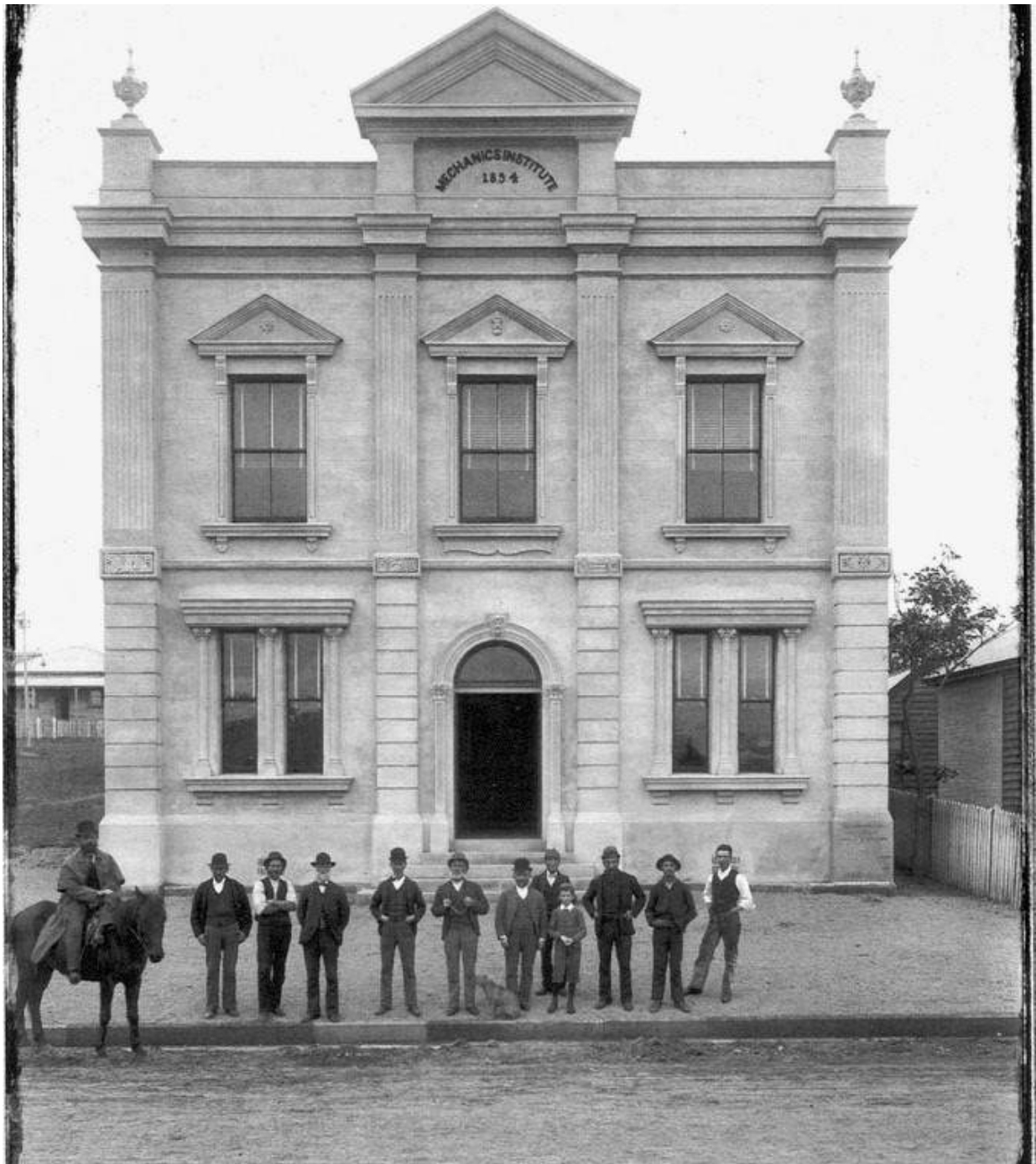
Steve Jones



LAMBTON MECHANICS INSTITUTE

FINIAL RESTORATION 2025-26

The first Howe Street Lambton Mechanics and Miners Institute building was made of timber and opened in 1868. The more substantial current 68 Elder Street Lambton Mechanics Institute building was erected in 1894 to provide a library, two games rooms, and a large 'airy' upstairs reading room to the then 65 financial members of the Institute. Some years later part of the original timber building was moved to the rear of the current building, where it remains to this day.



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Some 95 years later (at 10.27 a.m. on Thursday 28th December 1989) the Newcastle Earthquake struck, and the Lambton Mechanics Institute building suffered substantial damage, including that the western finial (ornamental orb) fell and smashed when it hit the ground.



Prior to the Earthquake, the Lambton Mechanics Institute building and site was managed by a Perpetual Trust, but as ill health beset the Trust members the running of the building fell to Kevin Goodwin, a well-known local printer. The only tenants at the time were the Girl Guides, who because of the earthquake damage decided to relocate their activities to another location.

This left an unoccupied and damaged but local heritage-listed building, so John Price, the then Member for Waratah, assembled a group of interested people to progress the building's recovery. This group comprised Kevin Goodwin, and three people who knew the

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building through their association with the Girl Guides (Commissioners Pam Ellen and Merlyn Tribe, and Patron David Amos who was also publican of the Snake Gully Hotel). Ron Robinson, the immediate past Deputy Lord Mayor of Newcastle City Council, was added to the group.

Through the efforts of particularly John Price, an NSW Government grant was obtained, a repayable loan from The Lord Mayors Earthquake Appeal was raised, and part of the site was sold. These monies funded restoration of the building, with priority given to returning the building to a useable state, so the fallen finial was not replaced.

In 1991, the NSW Government dissolved the Perpetual Trust and appointed a new Trust to commence on 1st January 1992 under the Crown Lands legislation. The inaugural members were Ron Robinson Chair, David Amos Secretary, Merlyn Tribe Treasurer, Pam Ellen, Kevin Goodwin and John Price.

Two new tenants arrived, namely, the Newcastle Family History Society and the MG Car Club Hunter Region. Meals on Wheels obtained funding and built a purpose-built kitchen and food distribution building on the De Vitre Street section of the site. All three organisations have remained tenants to the present day. This provides a pleasing continuity of purpose, in that the Institute had been built as a centre for learning, research and social gathering for the mining village of Lambton, and it continues today as a centre for learning, research and social gathering.

The current Lambton Mechanics Institute Land Manager (formerly known as the Trust) consists of Dr Ron Robinson Chair, Gary Ellen Vice Chair, Alison Eaton Secretary, Pam Ellen Treasurer, Sharyn Boyce and Professor Frans Henskens.

In 2025, the Lambton Mechanics Institute Land Manager decided to investigate if it was possible to restore the finial lost in the 1989 Newcastle Earthquake, which it was felt would restore the dignity of our beloved building.

Having identified Melgrand, a Melbourne based firm who specializes in producing replacement finials (orbs) for heritage buildings from GRC (a form of concrete), the challenge then was then how to create an accurate design specification of the remaining finial to ensure an exact replica could be produced. The remaining finial was high on a pillar base at the top of the building, so accessing it was not possible without installing

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expensive scaffolding which was beyond the Land Manager's budget.

The Land Manager was fortunate to be introduced to Dr Lloyd Pilgrim, Head of the Discipline of Civil Engineering, Surveying and Environmental Engineering at the University of Newcastle. Apart from keenness to assist with the finial project, Dr Pilgrim recognised an opportunity to develop an academic learning challenge for surveying students. Using both aerial (drone based) and terrestrial photography of the in-place finial and calibrating them against measurements and scans of the remaining sections of the fallen finial (using high precision photogrammetric scanning equipment), Dr Pilgrim was able to create a point cloud and mesh three-dimensional model of the finial. In parallel Dr Pilgrim also produced a teaching tool for his surveying students on how to scan and measure inaccessible and somewhat complex objects.

The resultant computer model was transmitted to Melgrand in Melbourne. The model made it obvious, however, that the existing finial was worn, especially from the north-east, where 132 years of exposure to salt air and industrial pollution had caused erosion that was reflected in the computer-based image. Melgrand were able to refine the image to take into account the deterioration and create an enhanced image which closely represents the finial's original form.

It was because of this on-going erosion that the Lambton Mechanics Institute Land Manager decided to replace not only the fallen finial but also the existing eroded finial.

When it came to painting the final, Mr Neil Griffins, formerly Head of Painting and Decorating at the Newcastle TAFE volunteered. While living in Lambton, Mr Griffiths had had a clear view of the finial from the front door of his house, and was keen to assist in the restoration.

To undertake the removal of the eroded finial and erection of the restored finials, there was a need to utilise the Institute's neighbour's land to position the spider lifter. Both neighbours, Mr Mark Leis (to the west) and Ms Cassie Stronach (to the east) agreed to allow us to use their land.

Bellbird-based 'High Work Services Pty Ltd' was engaged to remove the existing finial and install the two replica finials. This work was done on Wednesday 19th August 2026.

Frans Henskens

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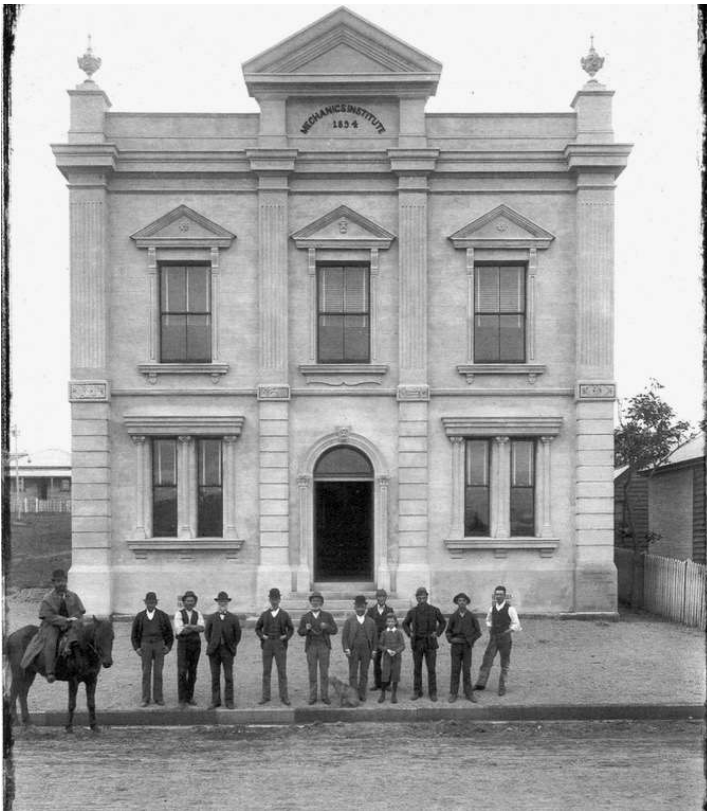
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Sincere thanks to

- Dr Lloyd Pilgrim, Discipline of Civil Engineering, Surveying and Environmental Engineering at the University of Newcastle, for his enthusiasm and skill in scanning, measuring, and modelling the remaining finial which was beyond our physical reach. In doing so Dr Pilgrim achieved a critical step in the project which otherwise would not have been possible.
- Mr Olver Moreira, of Melgrand Melbourne for his patience, skill and determination to massage the computer model to achieve a high-quality exact replica of the finial.
- Mr Neil Griffins, Former Head of Painting and Decorating at the Newcastle TAFE and until recently long-term Lambton resident, for an excellent paint job.
- Mr Mark Leis and Ms Cassie Stonach for being such supportive and co-operative neighbours.
- Mr Leon O'Neile from High Works Services Pty Ltd for the skill and professionalism he and his team demonstrated in the installation of the new finials.
- Our tenants, the Newcastle Family History Society and the MG Car Club Hunter Region, who share our affection for the locally-listed heritage building. They continue the journey of learning, research and social gathering within the building.

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MG Car Club Hunter Region

Annual Concours 2026





Sunday 18 October

Lambton Park
Elder & Morehead Sts
Lambton

Entry Fee \$10
Gates Open 8:30am
Judging Starts 9:30am

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SPORTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Team Hunter member Paul Embleton will be competing in the next GEAR Club meeting being on the Pheasant Wood circuit Marulan, it will be Paul's first run on the challenging 1.6 km Pheasant Wood Circuit. Weather forecast for the day looks good. I'm still waiting for parts to turn up from the UK to complete work on my B so I will be helping out with running the event on the day.

Our club will run the annual concours event at Lambton Park on Sunday October 18, I will be looking for assistance in traffic controlling, judging, doing results, & various other jobs on the day so please let me know if you can help on the day. Also polish up your special car & get it on the park on the day concourse vehicle or not we want to see as many MGs on the park as we can get.

I hope all of you got to have a look at the events taking place at the recent Goodwood Revival vintage Motorsport at its best, if you missed it get on to U tube & have look.

100th Year Anniversary celebrations of the first Australian Grand Prix run on Saturday 15 January 1927 at Goulburn NSW will be run by Celebrate Goulburn, GEAR & VSCCA from Friday 15 January to Monday 18 January 2027 at Goulburn. There will be static displays, demonstration laps, photo boards, memorabilia, stalls, carnival rides, Gala Dinner, Live music festival. GEAR Club will be part of the celebrations running a Historic Motorsport meeting at One Raceway on Monday 18 January 2027 which should be a great Historic meeting worth having a look at.

Thanks to Ken Beatty GEARBOX Mag editor for the great pics of Team Hunter members on the South circuit SMSP he supplied for our previous mag.

Coming Events

- Sunday October 4 MGCCN Mattara & Tri Challenge Hillclimb Ringwood Park
- Wednesday October 7 GEAR Pheasant Wood Circuit Marulan
- Sunday October 11 Bathurst 1000 Mount Panorama

Remember drive them don't hide them enjoy your MG

MG the Marque of friendship

Cheers Gary

SEPTEMBER CLUBMAN RUN



The September Clubman Run started with Morning Tea and Neville and Carol's house, followed by a shortish drive to the Commercial Hotel in Morpeth for lunch. This is a 'Clubman Event' and Members can accrue Clubman points by attending in their club vehicle. Pics by Carol and the Editor.



SEPTEMBER TUNING RUN



The September Tuning Run started at Freeman's Waterhole, followed by a run to Ken and Bennie's home for Moring Tea, then to The Anchor Café in Budgewoi for lunch. This is a 'Clubman Event' and Members can accrue Clubman points by attending in their club vehicle. Pics by Carol and Peter.



NOVEMBER CHRISTMAS LUNCH

We are planning to enjoy another Christmas Luncheon this year at Club Macquarie on Sunday 29th November. We will gather from 11.30am and share a two-course lunch for \$45.00 per person. The Club Presentations will also be given out on the day.

We need 45 people to make this day a success. So, check the date, add your names to the list and start the Festive Season MG style!

Payment is directly to our Club's Bank Account, with your names.

Let's have a great day! 🎄🎄🎄 – Linda Claydon, Social Director

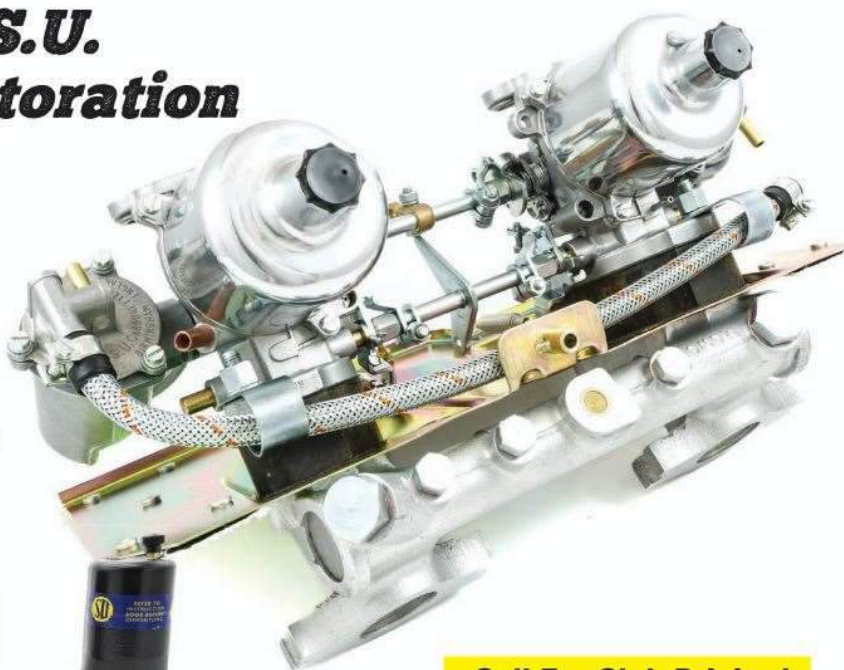


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THERE'S A LOT OF HISTORY HIDDEN HERE...

I spy a driver, two Bathurst legends, and an Aussie first.
A honey badger, four tracks, a Martin, a fine four-fendered friend, a bumblebee, and a mad man.



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SEPTEMBER SQUARE RIGGERS LUNCH



The Monthly Square Riggers Lunch & Natter occurs on the first Thursday in the Month, at Café Inu in Carrington. You don't need a 'Square Rigger' to attend, or even an MG to enjoy the company and the food. However, this is a 'Clubman Event' and Members can accrue Clubman points by attending in their club vehicle. Pics by the Editor.



SEPTEMBER MIDWEEK RUN



The Monthly Midweek Run occurs on the Wednesday after Club Night, at various venues in the Newcastle area. The September run was to the Heddon Greta Hotel. This is a 'Clubman Event' and Members can accrue Clubman points by attending in their club vehicle. Pics by Trish Ashton and the Editor.



SEPTEMBER LAKESIDE MORNING COFFEE RUN



The Monthly Lakeside Morning Coffee Run occurs on the last Tuesday of the month, at the Post Office Café at Marks Point. This is a 'Clubman Event' and Members can accrue Clubman points by attending in their club vehicle. The September turnout was great, with much coffee and chit chat. If you haven't been to this monthly event before, it's a short, fun get together. Come along in your MG, Club car or other marque. Pics by the Editor.



AUGUST TUNING TOUR



The Tuning Tour 2026 really began at the end of the previous year's Tour, when Don Firth volunteered to organise this year's Tour. He and Sue had a great time on that event and wanted to contribute to the ongoing fun. Many thanks to you both. Thanks also to Barb, Trish, Carol and the Editor for the pics.

Day 1 - Newcastle to Merriwa then Mudgee



The starting location for the Tour was at the Wattaka Rest Area (Westbound) on the M15, with 23 people and 13 cars for the initial run to Merriwa. After that, 12 cars continued for the run to Mudgee. 9 MGs, a BMW, a Ford Mustang, a Mini Cooper, and a Toyota MR2.

The road to Merriwa was mostly good, and the contingent arrived ready for

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Morning Tea at the Bakery Café. After refreshing ourselves we took to the roads again, heading for Mudgee.



Don had arranged for us to have lunch in the restaurant at Di Lusso Estate, home to fine wines, pizza, pasta & all manner of deliciousness.



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We arrived at our motel in Dubbo, but Sue's MG TF had developed an alarming noise in its transmission. Bob helped them get it to a mechanic in town, who advised that it required specialist attention. So, a tow was booked to take it to Peter Moxham. Sue was disappointed, but Sharon & Charlie offered their spare seats to Sue & Don, so they were able to continue with the Tour.

After this late development we went to the next-door Court House Hotel for dinner and drinks.

Day 2 - Mudgee to Rylstone, then Sofala, Bathurst and on to Orange



Overnight the rain joined us, and we set off into the drizzle to have Morning Tea in the café in Rylstone. From there we went to Sofala for a quick stop in more

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drizzle. Sofala is a great little town and a good place for a longer stop, but we cut it short as we were heading to Bathurst for lunch.



After lunch at the Bathurst Information Centre, we took a quick, but legal, drive around Mt Panorama before reaching our overnight stop in Orange. We all had dinner in the Royal Hotel Orange before calling it a night.



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Day 3 - Orange to Eugowra, then Parkes, Yeoval and on to Dubbo



The run to Eugowra was pleasant, with the rain mostly gone, and we had lovely Morning Tea at the Café at the centre of town. The café moved into a caravan after the floods in 2022. Large sections of the town were affected, and the town is trying their hardest to rebound. We all had a nice time walking around and popping into the shops that were open.



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The next leg was the run to Parkes on the Parkes Eugowra Rd. This was a good fast run, on mostly clear roads, with our group arriving at the Henry Parkes Centre for lunch and a visit to the Elvis and Car Museums in the centre. Our lunch was kindly hosted by the Parkes Antique Motor Club, and we had a great time chatting to the members who made it there that day.



Our final stop on the day was our motel in Dubbo. We took the time to present some small gifts, in thanks to Don and Sue for planning and organising our Tuning Tour 2026. Afterwards we all went to the Dubbo RSL, for our final group meal.



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Day 4/5 - Return from Dubbo via Dunedoo & Denman



Some of the group were staying a further day in Dubbo, to go to the Great Western Zoo (a bit of a risky adventure in a roadster?). The rest of us headed out into the mist and fog for the journey home. Some went Dunedoo – Denman – Home, and some went Dunedoo – Merriwa – Home. All arrived home safe and sound, having covered around 700 miles (1,100'ish kms) over the four days.

A fine adventure was enjoyed by all who attended.

Once again, many thanks to Don and Sue for organising the Tour.

I'm looking forward to next year's tour, how about you?



NATIONAL MEETING 2027



2027 MG NATIONAL MEETING – LAUNCESTON

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th April

Bulletin # 2 – September 2026

The MG Car Club of Tasmania extends a warm invitation to members to attend the 2027 MG National Meeting to be conducted in and around Launceston, Tasmania.

We have already had a great response with expressions of interest from a large number of members. If you would like to be added to the mailing list, please email Tim Grant, Secretary2027natmeet@mgtas.org.au with your name, preferred email address and Club name. An expression of interest for the event means you will be kept up to date with the latest information and sent details of how to register. It does not mean you are registered for the event.

Our base will be the Tailrace Function Centre (TFC) at Riverside, approximately 10 minutes' drive from the Launceston CBD. This will be the centre for all the social events. The program for the meeting is as follows:

Monday 12 th April –	Registration & Scrutineering, Noggin & Natter/ Rocker Cover Racing at TFC
Tuesday 13 th April –	Concours at the Village Green, Longford
	Theme Night, 'Cecil Kimber's Birthday Party' at TFC
Wednesday 14 th April –	Motorkhana - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway
	Kimber Run, leaving from Longford
Thursday 15 th April –	Super Sprint - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway
	Discovery Run leaving from TFC
	Formal Dinner at TFC
Friday 16 th April -	Farewell Breakfast and Delegates Meeting at TFC

NATIONAL MEETING 2027 Contd.

The concept for the Theme Night will be 'Cecil Kimber's Birthday Party', given that his birthday coincides with Day One of the Nat Meet. We ask that members come dressed for a party in fashion appropriate for the age of their MG.

The eagle-eyed amongst you will note the new Spirit of Tasmania is illustrated above. The ships commence service in November 2026. We have spoken to the TT Line, and they have confirmed that they still have plenty of space for cars and passengers on the Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th April 2027 sailings into Devonport at the moment. We recommend that you book your shipping early, especially if you are towing a trailer. Group bookings can be organised by contacting the TT Line. www.spiritoftasmania.com.au

Launceston has a wide variety of accommodation options all within easy travelling distance of the Tailrace Centre. The following link will provide a complete listing of accommodation options. <https://visitnortherntasmania.com.au/accommodation-launceston-and-surrounds-tasmania>

If you are not familiar with Launceston and its surrounds, have a look at this link for some great touring ideas either before or after the Nat Meet. <https://visitnortherntasmania.com.au/the-ultimate-guide-for-travelling-to-an-event-in-northern-tasmania-and-beyond>

Registration will open in early January 2027 and close late February 2027.

Regalia:

To allow our regalia suppliers to source and produce the items, orders for regalia will close on the 1st FEBRUARY 2027. At this stage we anticipate offering short-sleeved polo tops in ladies' and men's styles, a unisex long-sleeved polo shirt, a cap, a bucket hat, and a stubby holder.

Planning is now well advanced for the Nat Meet and we will keep you all informed as more details are finalised. Book your accommodation and travel details and watch out for registration details.

Please direct any general enquiries to Don Fraser at Director2027natmeet@mgtas.org.au.

The MG Car Club of Tasmania looks forward to your company in Tasmania in 2027.



MGCC Hunter Region Members please advise our President, Stephen Jones, if you are considering attending NatMeet 2027.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

MG Car Club Hunter Region

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 8th September 2026

Meeting Opened: 6:02 p.m.

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

Present: Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Peter Le Breton, Andrew Gowans, Gary Piper, John Longrigg, Linda Claydon.

Apologies: Steve Jones, Greg Jenkins, Alan Andoni.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 14th August 2026 were read and approved, moved Gary Piper, seconded Peter Le Breton.

Business Arising:

- Discussion on inclusion of a Well Being Officer.

Reports:

President (Steve Jones):

- Nothing new to report.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):

- Nothing new to report.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

- 2026/27 Membership renewals to date: a total membership of 189 individuals with 14 of these being Associates.
- Discuss effect of Government's changes to credit and debit card transactions on our use of the Square payment system.
 - Treasurer to further investigate adoption of the less expensive Commbank ePay system.
- Re Annual Concours, in late 2025 I reserved Lambton Park for 18th October, with 25th October as reserve date. The application paperwork has been lodged with NCC and we await official approval.
 - Check with Andrew whether we seek sponsorship for Concours.
- Have a look at our building's restored façade! Could we please update the photo in *On the Marque*?

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

- Balance at 31/08/26 for Working Account is \$XXXXX. Term deposit matured 14th August at a balance of \$XXXXX and was rolled over at an interest rate for 195-day term of 5.1%.
- Advertising subscription has now been received from Gateshead Tyrepower and Moxham Garage. Is chasing up Greenslip Calculator.

[EDITOR: Please apply to the Treasurer for a copy of the full report]

Club Captain (Peter Le Breton):

- Clubman Run 20th September to the Roxby's thence lunch venue TBA.
- Tuning Run 24th September from Oak Café at Freemans Waterhole to Ken Campbell's in East Gosford thence lunch TBA.
- August Coffee Run occurred successfully in Peter's absence.
- 22nd October Tuning Run will be to Spencer incorporating morning tea at Wollombi.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Contd.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

- As per *On the Marque*.
- Will be seeking assistance with running the Concours.
- The Australian GP celebrations are being organised, TBA. GEAR will be conducting a one or two-day event.

Public Relations (Frans Henskens):

- Les Parry from Clown Doctors will attend the September meeting to receive their cheque for \$XXXX raised at the 2026 Euro Motorfest.
- Variety Local Board Member Tracey Stephens will attend the September meeting to receive their cheque for \$XXXX raised at the 2026 Euro Motorfest.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

- The clearance sale of Regalia old stock has been postponed to a date to be advised.
- The Regalia Officer formally thanked Carol Roxby for selling regalia items at the last Members' Lunch.
- Qty 10 Club baseball caps have been ordered through Onya Visuals.
- A stocktake of Regalia stock as at 30 June 2026 will be completed before the next meeting.
- The Regalia Officer will be away during the period 9-27 October 2026.

- Committee Member (Alan Andoni)
- Nothing new to report.

- Social Director (Linda Claydon)
- Booking has been made for Christmas Lunch and Presentation on 29th November.

- Magazine Editor (Andrew Gowans):
- September issue of *On the Marque* was published online on 1st September 2026.
- Has contacted classified advertisers and pruned the items that have been sold.

General Business:

- Grant Leddie's article on what to do around NatMeet is included in *On the Marque*.
- Club Website stats for August 2026 (Andrew Gowans):
- In August the Website was viewed 5,081 times with the peak being 9 August. The daily average was 164 views per day.
- Facebook Stats;
- Over August there were 284 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 54,127 times.
- Website Updates
- A site backup was downloaded on 8 & 22 August. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date e.
- **Meeting Closed** 7:07 p.m.
- **Next Meeting:** Tuesday 13th October 2026 @ 6.00 pm.

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS

MG Parts For Sale

I am downsizing and have a quantity of MG parts that I wish to sell.

Items are as follows;

1. MGTF 1500 Front RH wing (fender - mudguard) Selling for what it has cost me - \$4,900.00
2. MG MGTF 1500 XPEG engine, professionally reconditioned Selling for what it has cost me - \$19,950.00

Thank you,

Maurie Prior: 0438 668 162

Email: malleeboy01@gmail.com

FREE - Used Inner Tubes with Wheel Tapes

5 x Xtra-Plus 155/165R15 inner tubes with 4 x wheel tapes. Some small cracks in the tubes where they're folded, but repairable. Good for a spare set, just in case.

Free to a good home, contact Andrew - ratwhacker@gmail.com



CLUB CLASSIFIEDS Contd.

1957 Austin-Healey 100/6 (BN4)



Description

Offered for sale is a rare, genuinely Australian-delivered 1957 Austin-Healey 100/6 four-seater (Chassis: BN4/0/50915). Specifically prepared for the demanding Peking to Paris Commemorative Rally, this car is an exceptionally robust, mechanically sorted, turn-key daily driver.

The chassis and body are entirely rust-free, utilizing lightweight fiberglass panels alongside its highly prized, original factory steel body elements. While there are some slight cosmetic imperfections consistent with a thoroughly enjoyed, authentic daily driver, it is mechanically in absolute top shape and ready to be driven anywhere immediately.

Performance & Mechanical Upgrades

This vehicle features significant, high-value mechanical upgrades that would cost tens of thousands to replicate today:

- Engine: Upgraded 3-litre engine featuring a high-flow 12-port cylinder head, mild road cam upgrade, and a durable nitride crankshaft.
- Induction & Fuel: Fitted with a high-performance triple-carburettor setup for excellent power delivery and throttle response, paired with a long-range fuel tank ideal for touring.
- Exhaust: High-flow performance extractors running into a full stainless steel exhaust system.
- Brakes & Safety: Upgraded to modern four-wheel disc brakes for superior pulling power and traffic safety.

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS Contd.

1957 Austin-Healey 100/6 (BN4) Contd.



Performance & Mechanical Upgrades Contd.

- Convenience: Spin-on oil filter conversion for hassle-free servicing and upgraded two-speed windscreen wipers.

Interior & Comfort

- Classic Right-Hand Drive (RHD) cockpit configuration.
- Black vinyl sports seating accented with traditional white piping.
- Upgraded wood-rimmed sports steering wheel and clear, functioning instrumentation.
- Note on Condition: The interior reflects its honest daily driver status—the carpets are original/older and show their age, but they remain perfectly functional for regular use.

Weather Protection, Wheels & Premium Extras

- Wheels: Sits beautifully on a brilliant set of classic chrome wire wheels.
- Soft Top Gear: Includes a good, highly usable soft top, side window panels, and a brand-new black tonneau cover protecting the rear deck.
- Original Factory Hardtop: Comes with the rare, highly desirable original factory black hardtop.
- FREE BONUS WINCH: Included with the sale is the specialized ceiling-mounted electric garage winch and green lifting harness assembly. This custom setup allows

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS Contd.

1957 Austin-Healey 100/6 (BN4) Contd.

Registration, Status & Maintenance

- Registration: Fully roadworthy with active, current New South Wales (NSW) registration.
- Recent Service: Freshly serviced, which included a comprehensive overhaul and performance improvement of the handbrake assembly.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Is the price negotiable? Yes. The asking price is **\$65,000 Or Nearest Offer (ONO)**. I am open to realistic, sensible discussions with genuine buyers, but low-bidders will be ignored.
- Can you assist with interstate transport? Yes. I am happy to facilitate handover to a professional automotive transport carrier arranged and paid for by the buyer.
- Are inspections welcome? Absolutely. Inspections can be arranged by appointment for genuine, licensed buyers.



CLUB CLASSIFIEDS Contd.

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 1995 MG RV8

A rare sought after 1995 MG RV8 finished in Nightfire red with a beige interior for sale in Lake Macquarie. A beautiful example of this powerful and comfortable MG includes manuals an emergency spare wheel and a spare windscreen full NSW registration until July 2027

\$43,500.00

Contact Ian on 0429 592 823



CLUB CLASSIFIEDS Contd.

For sale MGB engine 5 speed (overdrive) adaptor plate, and 5 speed Datsun gearbox, including all nuts, bolts, clutch, pressure plate, spigot bush, tailshaft, all to suit Datsun stanza 5 speed gearbox.

Condition of gearbox unknown.

Located in Goulburn.

Adaptor kit and gearbox \$1300, contact my email with your number if interested.

Also, for sale MGB engine, engine cost, \$650

Good condition will suit rebuild, if you can't do it, I am a licenced mechanic and I can at a small extra cost. Email: stepor@bigpond.com



MG RV8 Sales Brochure "The Marque has returned"

Full colour throughout 23 cms x 26.5 cms 16 pages plus cover produced by Rover Cars 1992 in excellent condition.

\$50.00 excl Postage or pick up in Newcastle.

Offering first to MGCC Hunter Region members.

Rob Dunsterville 0457 612 152

CLUB CLASSIFIEDS Contd.

FREE – Chrome Hubcaps

6 x chrome hubcaps, approximately 9 ½" across. All a little tarnished, and some with a few dings. I've been told these may suit an MGA, but I can't confirm this.

Free to a good home, contact Andrew - ratwhacker@gmail.com



FREE – Randon Car Control Knobs

A mixed set of random car control knobs. Maybe off a BMC car, but I can't confirm this.

Free to a good home, contact Andrew - ratwhacker@gmail.com



MGCCHR CLUBMAN POINTS 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, motorkhana or racetrack event. 1 point is allocated for each sporting event a member competes in during the club year (July to June). 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 the member responsible for monthly Tuesday Coffee Runs, Wednesday Midweek Runs, Thursday Square Rigger Lunch Runs and Thursday Tuning Runs (one each per month). The Club Captain is responsible for Sunday monthly Clubman Runs run sheets. The Member responsible for co-ordinating a display of MGs at MG Club endorsed Car Shows or Community Events forwards the run sheets (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.