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WHAT'S ON

MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

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
- **Sat 14th** Stroud Country Club Swap Meet (check Website for details)
- **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
- **Sun 29th** Club Christmas Luncheon & Awards Presentation

DECEMBER 2026

- **Tues 1st** MGCCHR North Region meeting at Lake Cathie Tavern
- **Thurs 3rd** Square Riggers Noggin and Natter at Café Inu
- **Sat 5th** Historic Registration Inspection Day
- **Sun 6th** Terribly British Day - Queanbeyan
- **Tues 8th** Committee Meeting at Clubrooms 6 pm
  Club Night at Clubrooms 7.30pm

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 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)
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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.

Max & Ellen Bennett
Hayley Birch
Greg Blades
Dennis Carter
Jan Cheetham
Tony & Susan Clarke
Andy Dodd
Kurt Ekanayake
Judith Flowers
Chris Gibson
Nicholas Hartley
David Ibbotson
Kathleen Ibbotson
Pete Ibbotson
Tom Ibbotson
Graham & Anne Leary
Kevin Liddell
Ben March
Raymond Melton
Peter Mildren
John & Lisa Needs
Clarke & Brenda Orlowski
John & Astrid Perdriau
Suzanne Petrie
Sammy Power
Ian Robinson
Grant Sapsford
Terry Saunders
Greg & Robyn Sharpe
Tim & Rosie Smith
Mark & Toni Woodcock

MIDWEEK RUN DETAILS

Midweek Gathering Wednesday 11th November 2026.

Venue: **Hexham Bowling Club**

Location: **290 Old Maitland Rd, Hexham**

Parking: **Parking onsite**

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 DECEMBER 2026 edition will be

WEDNESDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2026

FROM THE EDITOR

Hi Folks. I hope you've all had a great October with your MG, or Club car. The weather has sometimes been a challenge, with the threat of the dreaded East Coast Low hanging over our Annual Club Concours and scrubbing our Tuning Run for the month. On the other hand, we've also experienced the first few significantly hot days, which lead to their own challenges. You sometimes have to wonder which will overheat first, the car or the driver. However, on balance, we also enjoyed some great events and many opportunities to share a drive with friends both old and new.

I think the Hunter Region provides a lot of great driving and social opportunities. Lucky us, hey?

At our Club Night in October, it was the turn for Variety, The Children's Charity, to share with us the support and outreach they provide for children all around the country, particularly for those in regional areas. Their stories were moving, funny and inspiring. Our Club has provided support through raising money at Euro Motorfest for a number of years, and we look forward to continuing our support into the future.

Remembering that the future is never far away, please get ready for the Christmas Luncheon & Club Presentations on Sun 29 Nov (have you booked your seats?) and the Christmas Toy Run on Sun 15 Nov (see page 11). Stay tuned for those events.

Also stay tuned for details of the Vice President's Breakfast Run towards the end of January in 2027. Yes, 2027!

There's quite a bit of excellent reading in this edition; with Gary Piper's Sporting Director Report on the Annual Concours, also Elliot Burns has a report on attending GOF in Canberra, and the first of a two-part technical piece on Rebuilding SU Carbies by Maurie Prior (part two in the December magazine). Enjoy!

See you in your MG.

Andrew Gowans

FROM THE EDITOR CONTD.

Here's a pic I took at Cars & Coffee in the Bay in October. This is a good coffee event, and a pleasant drive out to Fingal Bay. Check the Calendar of Events for the next one.





CHRISTMAS TOY RUN

~~~Ho! Ho! Ho!~~~

Yes, the annual Christmas Toy Run is coming up on Sunday 15 November, starting from Karoola Road in Lambton, near our Clubrooms on the eastern side of Lambton Park. We'll depart at 10:30am for a leisurely drive to Club Catalin at Rathmines for lunch in the club. Meals are available to order from the bistro.

We ask those attending to bring an Unwrapped Christmas Gift for a child. We'll once again meet the good folk from Lakes Salvos in the car park of Club Catalina to present our gifts, for the support of families in need at Christmas.

If you're unable to attend the run, and would like to donate a gift, you can bring it to the November Club Night or drop it in to one of the Committee Members before the run. Please ring them beforehand to tee this up.



PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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

Those people that drive MGs are more intelligent, better looking & generally more likable according to a study I just made up.

There are times, when one's enthusiasm wanes for whatever reason. Mine has been down lately, and my MGs weren't necessarily helping with seemingly endless problems that I couldn't seem to sort out. The club is supposed to be a leisure activity. We are supposed to enjoy our cars, whatever make they are.

It's time like these where your mates make all the difference. I do try to help club members if they're having MG problems, but my knowledge is limited.

Matt and Austin Blanch came to my assistance with my newly acquired TF. More on that later but thanks boys, I never would have actually found the fault.

I hope you got along to our club Concours. Your MG will be better for the big cleanup. Hopefully you didn't find too many thing to fix whilst you were cleaning her (or him).

From the shed:
Monty.
When we got home from the Rylstone Classic, there were a few issues with the old boy. The volt gauge was showing no charge. It was either the charging system have gone kaput, or the gauge was the problem.

The ignition light was doing what it's supposed to do so I looked at the gauge first. The two terminals on it were very loose, so a quick twist with a screwdriver and everything was honky dory again.

When I was putting him away there were some interesting noises from the front suspension. I finally took a look under the front guards, and it showed that everything seemed to be in the right place. I'll keep my finger crossed.

Bella.
We took Bev's Midget for a run to check out the new highway at Tarro through to Raymond Terrace. The little lady went impeccably and helps to maintain my faith in the Marque.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Contd.

McCurdy.
Well, the TF. The engine was back from the engine builder and finally reinstalled. On start-up there was a budgie caught somewhere. I then headed to Perisher for 4 weeks for work.

I checked when I got home and the budgie hadn't escaped whilst I was away. I ran out of ideas so called on my engineering team of experts. We again narrowed it down to the gearbox/ clutch, so we pulled the gearbox out through the interior of the car.

Nothing was obvious. It took a good half an hour of close inspections before Matt found the tiniest mark on the back of the crankshaft there the gearbox input shaft touches. It would take a couple of thousandth of an inch to make the mark but that was it. With the clutch off, the crank is moving but the input shaft isn't. Hence the squeak. When the clutch is pressed then everything spins and the noise disappears.

Yes, it's an aftermarket crankshaft and flywheel, a late model clutch and an original old gearbox. If I'd greased it better, ti may not have had a problem. Some delicate grinding of the input shaft to give more clearance, then a health smear of grease and after some muttered profanities (by me only) and Matt using the crank-handle to spin the engine to line it up and the gearbox slid back on.

Now to fix a couple of pesky oil leaks and fit all the panels.

Best part, no cost.

I'm off again for a country deployment to Coolamon (it's down Wagga way) for a month so it's another job to be finished when I get back.

Myf.
I'm waiting on shed space then I'll look at the stuck clutch.

Mac.
Long term project.

Steve Jones



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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SPORTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Team Hunter member Paul Embleton competed in the October GEAR meeting run on Pheasant Wood Circuit Marulan the event saw a total of 39 entries in 5 classes with Sports Cars & Tin Tops being the biggest class. When we arrived at the circuit on Tuesday to drop the cars off the weather was looking a bit dodgy & Tuesday night saw strong wind & rain. On arrival at the circuit on Wednesday the track was wet & covered in sticks, leaves & various signs that had been blown down. The efficient Pheasant Wood crew quickly cleaned up the circuit & the Sun was out & the track was drying out & even though it was a sunny day it only managed to get to 18 degrees.

Paul enjoyed his first run on the compact Pheasant Wood Circuit & the B ran well with no issues all day. I spent my day flagging on turn 7 so I had a good view of the action on the day. As I've always said you never know will turn up at a GEAR meeting & the Pheasant Wood meeting was no exception with a GEAR member bringing along a very nice 1960 Alfa Romeo Giulietta SZ of which only 200 were built. This car has some impressive tech considering the age including full hand built aluminium body, 1300 cc twin cam engine producing 100hp, 5 speed gearbox & front wheel disc brakes. A big thanks to the Pheasant Wood crew for putting on an enjoyable day of Motorsport.

On Sunday October 18 we ran our annual Concours event which saw a total of 39 cars which were of a very high standard on the park for the event. Because of the weather leading up to the day the committee had a difficult decision to make; whether attempt to run the event or call it off. We decided to give it a go & were lucky to have a good sunny day & I think everybody enjoyed it.

Thanks all those who helped in anyway on the day including park setup, marshalling, judging, scoring, bringing gear down from the clubhouse, getting the printing done, raffles, & selling regalia. Also, a big thank you to Frans & Greg their effort in getting permission to run the event on Lambton Park.

SPORTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTD.

Concours Results:

MGTD - 1st Willy Sher, 2nd John Bradshaw

MGTF - 1st Rob Dunsterville

MGY Types - 1st Elliott Burns

MG Magnette - 1st Denny Bowden

MGA Roadster - 1st Leo Pinczenski, 2nd Frans Henskens, 3rd Andrew Gowans

MG Midget - Bev Jones

MGB Mk1 Roadster - 1st Ian Carter, 2nd John Morton, 3rd Charlie Unwin

MGB Mk2 Roadster - 1st David Robertson, 2nd Don Firth

MGBBL Roadster - 1st Don Noble, 2nd Doug Campbell, 3rd Greg Jenkins

MGB RN Roadster - 1st Peter LeBreton, 2nd Duncan McDougall, 3rd Bill Vanderveen

MGB GT Mk1 &2 - 1st Austin Blanch

MGB L GT - 1st Alister Leask

MGB GT RN - 1st Howard White

MGB GT V8 - 1st Don Noble, 2nd Noel Armstrong

MG RV8 - 1st Jim Dolbel 2nd Jeff Lauff 3rd Ian Ashton

MGF - 1st Anne Pettigrew, 2nd Maria Outteridge, 3rd Paul Embleton

MG TF - 1st Barbara LeBreton, 2nd Bob Woods, 3rd Sue Hoefsmit

MG Z-Series - 1st Lyall Clarke

MG Specials - 1st Peter Dever

Non-Marque - 1st Peter Buckley Mercedes Wagon

Outright trophies: Pre MGA - Denny Bowden MG Magnette

Post MGA up to & including MGB RN - Leo Pinczenski MGA Roadster

Post MGB RN - Jim Dolbel RV8

Great to see the ladies showing their cars & doing well.

SPORTING DIRECTOR'S REPORT CONTD.

Coming Events

- Sunday November 1 MGCCN Hillclimb course A3 Ringwood Park
- Sunday November 22 MGCCN Regularity Hillclimb A2A Ringwood Park
- Wednesday December 9 GEAR One Raceway Goulburn

Remember drive them don't hide them enjoy your MG

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Cheers Gary

Concours pics on the next few pages courtesy of Trish Ashton & The Editor.



ANNUAL CLUB CONCOURS 2026



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GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL (GOF) 2026

In the past Gathering of the Faithful has been held in Wagga Wagga each year. In 2026 the Canberra Club offered to give them a break & hold the event in the nation's capital.

We attended in the YT & had a great time. We always find the Canberra Club very friendly hosts & the events that they organise are relaxed, with plenty of time in between activities to enjoy local attractions. Our trip included time at Floriade as well as a visit to a craft exhibition & farmers market while the display morning was happening.



Maryann surveying the lineup of cars at the Saturday morning display

Friday night was a Noggin & Natter at Dickson, Saturday morning was a display at EPIC (Exhibition Park in Canberra). Saturday night was the presentation dinner with guest speaker Harry Hickling sharing stories about his adventures in his pre-war MG SA, including completing the Peking to Paris rally. Sunday was a run through some beautiful countryside, finishing with lunch in Yass. There were optional events on Sunday night & Monday morning, but we started to head home from Yass.

GATHERING OF THE FAITHFUL (GOF) 2026 CONTD.

Canberra Club set the gold standard for navigational options on the Sunday run. They provided traditional printed run notes, as well as a series of maps with the route outlined on them and a QR code so that people could load route instructions directly into Google maps. No one could possibly get lost! They even stuck a $2 coin to each set of instructions to pay for parking at the morning tea stop at the National Arboretum.

I had taken my pushbike to Canberra so I could do a couple of days of riding before GOF. Other GOF entrants were quite amused to see my bike on the back of the YT on the Sunday run, suggesting it was some sort of breakdown alternate transport. We completed our trip home with no need to get the bike off the rack!

Well done & thanks to Canberra Club for organising an excellent event that we totally enjoyed.

Elliot Burns



The YT with back up transport on the back at Yass.

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Hi everyone.

Your Club Captain was relieved of some duties in October. The Concours replaced the Clubman Run and the weather derailed the Tuning Run to Spencer. The BOM 'Weatherguesser' site proved to be mainly right except for the absence of predicted morning and afternoon thunderstorms. The weather for our concours however, was a different story, producing a lovely sunny day despite some dodgy weather forecast in the days beforehand. I must report that there were grins in the Le Breton household after a couple of 1st places including Barb gaining a 1st place for her 'new' TF.

A big thank you goes to Ken & Bennie Campbell for hosting morning tea for the September Tuning Run and Carol & Neville Roxby for hosting morning tea for the Clubman Run. This takes a lot of work, catering and preparation to host these events so a solid attendance by members is pleasing.

November will see us hold the annual Christmas Toy Run to Rathmines on Sunday 15th. I'll plan a bit of a drive around this. Watch for further details on this on the Facebook and webpage.

The Tuning Run to Spencer will be on later in the. I've included a shot posted by Gavin Moss who stopped at The Anchor Cafe at Spencer for a coffee & croissant enroute to Richmond. [See the next page – Editor]

Also, don't forget the Lakeside Morning Coffee Run to Marks Point Post Office & Cafe from 9ish to 10ish on the last Tuesday of each month.'

I'm open to any suggestions from members for future runs.

Regards.

Peter Le Breton

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT CONTD.



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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

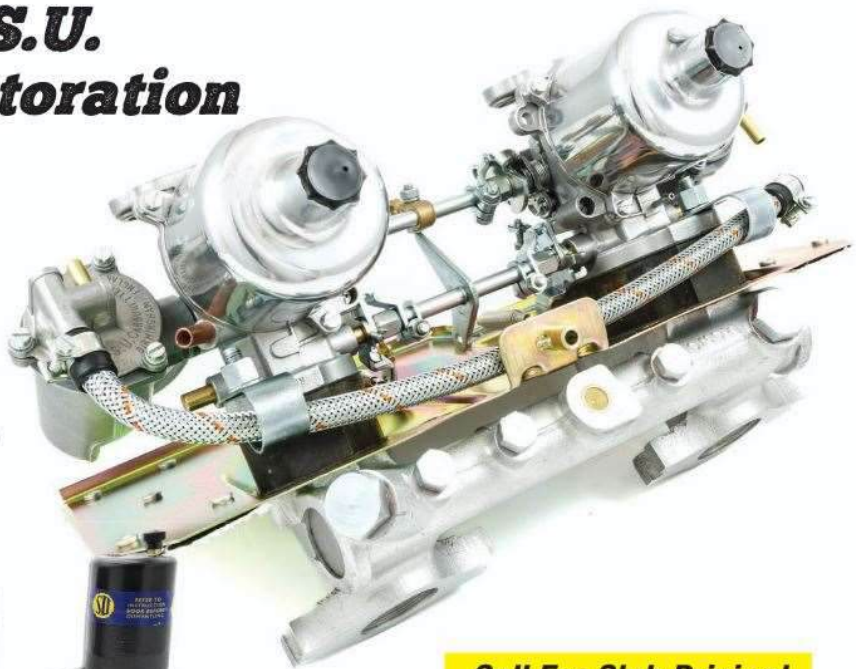


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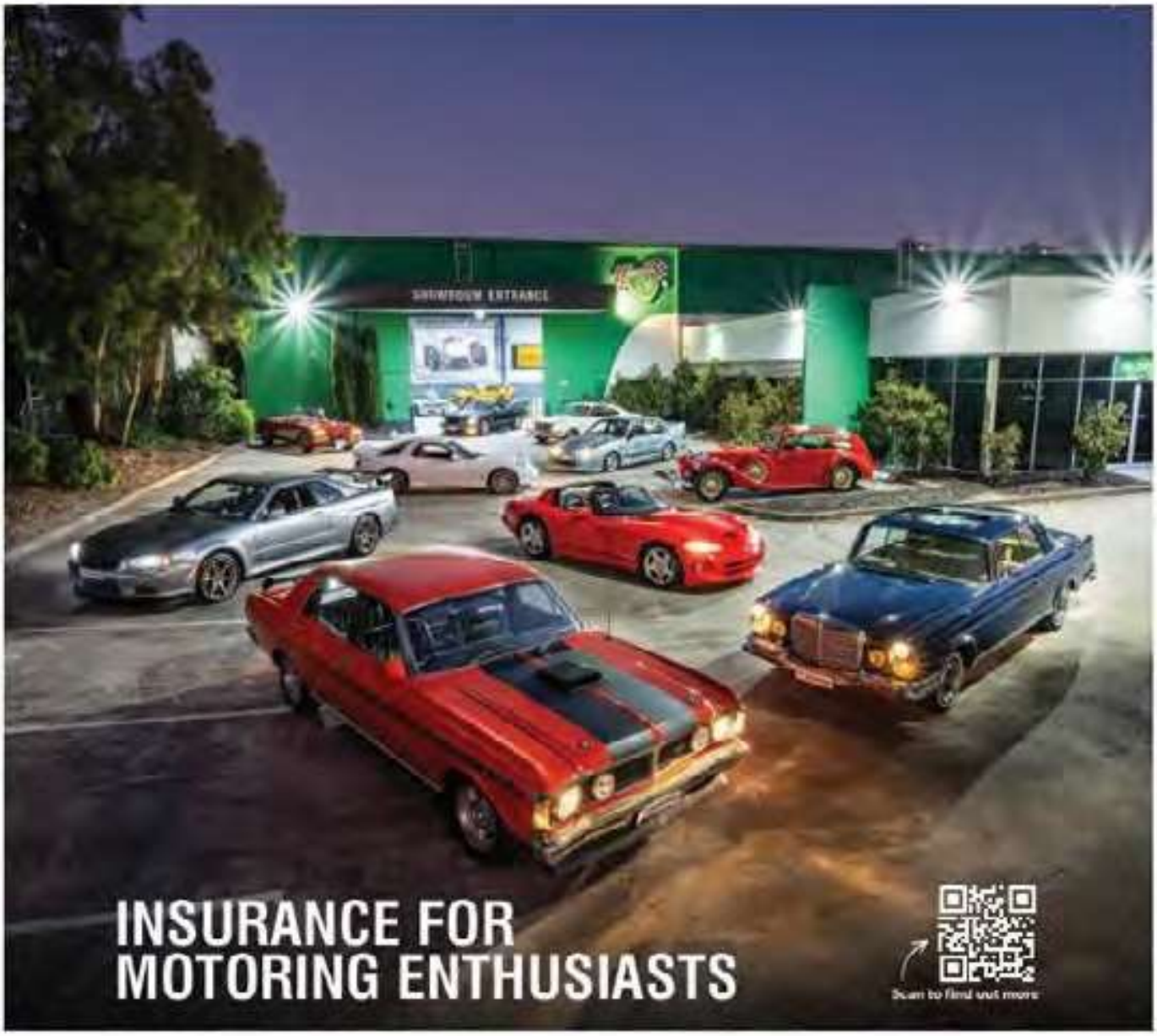


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OCTOBER SQUARE RIGGERS LUNCH



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.



OCTOBER MIDWEEK RUN





The Monthly Midweek Run occurs on the Wednesday after Club Night, at various venues in the Newcastle area. The October run was to the Orana 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.










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OCTOBER 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 October turnout was great, with pleasant weather and some new faces for this event. 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.





REBUILDING SU CARBIES – PART 1

A special feature written by Maurie Prior. Part 1 this month.

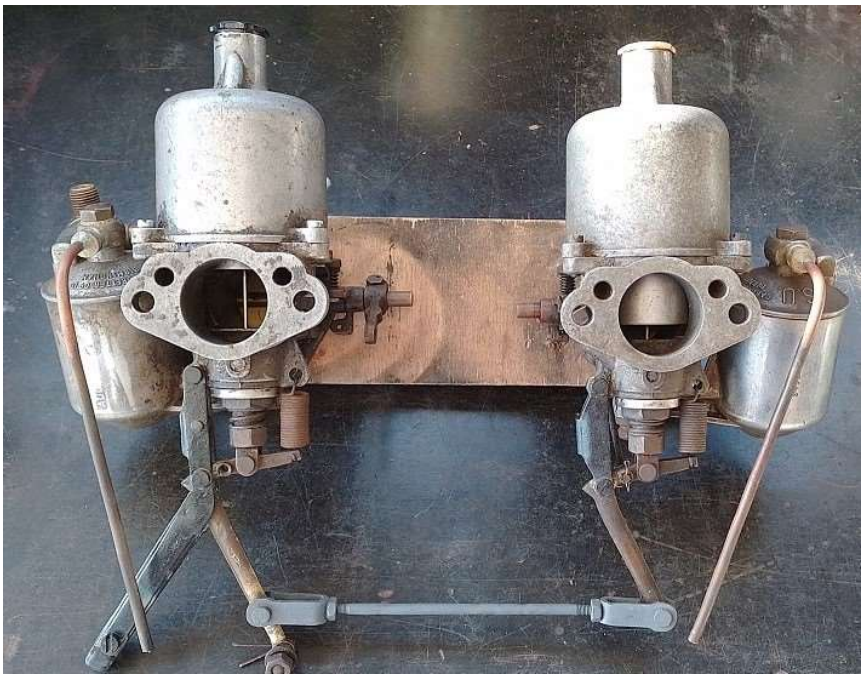
It should be mentioned right up front that I'm certainly not an expert at restoring/refurbishing/rebuilding stuff. I just happen to have some artisan skills which allow me to achieve my aims, and that is to restore an object, within reasonable limits, to as close to the original as I possibly can.

Some M.G. restorers can be inclined towards the extreme when it comes to restoring their pride and joy, and good for them if it makes them happy. I simply strive to do the best I can and offer a product worthy of the appreciation of my peers.

There are several major SU carburettor restorers around the world, and they are SU Burlen in the UK, who actually manufacture these carbies, and who also provide a restoration service, as does Joe Curto in the USA. Peter Fogarty in Sydney also does great work. There is a company called SU Midel in Australia who sells parts and restores them as well, using all new components.

My motives are not profit driven but rather a desire to find an old part and restore it back to being almost as good as new. I'm satisfied that I am contributing something to maintaining the M.G. marque.

I get a great deal of satisfaction, in restoring old M.G. parts back to almost as new.



Pic 1. The pair of H4 carbies that I first restored.

REBUILDING SU CARBIES – PART 1 CONTD.

My own car, a 1955 M.G. TF 1500, which I had purchased some time ago, had been nicely restored by a chap in Victoria, Australia – and this fellow, or some other person, who were obviously not true T-Type enthusiasts, had fitted a pair of 1 ¼" H2's. Naturally I wanted the correct set of H4's carbs for my car, so I hunted around and found these about 600 klms from where I live.

The pair of H4 carbs, shown above, were purchased from another T-Type enthusiast, who was having a clear out. I deliberately wanted to buy a pair, and my original intention was to send them off to be professionally rebuilt.

Before I launched into the SU carburettor rebuilding world, I needed to do a massive amount of research, and I was in overload mode for a long time. I asked lots of questions and scoured the internet, until I was satisfied that I knew enough to make a start. This where it started for me.



Pic 2. The H4 components.

The image above shows every component of an SU H4 carburettor as specified for an M.G.TF 1500. The parts shown here have been deliberately cleaned for photographic purposes, and while most will be replaced with brand new items, if the owner desires, those that can be retained are reused.

Obviously worn spindles, discs, needles, float valves, gaskets seals etc will be dumped. The process of a rebuild simply starts off with cleaning the objects thoroughly, and noting

any damage etc. It is most essential to keep the pair of carbs as individual sets. After the cleaning process, where I use either standard petrol or kerosene (paraffin), I scrub the bodies and the float bowl extremities only, to clean up any scratches and gouges. Since these carburettors could be up seventy years or more old, they are usually battle scarred. I use a scouring and cleaning process, which entails the use of a glass beads blasting media to give a soft and burnished finish to replicate how these were originally.



Pic 3. Prior to cleaning.



Pic 4. The cleaned and burnished carburettor body, ready for the reaming process.

REBUILDING SU CARBIES – PART 1 CONTD.

The reaming method below is not how I am currently doing the reaming -this is how I first started on my learning curve – I ruined a few carb bodies in the process before I purchased the best reaming tool I could find. Now I'm confident of a great result.



Pic 5. The original reamer in use. I now have one of Joe Curto's reamers.

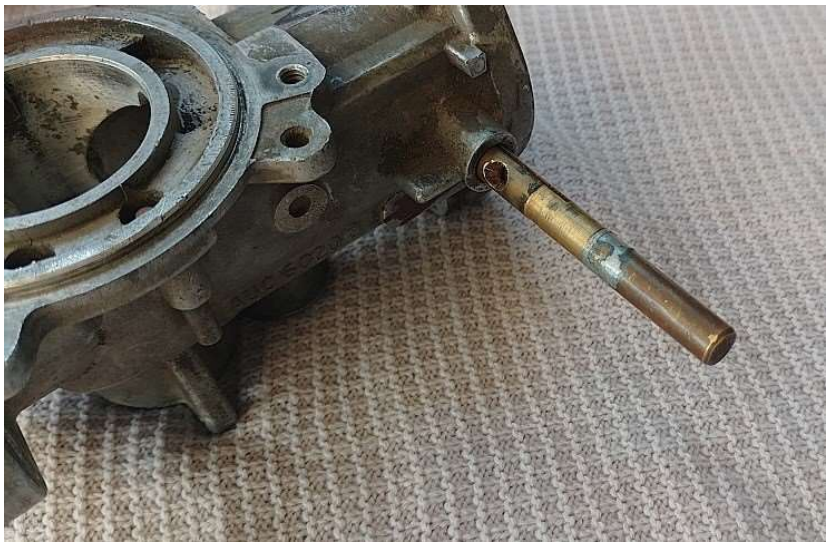
Once the carb bodies and bowls are cleaned and burnished, I religiously re-bush every carburettor body, with Joe Curto's special bushes, so that the spindle fits perfectly and there are no leaks. I then fit the new throttle shafts (spindles) the butterfly discs, and associated throttle, and fast/slow idle levers etc.

So that I have enough carburettor sets to work on, I have to chase around the world for feed stock. I hardly ever buy from eBay as the items are overpriced, and often the sellers are careless with the truth.

My main source of supply is from M.G. enthusiasts who for one reason or another, seem to always have a "spare set" of carbs, and I am grateful that they do.

The following image is of a worn carb spindle with an attempt at a cheap fix – someone had soldered the worn shaft to compensate for the wear. It didn't and would never have worked.

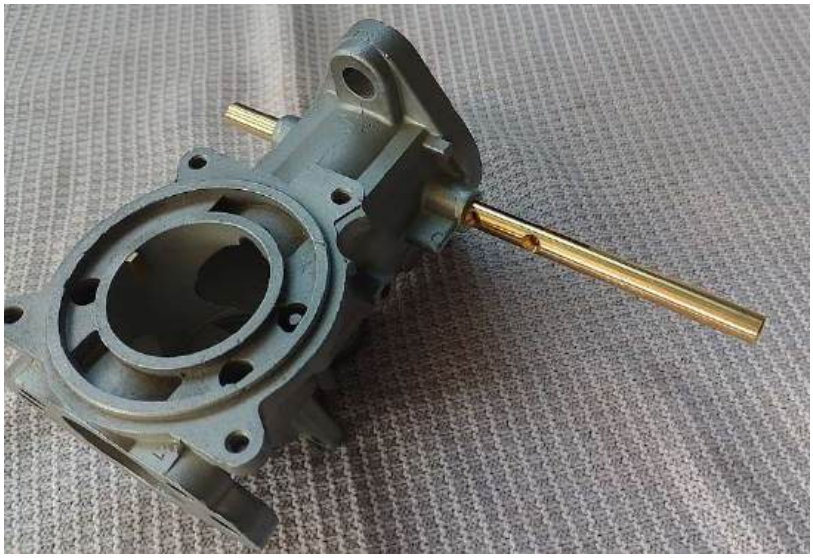
REBUILDING SU CARBIES – PART 1 CONTD.



Pic 6. The cheap 'fix'.

I find a good many carbs like these, with claims by imaginative sellers that 'these carbs are in great condition and have not long been rebuilt"! This is why I always re-bush and fit new spindles.

Here is the same carb with new bushes and throttle spindle, and the next image shows it with the throttle lever fitted. The different M.G. models of the TC, TD, TF, and MGA all used either H2's or H4 series carburettors, and at different points, various levers were attached to operate slow idle levers, fast idle levers and all had a common throttle lever.



Pic 7. The correct approach. Cleaned, rebushed and a new spindle.

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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 12th April –	Registration & Scrutineering, Noggin & Natter/ Rocker Cover Racing at TFC
Tuesday 13th April –	Concours at the Village Green, Longford
	Theme Night, 'Cecil Kimber's Birthday Party' at TFC
Wednesday 14th April –	Motorkhana - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway
	Kimber Run, leaving from Longford
Thursday 15th April –	Super Sprint - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway
	Discovery Run leaving from TFC
	Formal Dinner at TFC
Friday 16th 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 13th October 2026

Meeting Opened: 6:02 p.m.
Chair: Denny Bowden **Minutes:** Frans Henskens.
Present: Denny Bowden, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Peter Le Breton, Andrew Gowans, Gary Piper, Linda Claydon.
Apologies: Steve Jones, John Longrigg, Alan Andoni.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 8th September 2026 were read and approved, moved Gary Piper, seconded Linda Claydon.

Business Arising:
- Elliot Burns has agreed to be the Wellbeing Officer.

Reports:

President (Steve Jones):
- Apologies, away with work.

Vice President (Denny Bowden):
- Nothing new to report.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):
- 2026/27 Membership renewals to date: a total membership of 195 individuals with 15 of these being Associates.
- Re Annual Concours, the permit has been received from NCC and Greg has attended to their fee for use of the park.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):
- Balance at 30/09/26 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%.
  - This does not include deposit & deduction of the outstanding Variety cheque for $XXXXX.
- Items for discussion:
  - CBA EFTPOS machine.
  - Update of current Committee members with CBA account (Julie Tipper and Geoff Smith to be deleted).
  - CMC 2027 Affiliation.

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

Club Captain (Peter Le Breton):
- A vote of thanks to Ken& Bennie Campbell for hosting Tuning Run morning tea.
- A vote of thanks to Carol & Neville Roxby for hosting morning tea for the Clubman Run.
- October Tuning Run is to Anchor Cafe at Spencer with morning tea at Wollombi. Details to be provided on the Facebook page in coming days.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):
- As per *On the Marque*.
- Arrangement and planning for running the Concours in general business.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Contd.

Public Relations (Frans Henskens):

- Janet Kilazoglou From Variety will attend tonight to receive their cheque from Euro Motorfest.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

- Sale of Regalia during the Annual Concours has been organised.
- The Regalia Officer is away during the period 9-27 October 2026.

Committee Member (Alan Andoni)

- Nothing new to report.

Social Director (Linda Claydon)

- Is collecting expressions of interest for the Christmas function / Club Presentation ceremony at Club Macquarie 29 November 2026.
- If Concours is washed out this Sunday need someone to look after regalia sales since will be away.

Magazine Editor (Andrew Gowans):

- October issue of *On the Marque* was published online on 1st October 2026.
- February issue of *On the Marque* will be about a week late.
- Stroud Swap Meet has invited us to participate on Saturday 14th November.

General Business:

- Concours arrangements.

Club Website stats (Andrew Gowans):

- In September the Website was viewed 3,796 times with the peak being 21 September. The daily average was 127 views per day.

Facebook Stats

- Over September there were 239 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group, and the Group was viewed a total of 24,714 times.

Website Updates

- A site backup was downloaded on 26 September. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up to date.

Meeting Closed 7:16 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 10th November 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





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.

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

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-ballers 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, under-body rustproofed and fitted with immoboliser.

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 Dunstervile 0457 612 152

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.