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- 8 Club Run, TD Registrar, Michael & Jacqui Gerondis
- 10 Members Christmas Party, Strathfield Golf Club, Hilary Wren
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June President's Report

By the time you read this I imagine that many of you have been to the Sportsparts Open Day for a behind the counter look at the treasure trove of new and used parts for MGs that Sportsparts has.

When long time member Bruce Smith contacted me and told me that he was closing Sportsparts on 30 June it was news that didn't surprise me, but it did concern me. As a long-time customer myself, Bruce has assisted me with parts and expert advice to keep my MGs on the road, and I know it has been the same for many of you. It will now be that little bit harder for us all.



I still remember spending some considerable time with Bruce trying to work out the self park on the wiper motor for my Mk1 MGBGT. Pouring over wiring diagrams and looking at old wiper motors until we realised that the Mk1 BGT has a unique wiper motor with the wire to activate the self-park running outside the loom. I am sure others could tell similar stories because if Bruce didn't know the answer straight away – which he most often did, then he would find out, often consulting his vast reference library until he found the answer. So thank you Bruce for the many years of helping me and the MG community with our cars.

In other news, we have been advised that the MG Car Club of South Australia have confirmed that they will be running the 2026 National Meeting in Adelaide again. Rather than hold the event over Easter as it has been done for many years, they are planning to run the event from Monday 27th April till Friday 1st May. The Natmeet will be held in the Glenelg area, with the Concours at Wrigley Reserve on Tuesday 28th and the competition events to be held at The Bend Motorsport Park, with the Motorkhana on Wednesday 29th and the Sprint on Thursday 30th. They have decided to run the event at this time to reduce costs, and to bookend the event with other events being run in Adelaide at this time.

But of course, before the 2026 event we have the National Meeting in Albury over Easter next year. So put it in your calendar. If you haven't been to a Natmeet before, they are great fun and a wonderful opportunity for you to get your MG out and participate in social and sporting events with other MG enthusiasts from around the country. And if you are a new member there is no better way to get to know other members of our club. Keep an eye out for more information in *Opposite Lock* over the coming months.

Last month I advised that David Dwyer has kindly stepped up to the plate to keep our face book page up to date. Please e mail him with any of your updates to david@frontline-cars.com.au

Finally, don't forget that your membership subscription is due by the end of this month. While we give you a couple of months grace if you have not paid, remember that the RMS do not, and if you have your car registered on either Historic or Classic registration then you must be a current financial member of the Club or your car will be considered as unregistered. Please renew on-line and pay using the on-line payment option with your credit card. It makes your renewal instantaneous and saves an awful lot of work for Lynn our Membership Secretary and Treasurer David.

Well that's it from me for another month. Happy MG motoring.

John Clarke

Welcome all to the

MG Car Club Sydney

Please make yourselves known to one of the members so that we can ensure you meet up with some like minded MG enthusiasts!

Amy Batchelor	Magnette
Kass Pappas	Magnette
Robert Pope	MGB
Colin Smith	MGB
John Dolan	Non Marque

Active members 834



So, you have bought a 'new' MG, or you have unearthed one long lost in the garage or you have finally finished that 'long, long, longer than you expected restoration & decided to now join the club.

We want to hear your story!

Please send a short story about your car by email

and do not forget some pictures!
to: editor@mgcarclubsydney.com.au





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May Members Gathering. 14th May Strathfield Golf Club

Our speaker for our May meeting was Colin Stacey and his son Clive.

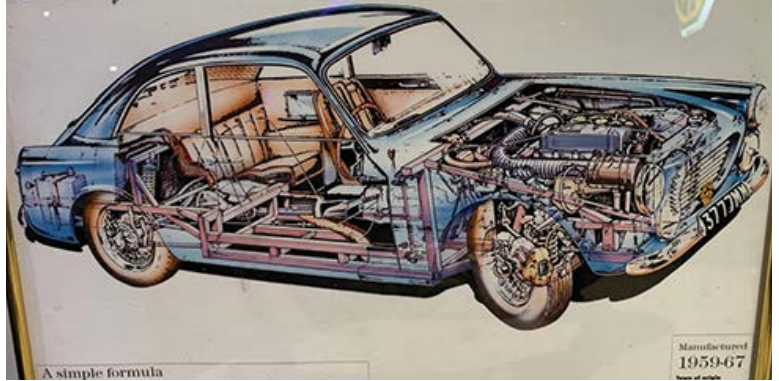
Colin has a great interest in classic cars having imported two to Australia, an Alvis TD 21 and the Gilbern G.T.1800, the latter of which he shares with his son Clive.

Colin will bring the Gilbern G.T. 1800 to club events having nearly completed its restoration.

Colin entertained us with his classic cockney humour, as he detailed the restoration of his Gilbern.

These cars were built in Wales, UK with the unlikely combination of a master butcher and a German engineer GILes Smith & BERNard Friese. The initial car was built over the butcher shop and only 1000 cars were produced. The Gilbern is closely related to the MGB, its running gear being pure MGB save the rear suspension which is live axle, trailing arms, Panhard rod, coils and dampers.

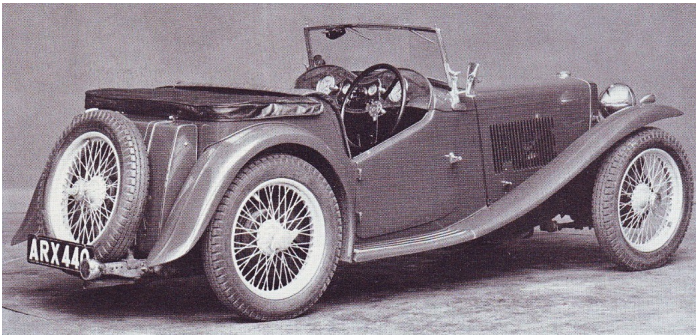
Thank you Colin, for an entertaining and interesting evening.



11th June Members Gathering.

Please join us in welcoming Malcolm Robertson an expert on MG's from Canberra ,who is well know to many of our members. Malcolm presented an excellent and well received presentation on the history of the MG over the last 100 year at the recent National Meeting in Tamworth and we are delighted to welcome him to our Club.

Malcolm traces back the history of the MG brand , it's obsession with the alphabet and not necessarily in chronically logical order, in the quest of the Holy Grille!



9th July Members Gathering.

For our July meeting we welcome Winston, who will introduce us to e The Future of Travel: Wayfinding, Self-Drive, Self-Guided Exploration and Storytelling "Today, we stand at the crossroads of a technological revolution that is reshaping the way we travel and explore our world. The future of tourism is being transformed by innovations in wayfinding, self-drive, self-guided travel and storytelling."

With over 40+ years of expertise in the Tourism and Hospitality industry, Winston is now embarking on a new digital journey in his senior years. His career has taken him across many cities and regions of Australia, the Pacific and Asia.

At our 9th July meeting, he will unveil a revolutionary platform tailored for modern travelers seeking a hassle-free DIY experience. Winston invites feedback on how to enhance this concept, prompting reflection on your own travel experiences particularly the "highs" and the "lows" with a view and the desire for simplicity and efficiency in planning and implementing a trip.

Join Winston as he leads the charge in redefining the way we explore the world on our terms.

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The National Meeting Tamworth 2024 . Kimber Run

Sunday 31st March 2024 from Tamworth to Nundle
Having been tasked with writing up the report on the Kimber Run at the National Meeting, I thought I should do some research on what a Kimber Run report contains. A quick Google brought up a good number from a range of countries: UK, South Africa and plenty from Australia. But none from the USA. Surprising the topics covered in the reports did not vary, they all seemed to follow the same tried and tested format:

- Number of vehicles
- Number of people
- Coffee
- Route
- Weather
- Lunch
- Scenery

So, this being my first attempt at a Kimber Report and being a relatively new member, I don't think its my position to rock the proverbial boat. I'll follow the tried and tested format for fear of causing offence otherwise.

Following the previous couple of days the Easter Sunday weather was glorious. Perfect for a drive in the country in an MG. A coolish morning warming through the day, but not a cloud in the bright blue sky. Clearly there was no excuse to sleep in and the 75 cars and presumably around 150 participants that had registered for the run turned up promptly at the Mercure Hotel car park to sign on, get a coffee from the mobile van, chat with the other drivers and navigators and wait for the Briefing.

Like all the other organisation for the National Meeting, Matt & Margaret Crawford seemed to have this nailed. The briefing started at the appointed hour where we were given a brief overview of the route, some warnings on road conditions, need to obey the rules of the road, speed limits and the lunch options in Nundle.

At 9.30 the first cars were waved off, led by a bunch of TC's who I guess jumped at this opportunity so that they could regulate the speed of the group.

It did not take me long to realise I had a problem. I had not even reached the starting line. The first instruction was zero the odometer. Not a problem, its just that mine does not move off this point since it was rebuilt during COVID. With some foresight its something I probably should have thought of before the day.

Anyway, with keen eyesight and astute guesses we managed to make our way through the early stages until the cars started to bunch up and it became a matter of following the car in the front, and checking the street names as we passed the corners.

A few minutes and we were through suburban Tamworth and on to a picturesque tree lined Calala Lane towards Piallamore and Dungowan following the Peel River up to the Chaffey Dam Lookout and then the quaintly named Bowling Alley Point.

The dam was completed in 1979 when it was opened by local MP and Country Party stalwart Ian Sinclair. Not to be out done by his predecessor, Barnaby Joyce organised for the dam wall to be further raised for "safety reasons" and as a legacy (I'm making this bit up).

The dam was needed to provide water for Tamworth and irrigation in the valley. This purpose seemed to have been achieved with the

amount of hay being grown and sold along our drive through the valley. From all the Lookout signage we further learned that the dam wall was constructed of a cryptocrystalline quartz called jasper and had an egg shaped, funnel like "Morning Glory" spillway, the largest in Australia. The dam also seemed to provide a popular camping spot and waterski park for the locals.





Following more photos of the cars overlooking the dam at Bowling Alley Point, it was a short run on to Nundle where the majority of cars stopped in search of the lunch options. A few of us pointed our cars up the steep, 600m climb and short, rough track to Hanging Rock Lookout in the "Hills of Gold".

I must admit I was unaware that this area was noteworthy for a couple of reasons:



firstly a gold rush in the 1850s when thousands of miners descended on the area and secondly it was home to Ashton's circus and sadly the burial place of its founder James's young wife who died in child birth.

Back to Nundle for lunch and hoping that the brakes did not overheat on the descent. By the time we arrived the MG contingent had been joined by a bunch of motor bikes, 4 wheel drives and assorted other travellers. The place was heaving and the locals were struggling to get food to the hungry. We were in a pretty little town, there was lots of the contingent to chat to and good food.

The Nundle Wollen Mill was the other point of interest for many. A tour of the historic machinery and demonstration of how wool was transformed from a sheep's back to a pair of socks fascinated the drivers and navigators. Plus the incentive to spend money in their shop was not missed. The mill tour ended with many thanks from the owners on behalf of the town for the MG crowd dropping a lot of money in town and saving them all from penury.

I think we were the last to leave Nundle to head home, so not sure which option everyone followed: retrace the route out or follow the Lindsay's Gap Road back to the New England Highway and into Tamworth. We followed the latter route and were rewarded by the scenery. Rolling hills studded with craggy gums with sheep and cattle grazing in the deep grassy paddocks. Serene.

A very pleasant day's drive in the country, where I am sure we all learned something new. When we arrived back in Tamworth the navigator was still smiling, so what more could we ask for.

Thanks Matt & Margaret for your organisation, and all the other volunteers for making the Run such an enjoyable day.

Ian Clare

Tamworth National Meeting Motorkhana

PART A - The Event Planning Phase

Sunday 31st March 2024 – Gunnedah Regional Airport, Gunnedah NSW.

The Motorkhana Sporting Event is a relatively simple in concept NON Speed Event which does NOT require a Motorsport Australia Speed Licence. The following provides the many planning & approval items and a few hurdles we needed to overcome to make this event happen, as all that most people were aware of course was the day of competition, (as probably also occurred for all the main Natmeet Social & Non Social Events I suspect).

The Competition held on the day follows in Part B.

The choice of the Gunnedah airstrip was made following a fruitless search by MG Natmeet Committee members for a suitable Motorkhana venue in Tamworth, and after I was told this Gunnedah venue was regularly used by the Tamworth Drag Association for their speed events. I was put in touch with a Geoff Hood from the Gunnedah Motoring Enthusiasts (GME), who explained his club had senior Motorsport Australia Officials, and held their own local speed events including a renowned fast Hillclimb at Mt Porcupine each year. Geoff explained the airstrip was the only current airstrip in 'Straya that had a Motorsport Australia (MA) Track Licence, meaning MA officials visited each year and inspected the airstrip for speed event suitability. This is what then unfolded for our relatively simple non speed event "The Thick Plottens" (Lev Grossman).

Geoff Hood from GME provided invaluable event planning assistance with his local knowledge and many years of experience in dealing with the Gunnedah Regional Council members, as this Council operates

& maintains the Airport, and has the power to be able to close the airport for a day for motorsport. So we needed a booking. To get a booking we needed approvals. To get approvals we needed lots of paperwork.



So our Club took on the first time challenge for myself and this recently re-laid airstrip, of designing a set of Motorkhana Tests from the MA book of tests suitable for a narrow airstrip, and a helicopter pad, to include a good flow path for competing cars, approved locations/ places for spectators, and the setting up of a venue to suit a National Meeting event probably not tried before. This involved additional work in providing a design layout drawing and a detailed document of explanation to Gunnedah Council of what and how a Motorkhana is run under an MA Permit (and all the submission paperwork that MA requires). Gunnedah Council required this additional detailed information for their insurer & themselves, as both parties had not been involved with a Motorkhana event before, which was a bit of a concern, (and so was the new airstrip surface) but Council approval for airport Hire was finally forthcoming, including its dormant & mothballed Terminal Building (further details in Part B).

Additional Motorkhana planning was then required for the rather unusual possibility of a forced aircraft Emergency landing in the middle of our event, with cars and people needing to be evacuated from the intended airstrip landing! There was also an outside chance of Fire Fighting aircraft needing to refuel, if there was a local bushfire! (In fact there was a small fire in the hills near Gunnedah on the day of our event, but alternative refuelling was arranged). So I wrote up my first ever set of draft instructions for an evacuation procedure due to a forced landing on an airstrip being used for a Motorkhana, based on the required initial actions of a CASA trained Radio Operator legally permitted to communicate with airborne aircraft, whom we had engaged from Tamworth (he is also used for Drag Meetings). I purchased a little but loud compressed air horn to sound an emergency to all, and we arranged two sets of radios – one for an emergency landing, and the others for the event operation.



What we had NOT envisaged was another type of “emergency” – an aircraft requiring to take off during our event, in spite of a total closure notice issued by Council for this airstrip! This actually happened on the day when a small Cessna aircraft needed to refuel & take off, having landed at Gunnedah the previous day, with its pilot guilty of NOT reading his notes, and it was all handled very well indeed by our Clerk of Course (See Report Part B)

A couple of planning meetings were then held with Geoff Hood & GME officials on site, as they also planned to hold their own Half Mile Sprint event on the same airstrip, following completion of the Natmeet Motorkhana. This meant some additional planning & imposed some new time constraints on our Motorkhana, meaning that it was imperative to get permission from Council for us to attend the day before, to be able to measure & mark up all the Test pattern witches hat positions for three Tests in chalk (using some beaut chalk spray cans purchased by Max Wasson) & using volunteer teams from NSW, South Australia and Victoria, to save at least 1 and a half to two hours set up time for the next day. This Council approval took quite some time & several reminders to occur and there was a nervous



waiting period until Council permission was granted! Our Club had invaluable assistance from MGCC Victoria in firstly, Michael Herlihy (a Clerk Of Course) who helped me submit a Targeted Risk Assessment to MA. He then successfully negotiate a change in a Motorsport Australia Competitor rule that required a minimum of a 3 point harness belt for all open cars in the speed event Lap Dash (as about half the expected entrants would have open cars, and thus probably would not Register for the Natmeet!). Marg and Ric Collett supplied & transported the 3 sets of Motorkhana Electronic Timing equipment up from Victoria, and also sought 2 additional volunteers apart from Marg to operate this equipment. There was stationary & printer items as well, and others to assist with starting and recording, apart from a few volunteers I had received. This small event took a small army of 24 Officials & Volunteers! Well done Marg & Ric.

To top this off, the food Vendor Charlie Frew had booked long ago, decided to cancel less than a month beforehand due to a lack of available staff. Hilary And I then scrambled to get replacements and then the next two replacement Vendors also cancelled when staff could be secured for an Easter Sunday! With about two weeks to go we still did not have a Vendor, (and still had NOT received our MA Permit either!) A local Vendor “Scope Empire Catering” was asked, but explained their food van was already booked. Later Alison from Scope Empire came back to me and said she had thought about our predicament and she had a possible solution – she could supply a tent, folding tables, a refrigerated trailer and two people to serve hot and cold food!

We were saved! The alternative would have been possibly a few sausage rolls and pies & take-a-way coffees to share from the limited stock available from a local garage on an Easter Sunday!

Motor Sport Australia then came up and issued the mandatory permit & the included Insurance cover, so we were finally set.

Now I just needed to finish off the time consuming entry processing and corrections emails of many very poorly submitted Entry Forms, and also grid order for the two competition Groups.

All this grinding final detail (from early concept work the previous year) to completion took the best part of three final months, and really required the work of two people to save some sanity and have some private life.

Steve Perry Natmeet Event Secretary

Tamworth National Meeting Lapdash

The Lapdash Sporting Event is a Speed Event requiring a Motorsport Australia Speed Licence, and was held at Oakburn Park Tamworth on Easter Monday. This was the same venue which was used by MG Sydney for their 2008 MG National Meeting, with support from the Tamworth Sporting Car Club.



Competitors were offered track time in two groups: Class N MGB Rubber bumper to Class ZZ having a morning start and Class A Pre-war to Class M MGB BL after lunch. Each competitor completed 3 consecutive laps of the very tight 700m Oakburn track with timing by electronic beam at the Start/Finish line. The aggregate (or combined) time for the 3 laps was recorded for Club points, for the first two rounds. Some competitors took the opportunity to complete a third unrecorded round.

We were very fortunate with a clear sunny day for the event and despite an unfortunate "off" by Robert Wilson (MGA59) at the practice day on the previous Thursday,



the event on the 1st April went off very smoothly thanks to the great organisation by Event Secretary, Steve Perry (MGCC Sydney), Event Director Michael Herlihy (MGCC Victoria), Chief Scrutineer Tim Edmonds (MGCC SA) & his team of volunteer scrutineers, Max Wasson & Stuart Ratcliff with the MG Sporting "Props" Support Truck, and valuable members of the Tamworth Sporting Car Club (TSCC), who regularly hold speed events at this raceway. The MGCC Sydney was very appreciative of their support and required senior Officials for this Natmeet Speed event. TSCC also organised and ran their canteen supplying hot or cold food for competitors and spectators throughout the day, which included entrants in the Discovery Run, whose event concluded at the Oakburn circuit. A special thanks is due to Scott Simmonds from TSCC for assistance in the event planning stage and on the day.

The results from the day appeared to favour

the smaller and more nimble cars with the Fastest Aggregate Time of the morning being recorded by Tony Vollebregt (Vic) in MG Super Special ZS (48) and closely followed by Craig Ballinger (Geelong) in an MG Midget in the Post MGTF Modern Special (68) and Stephen Jones (Hunter) MG Midget Super Special (82). The afternoon session saw Ric Collett (Vic) in his MGA Coupe (57) closely out pace Tim Edmonds (SA) in his MGB V8 (8). Ric Collett also entertained all with a multiple spin in his MGA coming onto the main straight, and Steve Perry ran through one corner on the end of the second straight with cold brakes on a 1st run!

Spectators saw Peter and Delia Rayment (Qld) competing in their 50th MG Natmeet in their trusty MGTC and although not clinching a best time of the day, they were there competing and earning valuable points for their Club.

Sydney club fielded 8 successful competitors out of the 53 competitors: Peter Rose, who picked up a 2nd Place



in Class K MGB (#16); the Jonklaas family - Suzanne, who picked up a 2nd Place in Class ZA RV8 (#62), James, who picked up a 2nd Place in Class R MGBGV8 (#22) and Stuart, who picked up a 4th Place in Class K MGBGV8 (#58) Jonklaas; Warwick Protheroe, who picked up a 3rd Place in Class K MGBGV8 (#17); Steve Perry MGCGT who picked up a 4th Place in Class Z (#72); Ian Hazeldine, who picked up a 3rd Place in Class K RV8 (#60); and Alan Heritage, who picked up a 1st Place in Class S MGCGT (32). all earning valuable points for the Sydney Club. It was exciting to watch members of the Jonklaas family vying for best times in their V8 MGs!

NOTE: All final results & competing MG images are available on the MG Car Club Sydney website, under 2024 Natmeet "Results & Photos."

In 2025 we are to be hosted by the Victorian MG Car Club at Albury/Wodonga and competitors will be able to test their mettle & their metal MG on the Wodonga Barnawartha track just 15 minutes out of Albury.

Alan Heritage

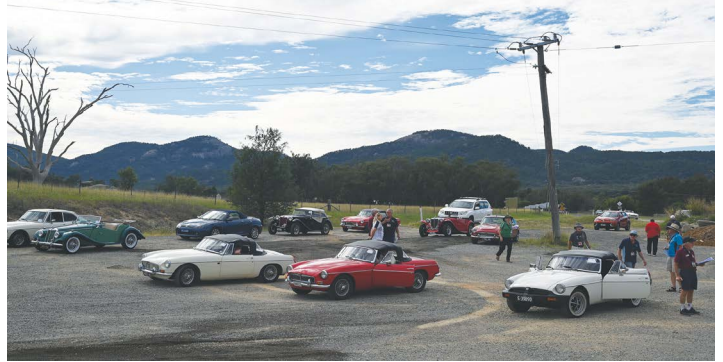
MGCC Nat Meet Competitor and Assistant Scrutineer



The National Meeting Tamworth 2024 . Discovery Run

Easter Monday dawned to yet another picture perfect day.

Some 80 cars & crews assembled at the Mercure to receive the run instructions & attend the briefing. The event had two categories, one for a simple scenic country drive & the second driving the same route but incorporating several stopping points where answers to questions were required to be found. Group two were competing for class & outright points. The first challenge was a test in the car park to see how close the driver could get to a plant of wood, without looking! Measurements were taken & would be used as a tiebreaker if required.



Most of us have been to Tamworth many times but it always seems to be on the way to or from somewhere. It was great to get off the beaten track & experience some of the local countryside that one always gets by doing so.



Initially departing Tamworth to the north our first via point was Daruka & our first taste of Matt & Margaret's devious questions. As we didn't have our copy of Australian Native Tree Species Encyclopedia handy in the car, we were left to guess which trees among the sixty nine varieties we could see from the question point were not natives! Oh dear, this is going to be a long & challenging 80 km drive.

Oh well, off we go again for more punishment no doubt. Our next challenges were revealed on reaching the village of Attunga. Crews were seen searching under bushes, climbing playground equipment & peering through windows attempting to get answers to questions & working out "who's the teacher's pet" (certainly wasn't us when we were at school).

Furiously (frustratingly) scratching our heads we carried

on for our next challenge. Even consuming the packet of lollies we received at the start did not help our little grey cells work any better.

Continuing our lovely country drive we reached Somerton to be faced with another set of brain challenging questions. We were all taken back to our school day mathematics when having to work out the capacity of the two water tanks beside the War Memorial Hall. Now what was that bl#%@y formula our maths teacher used to prattle on about?



Our next stop was the end of the Discovery Run which finished at Oakburn Park Motorsport Complex. On arrival we handed our answer sheet in & then had an opportunity to watch our fearless speed demons try their hands at the lap dash while we were comparing what we thought were correct answers with others on the run. Oh dear what a diverse range of answers – I think we're in trouble here!

The relatively quick and cleverly designed route took us through some truly beautiful and diverse country which no doubt left us all with a desire to go back and see more. Most memorable were the sprawling beef properties Tamworth is famous for along with lush, heavily treed areas featuring rocky outcrops. Our favourite road on the drive – Lower Somerton Rd – a fabulous mixture of sweeping corners, bridges & straights, just perfect for classic MG's.

Congratulations to Matthew & Margaret for taking up the challenge of organising their first Natmeet Discovery Run. Well done. But we're rebranding it as the Devious Questions Run (you've been paying too much attention to your teacher)!

Robert Smith & Matt Sexton



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8th June - Khanacross also at METEC

9th June - Hillclimb at the rejuvenated Rob Roy Hillclimb in Christmas Hills

The motorkhana & khanacross events have been our most popular events over the last couple of years, and speaking from personal experience, fantastic fun and low impact on the cars. And Rob Roy is better than ever!

The hillclimb will be an event combined with Round 2 of our local Interclub Challenge - an event open to like-minded motorsport clubs - which ensures an excellent variety of marques competing alongside our MG's.

Check out the website : <https://vic.mgcc.com.au/competition> - this is also the website where you will find the link to enter the event when entries open.

Following the hillclimb on the evening of Sunday the 9th, we will be holding a presentation dinner at our clubrooms in Nunawading, for which all are invited. Make no mistake, this is an inter-MG-club challenge and there is a trophy at stake! Last won by the MGCC SA, so we hope to see a healthy contingent of crow-eaters to uphold their honour. There is planned to be a buffet roast dinner for a reasonable cost. We would very much appreciate an indication of your attendance by return email for catering purposes.

Contact: john.hastie@mgcc.com.au, 0400 801 320. Looking forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon!

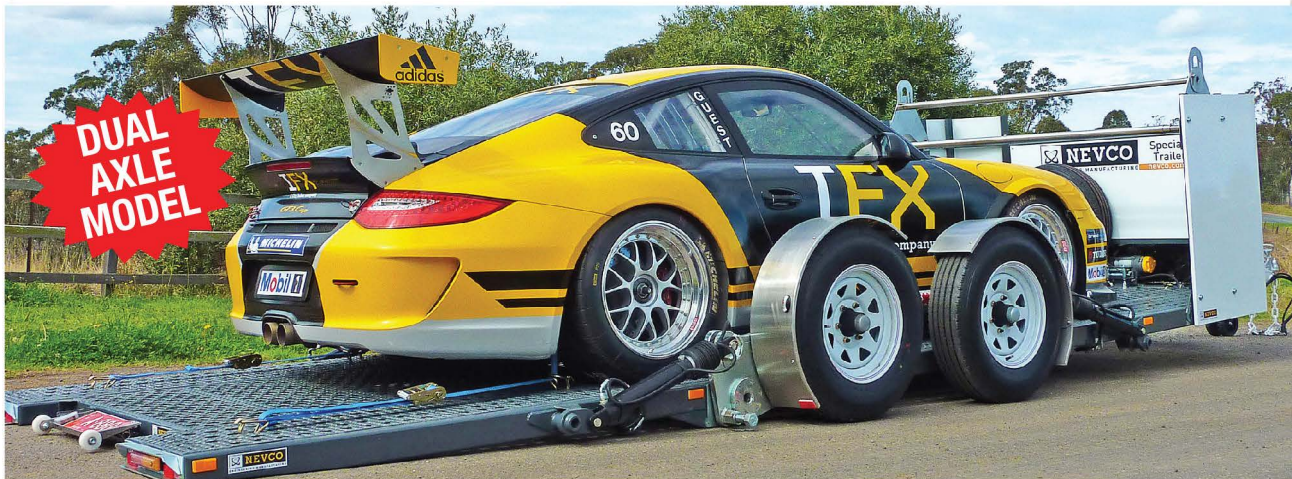




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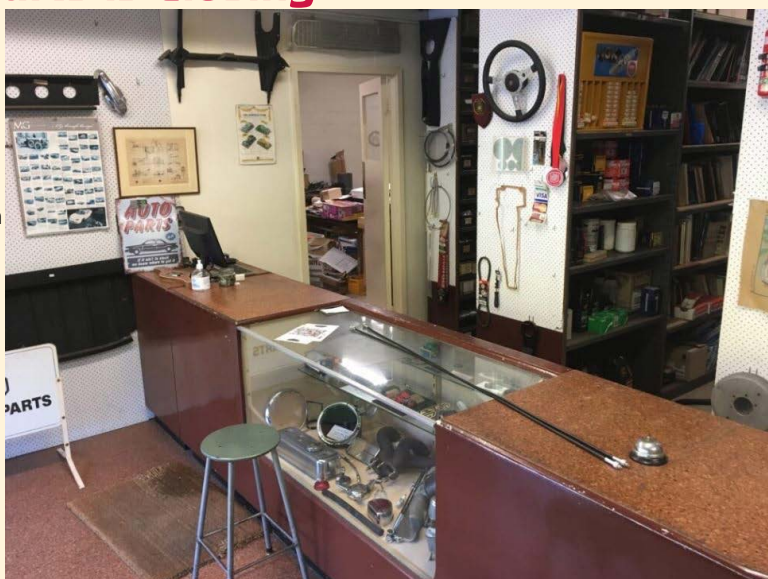
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Please note for those of you with cars using the Conditional Registration Scheme (which covers Classic and Historical vehicles) that membership of a recognised Club is a NSW legal requirement of this Scheme. If you are not a financial member of the Club, then MGCC cannot legally sign the Declaration Form (either 1259 or 1835) and you are in breach of the law if you continue to operate your car whilst not being a financial member.

As in previous years, our membership system will automatically send you an email reminding you that your renewal is due. The email will contain a 'renew now' button. By clicking this button, you will be directed to your profile page where you can check that your personal and car details are complete and still up to date, then follow the prompts for payment where you can pay on line by the preferred method of a credit card.

You can also renew your membership at any time by logging into your profile via the MGCC website <https://www.mgcarclubsydney.com.au/> click the Members button, log in and then the renew

button and follow the prompts to action your renewal.

Whichever on-line option you choose, a confirmation of your renewal and a payment receipt will be automatically forwarded to you by email. Your profile will also be automatically updated to reflect your new renewal date, as will your membership card.

In a world of ever-increasing price rises we are delighted to say again this year that there will be no increase to the fees, they will remain unchanged and are as follows:

- Renewal Individual Member \$100
- Renewal Family of two \$115
- Renewal Family of three \$130
- Renewal Family of four \$145

We appreciate your support and involvement with the Club and look forward to your renewed membership for the coming year.

The on-line system should be simple to follow to renew your membership. If, however, you do encounter difficulties you can contact me either by email or phone.

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Join us for an entertaining drive via an interesting and easy route through some iconic mountain passes to the Camden Valley, followed by a tasty casual lunch (optional) at the historic Camden Valley Inn.



Meet: 8:45 am at McDonalds Menai, 231 Allison Cres, Menai for 9:00 am departure.
Overflow parking beside Parc Menai

Cost: No cost for the run, lunch at your cost

Bring: Your MG/ daily drive. All models of MG new & old welcome.
Pen or pencil to write on route notes.

Navigators: Will be kept busy with the amazing views on this route

Bookings: By Thursday 11 July 2024. Please log into Wild Apricot and book yourself in for the event; or e-mail to Mark at robboMC1960@outlook.com so we can warn the hotel of numbers for lunch.

Navigation: Easy directions – this is not a navigation or observation run

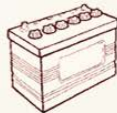
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Lunch: Arriving around 11.30 am; Usual pub food at your own cost, spend \$5 or \$55, it's up to you.

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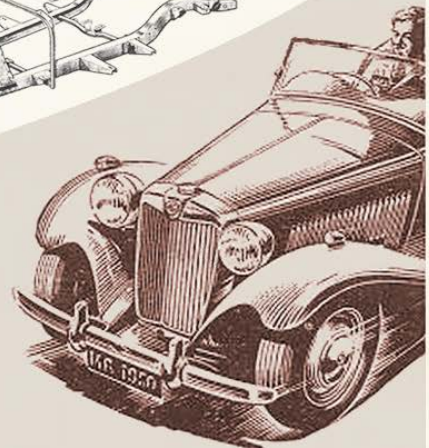
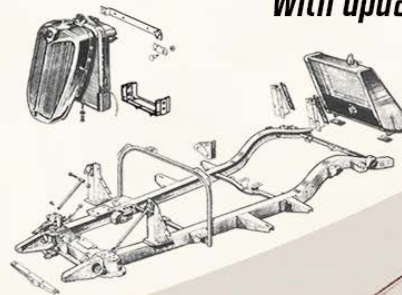


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Magnette Run to Nepean Dam

The forecast was not good for the run with 35-50mm of rain predicted which I knew would deter people from attending. We arrived at the dam at 9.45am and set up to have a cup of tea to warm ourselves up as it was quite cool under the shelter but only a light shower. Whilst having morning tea we decided that if nobody came by 11am we would head for home. No sooner had we said that an MGB came down and parked with Brian and Jan McKenzie alighting from their vehicle. Five minutes later a red MGB came from the direction of the dam and parked and had obviously arrived before us and decided to view the dam and Allan Phillips made his way

to the shelter. The numbers were adding up much to our astonishment. Next to arrive were Nigel and Melinda Martin and George Berger both in ZA Magnettes and a little time after John Cunneen in his Commodore. Heavy rain set in so we set up camp under the shelter with much discussion on various subjects until lunch time which was a very quick operation owing to the dramatic change in the temperature which must have been about 10 degrees and everyone decided to leave and experience some warmth in their cars. Despite the rain and cold weather it was good to catch up socially with the other members. **Peter Baldry Magnette Registrar**



C&V8 Workshop Day Sunday 16th June 2024

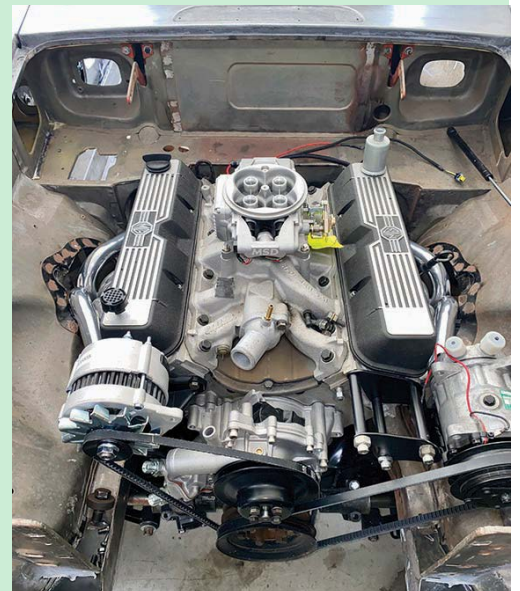


Our C&V8 Registrar Glen Protheroe is inviting club members to his home work shop for a workshop day with as many like minded C&V8 club members as possible. (Max 20) He is in the process of restoring his own GTV8.

Presentation on:

- Conversion from a 4 Cyl car to V8
- Moss electric window kit installation
- UK MGOC 4Pot/Vented Disc install

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Where: 16 Clifford St, Coogee
Start: 10:00
Tea & Coffee: Available all Day
Lunch: 12.00 Sausage Sizzle lunch provided (\$5)
RSVP: by 13th June 2024
Contact: Glen Protheroe
0408 466 140
stradanut@gmail.com
I look forward to meeting you all then.

Glen Protheroe

Touring the Great Ocean Road

Day 1 Wed 1st May. Sydney to Cootamundra 332K

Cars assembled on Wednesday morning at the Pheasants Nest Ampol Road House for our nine day Don Young Tour of the Great Ocean Road and Grampians. Early arrival Dominic David established an unofficial "Dummy Grid" area in the car park. The rain that accompanied our drive out of Sydney had left us by the time we arrived, presenting a fine sunny autumn morning. This only added to expectations ahead, as route directions were distributed and briefing given to the 13 participants.

More were expected to join us during the day. Nine cars (including four MGs) set off at 9.00 am for our first day with an overnight stop at Cootamundra. A simple drive directly to Goulburn on the busy Hume Highway led us to the wonderful Roses Café in the township for morning tea. Meeting us there were Sally and Stuart Ratcliff. Having reportedly missed, the Road House turn in at Pheasant Nest due to some sought of distraction! Our next stop was to be lunch at Harden; this was via Crookwell, Rugby and Boorowa.

The sweeping, undulating country driving conditions were a welcome and pleasing change from the hectic Hume. The road is sealed between Crookwell and Rugby contrary to what may be show on some maps.



After Lunch at the Café/Bakery in Harden some of us made a visit to the large bronze sculpture nearby of "Bill The Bastard". A memorial of the Waler (horse) that carried five soldiers to safety, during the first world war. An easy 40km drive lay ahead of us to

Cootamundra via the Burley Griffen Way and Olympic Highway.

The Olympic Highway, officially named Olympic Way in 1963 was part of the torch relay route, Cowra to Albury for the 1956 Melbourne Games and Wagga to Cowra for the 2000 Sydney Games.

Arriving around 3.00pm at our overnight accommodation, The Heritage Motel in Cootamundra we were met by two more cars. Our tour group now consisted a total of twelve cars, including five MGs, and 19 participants.

The events of the evening and night, unknown to all were yet to unfold.....

We went to dinner at the Golf/Country Club next door to our Motel. A great setting but the kitchen was clearly over whelmed by our numbers. Our quiet and

comfortable Motel was to be woken at 1.30 am by the fire alarm ringing in all rooms. A system glitch was identified and for those in the car park in pyjamas, we went back to our rooms.

Cootamundra is the birthplace of Sir Donald Bradman. He is more often associated with the NSW town of Bowral as this was his residence. Cootamundra is also home of the Cootamundra Sprints held annually by the VSCC on the local airfield. I'm told it is a great event.

Day 2 Thurs 2nd May. Cootamundra to Moama 421K

The first topic of conversation during the morning was our earlier Fire Alarm wake up call. Our second overnight stop was Moama on the Murray River. This was via Junee, Coolamon, Nerrandera, Jerilderie and Deniliquin.

With lovely weather again on our side and anticipation of another great day ahead of us we set off 10 minutes ahead of our usually punctual 9.00am start. Unfortunately, and unknowingly at the time one blue MGB-GT was left to exit an empty Motel car park alone. This detail was made clear later on during the day.

There were ideal undulating, winding driving conditions on the way to the historic railway town of Junee. A slight detour due to roadworks on the edge of town and on to Coolamon for a morning tea stop. There was a very dramatic change of scenery and driving conditions shortly after our morning stop. Upon hitting the Newell Highway for our journey south we now encountered dry, open country. Flat, straight driving on one of this states main north/south trucking routes. This highway is unfortunately showing signs of this heavy usage and hasty repairs to keep it open. Vast grazing and cropping



properties were noticed with only a few cattle seen. Some grazing unfenced along and crossing the road.

Jerilderie was a very welcome stop for lunch. Our stop was a lovely small park alongside a lake complete with restored Australian Army Leopard Tank.

Jerilderie as history students will recall was the place of the Bushranger, Ned Kelly's Jerilderie Letter, Bank robbery and Hotel siege. Our final sector onto Moama for the night was via Conargo with its famous 1850 pub and onto the Cobb Highway at Deniliquin.

The landscape and driving conditions were much the same as before our lunch stop: flat, dry and straight.

Our Moama overnight stop at Cadell on the Murray Resort was a relaxing oasis with a well organised dinner at the nearby Service Club.

Paul & Irene Harrison

Day 3 Friday 3rd May. Moama to Apollo Bay 418K

Crossing the Murray early on Friday morning we entered into Victoria. We all traveled in convey for a relatively short distance before the group all seemed to head off on different routes.

Traveling through totally a different landscape from NSW, the countryside was more lush and full of wind farms perched high on the ridges.

Here we got onto B & C roads, several of which were



single lanes. It certainly made for interesting driving! We eventually made it to Apollo Bay having enjoyed some beautiful scenery along the way.

Day 4 & 5 Sat 4th -Sun 5th May. Rest over in Apollo Bay

The team spent the weekend in true R&R mode in Apollo Bay. With bush walking; walking parts of the Great Ocean Road track; fern forest trails; lighthouse tours; enjoying great locally caught seafood and the sensational scenery.



Cape Otway Lighthouse built in 1848 the second lighthouse to be built in Australia.



Dom Davids MG, one of the 5 MG's on the tour, sunrise Apollo Bay



Touring the Great Ocean Road

Day 6: Mon 6th May Apollo Bay to Halls Gap via Port Fairy 342K

After spending three nights at the Sandpiper Motel in Apollo Bay we gathered in the Car Park at 08:00hrs to head off to the highlight of the tour to Princetown and the Twelve Apostles along The Great Ocean Road. Apart from the 12 Apostles of which there were only 9, now 8, related to ongoing erosion, there are multiple other limestone stone formations in the area, just as



spectacular if not more so.

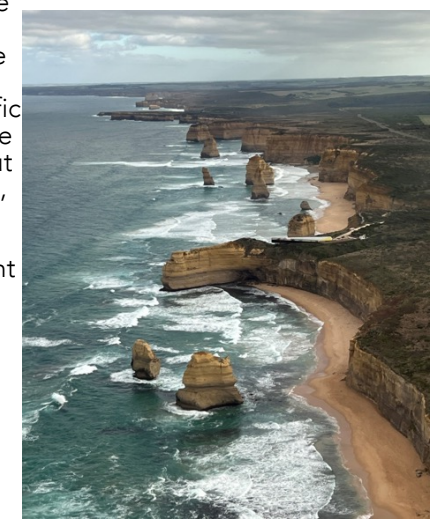
Margaret and I took a short helicopter flight over the area, although it gives a great visual perspective of the formations, the multiple viewing areas along the road, are more than enough to impress.

Unfortunately, the Visitor Centre was not open to allow a more in-depth understanding of the formation of these impressive structures. The National Park area is well set up to cater for a large volume of tourists with a paved walk way under the main road to the viewing platforms.



After a cup of coffee, we were on our way again through Port Campbell, Peterborough, Warnambool and on to Port Fairy for lunch. At Warnambool we passed the Cheese and Butter Factory and its Museum which is

well worth a look. After lunch we back tracked along the Great Ocean Road to head north to Peshurst and Dunkeld, along a series of B and C roads some of which were quite good, others not so. On the narrow roads, where one needed to move off to the shoulder when oncoming traffic was encountered, the MG TF bottomed out on several occasions, generating awful scraping noises, although no apparent major damage. From Dunkeld we headed to Halls Gap and our motel, the Country Plaza. The view of the Grampians, on the way in, was magnificent, leading



to great expectations of what we were likely to see the following day. The day itself had been a reasonably easy drive of around 350 km.

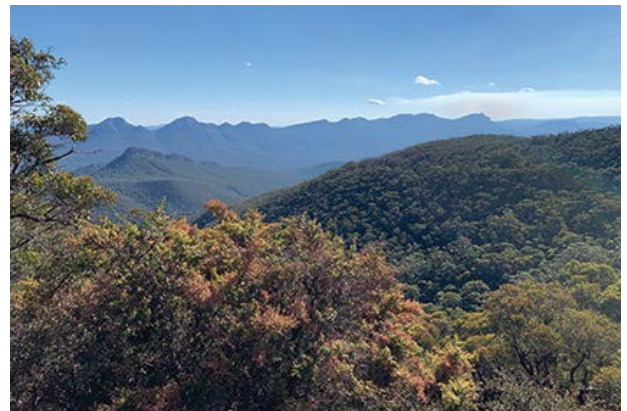
On our way home we encountered a multitude of kangaroos enjoying the green grass around the motel.

Matt & Margaret Crawford

Day 7 Tuesday 7th May . Halls Gap. Day sight seeing, walking and relaxing by the Dam



Sensational scenery in and around Halls Gap. Mount William is amazing but not for the faint hearted, but well worth the hike.



Day 8 Wednesday 8th May. Halls Gap to Hay 479 K

Day 9 Thursday 9th May. Hay home 720 K

A huge THANK YOU to Don Young for yet another amazing tour; fun; comradely; entertainment and a golly good time



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- Sunday morning early to help unload truck and set up. Then various roles throughout the day, followed by pack up.
- Scrutineers to assist Model Registrars.
- Sunday late afternoon help unload truck at Gladesville.

More details next month with contact details for organisers of various roles.

In mean time contact Jacques Calluauud jcalluauud@live.com or 0433 506 668 if you need more details.



2025 MG National Meeting Albury Wodonga



The 2025 MG National Meeting will be hosted by MGCC Victoria and will be held in the twin towns of Albury – Wodonga. After the fabulous showing and attendance by NSW at Tamworth I am sure we can continue to wave the NSW flag and have a terrific contingent in 2025.

Thanks to Dom David for booking the two motels below. We have reserved rooms in both motels so if you are planning to come to the 2025 National Meeting a good idea would be to reserve your room now to ensure you will be staying with the NSW contingent.

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And what does Victoria have to say about 2025?

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

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

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

Saturday theme night and Monday night's presentation dinners will be held at one of the major entertainment



and hospitality venues in Albury providing a great space for our premier evening events.

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

The scenic roads, hills and valleys of the region provide everything a sporting motorist could wish for. The area is replete with historic towns dating back to the gold rush. The scenic Murray River and Hume Weir, winding country roads including the longest remaining section of the old Highway 31, running through towns complete with period shops. What could be better for the Kimber Run and Discovery Run? Be ready for a walk through some of these historic towns to answer the Discovery Run questions, have a refreshment and soak in the atmosphere.



Sunday will be Motorkhana Day for the competitors and the patterns will put all of our memory capacity to work once again. We have a few venues to choose from to suit our motorkhana and will pick the best.

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

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

Take the time to see Lake Hume, paddlesteamers on the Murray and the north-east Victoria wine and gourmet food region. Fascinating places like Beechworth, Milawa, Chiltern and Yarrawonga are all within easy reach.'

This is sounding like a fun few days, so we need to ensure a strong NSW contingent in 2025. Over the coming months I will try to provide some information about interesting drives to and from Albury – Wodonga and will keep you informed of all that Victoria has planned.

Ros Bastian MGSCC Nat Meet Coordinator

TF Run to Australian Motorlife Museum-Sunday 30th June



Meet: 8.45am for a 9.30 am departure, at Macdonald's Restaurant, Eastern Rd ,Bungarribee, in the Western Carpark, accessible from either east or west.

Destination: Is the Australian Motorlife Museum, Darkes Rd Stream Hill where our "young" seniors discounted entry fee will be \$15, and there is ample off-street parking.

Lunch: Our lunch venue when finished at the Museum will be the Dandaloo Hotel Bistro also on Darkes Road approximately 3 kms back towards Wollongong.

<https://www.australianmotorlifemuseum.com>

"Its an easy run with a surprise or two & please be kind & come along as this is the first Run I have organised. A 70 year old virgin if you will." All are welcome.

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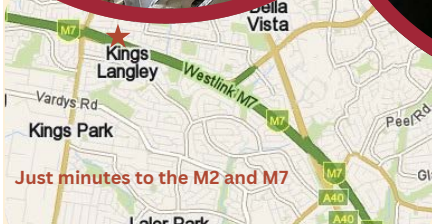
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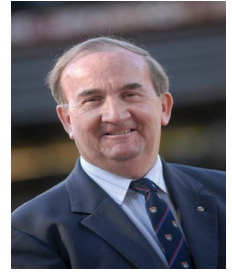
The combined Illawarra Registers of the Jaguar Drivers Club of Australia and the MG Car Club Of Sydney, again combined to attend the limited option available for the National Motoring Heritage Day (19 May 24) on the South Coast. There were originally two options- either to attend the NMH Day at the Berry Showground, or attend the NMH held at the Motorlife Museum located at the Integral Energy Park, via Dapto NSW

The weather narrowed the choice, as the constant heavy rain on the South Coast meant the Shoalhaven Council declared the Berry grounds unavailable due to flooding. We received about a week's warning that the National Motoring Heritage Day at Berry was postponed to a date to be advised later in the Year.

When we advised the combined Illawarra register attendees by email, many then volunteered to delay till the Berry alternate date became available. Consequently we had a very small turnout to the Motorlife Museum Event- to what turned out to be a very pleasant day, despite again the weather forecast suggesting showers, with a smaller but interesting range of vehicles attending.

Our combined registers' organiser Ron Critcher, who made all the arrangements for the day, was also not able to attend, with Ron being hospitalised

Michael Hough



and was advised not to walk. On behalf of all Illawarra register members we want to give Ron a big thank you for all his efforts in organising our yearly program, and wish him all the best for a speedy recovery.

Enjoy a photo selection of the mainly British car types that I have selected from the many cars actually on display.

Here is a list of the remaining Illawarra register events for 2024:-

July Sunday 28th: Christmas in July
Corrimal RSL Club auditorium

This event will now run this year, but on an alternate day to that originally posted, and at a different location, as the Mt Keira Scout Camp venue is currently closed for major renovations and repairs.

September Thursday 26th

Visit to Graham Lord's workshop, Mittagong

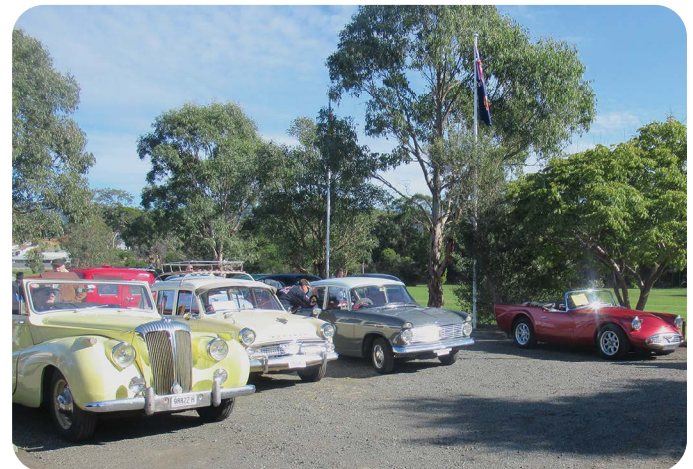
November Thursday 28th

Lunch run to Greenwell Point

Please put the above dates into your diary, and I hope to see you at the Illawarra registers remaining events in 2024.

Enjoy your classic motoring.

Michael Hough Illawarra Register





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Gathering of the Faithful 13th-15th September

It is with much pleasure that I announce that the MG Gathering of the Faithful will be held once again in Wagga Wagga on the 13th, 14th and 15th September 2024.

Entry forms are available for download at our website: <https://www.mgccwagga.org.au>

As 2024 celebrates the 100th year of the MG marque,
 it will be fantastic to see a great number of entrants attend
 with supporters from the public attending the car display of our wonderful MG's looking
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Looking forward to seeing you all at the Gathering of the Faithful in Wagga Wagga

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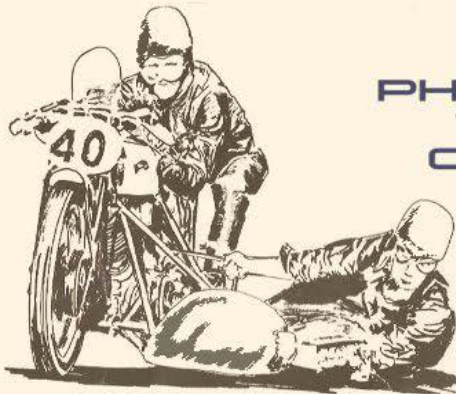
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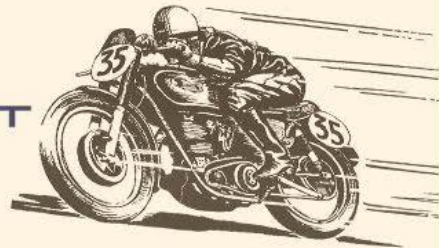
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The April 7th "play day" is a chance to check out your machine, the Pheasant Wood track and meet up with old friends in good time for the September 7th/8th event.

There are no paper entry forms for the April 7th play day, just give Scott Hill a call on 0428 743 847

scott@pheasantwood.com.au

Join us for a social dinner at Mosman Rowers (Club),
Mosman. Saturday 22 June 2024

Meet: 6:15pm at the venue for a 6:30pm booking
(meet at the table).

Dress Code: smart casual

Dinner: see menu: <https://www.mosmanrowers.com.au/eat-drink>

Cost: (new procedure) members & guests can choose from the menu
and pay upon ordering.

Bookings: By Sunday 16 June 2024 via Wild Apricot.

Enquiries: Julie Porter-Stephens
breakfastruns@mgcarclubsydney.com.au



Join us for a pleasant drive to the Blue Mountains, followed by a casual breakfast at The Fairmont Resort,
Leura. 28 Jul 2024 @ Fairmont Resort, 1 Sublime Point Rd, Leura NSW 2780



Meet: 7:45 am at McDonalds (441 Great Western Highway,
Wentworthville NSW 2145) for an 8:00 am departure. **OR**

8:30am at Glenbrook Park Park St. Glenbrook. 2773.

Navigation: Easy directions (this is not a navigation run). Plenty of
parking at the restaurant.

Breakfast: (new procedure) members and guests can choose from
the menu and pay on ordering.

Bookings: by 5pm Wednesday 24th July 2024 via Wild Apricot. (You
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60th Anniversary of the MGB

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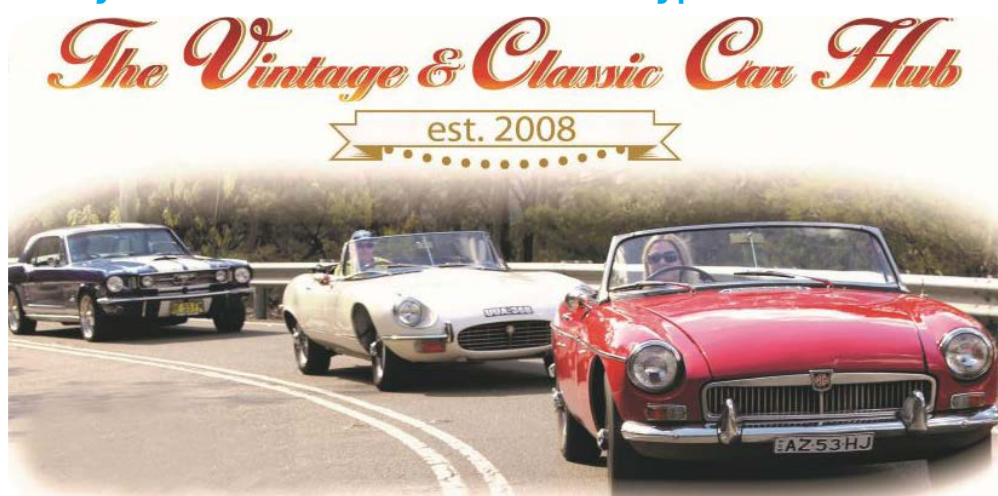
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We reckon our boss is mad!

He has set a goal of meeting every one of our 2,000 + owners.

Why? You may well ask! He has a couple of reasons:

He would like your feedback on a few of his current initiatives, including:

- Launching a National Classic Car Academy to teach owners how to service and maintain their classics.
- Building a helpers database of classic car enthusiasts who are able to help others join the classic car community.
- Running a major promotion to expand Corporate Drive Days for www.starcarsagency.com.au owners.
- Promoting www.vintageandclassicarhire.com.au cars to interstate and overseas tourists.

He is also looking for some fresh ways to help existing and future owners.

- After 16 years he is getting a bit stale.
- The demographic of owners is changing as people like him are a dying breed - literally!
- So he needs input from younger generations.

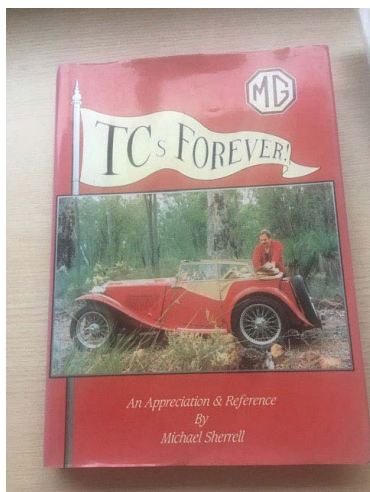
If you would like to meet up with him, you can include your thoughts in an email to admin@vcch.com.au – or just give Keith a call 0407 287329 He will then put together a road trip to meet as many people as possible.

From The Library

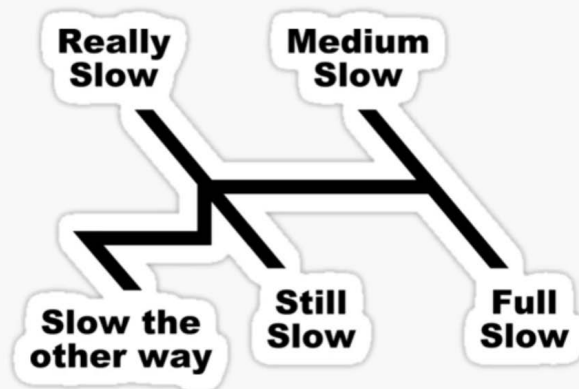
I have been going through our Club DVDs to get them into order and have found that there are nine of them missing, possibly not returned during the period that we didn't have a librarian to check them back in?

Please could I ask our members to check whether they may have borrowed one and please return to the Library collection.

- 2. MGB Experience
- 24. Goodwood Festival of Speed
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- 38. Rebuilding the TC Gearbox
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Classifieds - Cars



1980 MG GT V8

Road or track car, purchased in 2018 by Andrew Cornish from WA with a 3.5-litre V8. Chassis GVGEJ1AG516996 it was registered in Victoria (1023 H8).

The car has been completely stripped down and a rebuilt.

It is equipped with a 4.6-litre engine, balanced & blueprinted with ARP studs & bolts, featuring a crossbolted block. 800 newton metre on the dyno.

Body is straight and no rust, all glass installed. Front & rear bars included.

This will make an amazing road or track car, nothing has been spared on the build, just needs to be completed.

Clive cam 210 deg, compression 10.5:1

Performance Ignition distributor

Heads ported and polished

Heritage motorsport outrigger rocker shaft post

Adjustable timing gear, twin roller chain

Adjustable pushrods

Billeted crank pulley

John Eales extremely rare 'swan neck' inlet manifold with 4 Weber 45DOCE Carbies, Borg Warner LSD 3.23

Supra W56 5spd gearbox

Custom cross member & mount

Lightened steel flywheel with twin plate ceramic clutch – Extreme Clutch SA

Modified dissy pickup and front engine plate, with remote oil filter

Custom engine mounts to be completed

Extractors thru the guards with strengthening plates to guards

New race radiator, oil cooler

Reconditioned steering rack

Rebuilt front and rear suspension with choice of front springs and bars

VE Commodore rotors with Wilwood 4 spot calipers

2 racing seats, Baffled sump

New half Brown Davies cage

New fuel tank New wiring loom

4 new alloy 15x6 'minilite look' rims

Price: \$25,000 ONO must be sold

Location: Surrey Hills

Contact: Ross Boyd

0418 466 337. boydsfive@bigpond.com



1968 MGB MK2 Convertible

Indigo Blue

Australian assembled.

Owned since 1970.

Restored to original condition in 2013.

Used locally for Car Club events.

Price: \$28,000.

Contact: Albert Johnson

0418 968 004



MG TD 1951

Road registered MG 814 until April 2025. Chassis Number TD/ 8070 EXR. Car would have been subject to an older restoration but is still in remarkably good condition.

Car is very tight and straight with excellent woodwork, no rust and good paint work except for a few scratches.

Chrome work is also fine. Mechanically sound with excellent recently reconditioned engine, good gearbox and synchromesh, clutch, tight suspension, steering, new brakes and all instruments and gauges work.

New tyres and battery. Interior trim, hood and side-curtains are also in good condition.

A pleasure to drive this great little MG."

Location: Killcare Heights

Price: \$34,000

Contact: Andrew Mackie

0407 770 205

agmackie47@gmail.com



MGF 1948

Is offered in original condition from the same owner for the past 53 years.

It was purchased by the present owner in 1971 in a partially restored state. The current owner finished the restoration and finished the car in red.

Receipts for repairs and maintenance available.

Location: Chatswood

Price: \$40,000

Contact: Jim Connelly

02 9412 39 41



MGY 1949

2nd Place in Class 2022 Sydney Concours, Registration MGY949

Black with red interior this car is a superb example of the MGYA Class. Acquired by the current owner and was meticulously restored. Comes with full service history and receipts. A range of spare parts are included with the car or can be purchased separately for \$250 the lot.

Location: Sydney

Price: \$30,000 ONO

Contact: Peter Sutherland

0419 314 295





1958 MGA

If you are looking for a Concours standard MGA, this is not the car for you. If, however, you are looking for something lots more fun to drive, while retaining the MGA panache, this may be the car for you.

The car has had a complete rotisserie restoration with every broken, worn and old part replaced or restored and upgraded.

The car runs the following upgrades and improvements:

- 5-speed manual
- 1950cc five bearing MGB engine, professionally built and balanced
- Steel crank with Carrillo steel conrods
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- Konis with panhard rod
- Subtle widened front and rear guards running 205/60 tyres on Minilite 15" wheels
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- Period correct race seats with extra rear travel
- Halogen headlights
- Momo steering wheel

Price: \$60,000.

Contact: Tim Sullivan
0435 727 869

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1969 MGC GT

Primrose yellow tourer.

Manual with overdrive.

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Engine 29 GRUH/4198

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Contact: Sam 0412 256 980

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MG ZT 2002.

1802.5 Auto 4 door saloon.

Reg EGDD60F Amethyst (dark blue)

166,100 kms. Full service history. Timing belts replaced at 142,178kms. Sept 2023

New radiator, thermostat, fuel rails, engine mounts, coolant pipes and valve hoses. Only two owners, last since 2005,

Always garaged, good condition interior and exterior, new roof lining. ABS, air conditioning, sunroof, central locking, parking sensors, air bags, cruise control, blaupunkt radio/CD.

Price: \$9,000

Location: South Australia

Contact: Leslie McNickle

0407 979 272

lmcnickle@optusnet.com.au



Oxford Blue MG RV8.

3.9 L Rover with ~83600 km
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We have moved to Perth from Canada and I need a daily driver. I have had it since 2016. Service records go back to 2007.

One of only 258 Oxford Blue RV8's this originally shipped to Japan then imported to Australia and certified by the authorities in Sydney, Nov 1999. It went to Melbourne then to Perth.

Maintained in top notch form by me (I am the current North American MG Enthusiast of the Year), Co-chair of MG2010, 2015 and Chair of MG2022.

Driven only 3-4 months per year since 2016 when we visited Perth. Always garaged.

Custom tow bar for bicycle carrier. (Not certified for trailer towing).

Aftermarket Radio/CD player

Recent Service

- complete head rebuild in 2018.
- ceramic coated extractors 2018.
- 5 tyres 2018,
- clutch master 2018,
- rebuilt heads and head gaskets 2018,
- new triple core radiator, coolant reservoir tank 2018,
- new clutch 2021
- new gear shift lever bushings 2022
- new front end poly bushings 2022
- new electric fan, new pulley belts 2023,
- new windscreen 2023
- Dyno tuned to 160HP.

Price: \$49,500

Location: Perth

Contact: Peter Mittler

0411 587 57

pmittler@gmail.com

Classifieds - Parts



Toneau Cover & Rocker Cover Plate

Toneau cover, requires new zipper slide otherwise in good condition (hardly ever used).

Steering wheel: small blemish on one spoke but otherwise in fair condition.

Rocker cover plate: good condition.

Price: All three items \$500 . Neg

Contact: Robert Fitzpatrick

Bateau Bay, Central Coast NSW
0405 781 608

patnbob88@gmail.com



Set of MG TF or early MGA wheels
Have been refurbished before new tyres were fitted.

I removed one tyre to inspect condition of wheel.

Fitted with Michelin tyres, about 70-80% tread, 7 years old.

One wheel has a slight difference in the hub profile.

Price: \$50 each or \$200 the lot.

Contact: ianfrost@dodo.com.au

Wanted

NEW

MG TC 19" wire wheels in good condition. I have some in poor condition that I could restore however before I do, does anyone have any 19" wheels with good slimes and spokes surplus to requirements that they wish to sell? I can repaint if they need it.

Location: St Ives Sydney

Contact: John Martin

0401 007 421

john_m_martin00@hotmail.com



Hudson Supercharger

NEW

Fully refurbished Judson supercharger for MGA for sale.
Housing honed, end plates resurfaced, all new vanes, bearings and seals.

Complete with rocker cover with built-in oiler and fully refurbished original glass bowl Holley carburettor.

Spare intake manifold, all spacers, bolts, etc. different sizes pulleys to change boost levels, manuals.

Will fit MGB.

Price: \$6,000 ONO

Location: Dulwich Hill

Contact: Christophe 0402948817

1christophe.roose@gmail.com

TF Radiator Shell False Nose

including Medallion and Dummy Cap for sale.

Picked up at a Local Swap meet is in very good condition however not appropriate for my TD.

Price: \$250.

Contact: David Suters

whipstick02@gmail.com



MG Boot.

Ideal for a restoration. Has 2 very small dents, and a little bit of surface rust at one end. There is mechanism on the inside but no button and there is no Octagon.

Price: Make an offer, cash only

Location: Pick up from Bathurst

Contact: Bob Bell : 0408 793 955



MGB steering wheel

Original type for an approx. 1974 model with no slots in the spokes wanted in good condition.

Also wanted, an airbox for a BGTV8

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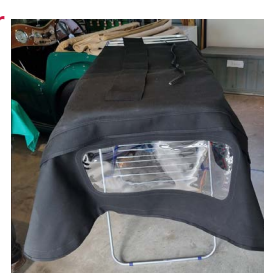
Black Mohair Hood 1 rear window hood, trim, piping & fittings Part #. TCWE1001AD Cost \$970

Black Mohair Tonneau – Full tonneau with a centre & side zips by wheel arches. Cost \$655

Black Mohair Half Tonneau
Cost \$ 590

Black Mohair Side Screen Covers.
Need to fit to existing side screen frames & windows. Cost \$970

Black Interior Trim Kit – Vinyl TC. This includes all interior trim items in black including wheel arches, piping for door panels & around dashboard, doors & behind seats as well as sheet for side screen cover back panel behind seats. Kit Cost \$1440.



Contact:

Graham Slater
Northbridge

0400 324 006

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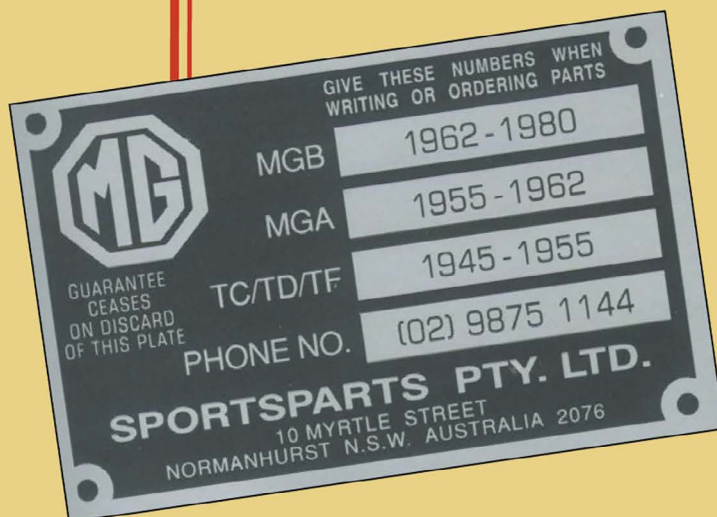


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