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<u>What's On</u>



MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.

<u>JUNE 2024</u>

- Thursday 6th Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—"CafeInu" Carrington— 43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm
- Saturday 8th Sunday 9th "HSRCA" Sydney Classic—SMP Eastern Creek
- Tuesday 11th Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm
- Wednesday 12th Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch—see page 7 for location — contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend.
- Sunday 16th Clubman Run Meet at Club rooms, for departure at 10 am.
 10.30 Morning tea at Sugarloaf Park Lunch at
- Monday 17th "Cars and Coffee in the Bay" Meet at Paul's Corner at 8.30 for 9am in the car park Fingal Bay
- Tuesday 25th Lakeside Morning Coffee "Marks Point Post Office & Café" at 9.30am to 10.30am.

<u>JULY 2024</u>

- Thursday 4th Square Riggers Noggin and Natter—"CafeInu" Carrington— 43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm
- Tuesday 9th Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm Club Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm
- Wednesday 10th Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch—see page 7 for location—contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend.
- Monday 15th "Cars and Coffee in the Bay" Meet at Paul's Corner at 8.30 for 9am in the car park Fingal Bay
- Sunday 21st Clubman Run Meet at Club rooms, for departure at 10 am.
- Thursday 25th Tuning Run Meet for 9.00am start.
- Tuesday 30th Lakeside Morning Coffee "Marks Point Post Office & Café" at 9.30am to 10.30am.

Changes to arrangements published in "*On the Marque*" will be advised on both the Web page and the Club's Facebook page. Members are advised to check them for such changes as the date/time of each event approaches.

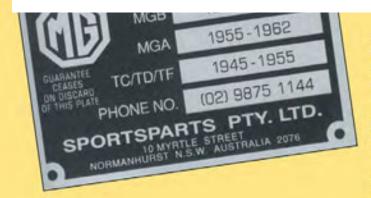


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NEW MEMBERS NAME TAGS

The following NEW MEMBERS can collect their club badges when attending a club function . The club badge should be worn during any club function.

Terry / Janeen Clifton

John / Astrid Perdriau John Ray Andy Webmaier

Mark / Karen Hodgen

Christine Hobson Martin Evald Jason Lay Bruce Whitten Dianne Whitten Patricia Carter John Needs Lisa Needs David Carter Elizabeth Hilton Cheryl Moran

Mid Week Gathering June

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday 12th June 2024

Venue : ."THE BANK HOTEL

Location : .72 Melbourne Street East Maitland 2323

Time : approx., 11.30am for 12.00

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

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

Thank You, Kay Bowden

NEXT MAGAZINE CONTRIBUTION DEADLINE

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

Deadline for the June 2024 edition will be

THURSDAY 27th JUNE 2024

From the Editor

Graham Haywood

Our club will be holding the "**Euro Motorfest 2024**" on Newcastle foreshore on **Sunday 30th June**, weather permitting. We need volunteers to assist on the day so see PRO's report on page 13 for a list of tasks needing your support.

It has been encouraging to see the support from members this month by attending the various activities organized by your committee which indicates to me that our club is providing the types of activity you the members are wanting.

The "Square Riggers" had a slightly lower patronage this month but has been very popular this year so check out the report on page 14.

The "Mid Week Gathering" this month was at the "Orana Hotel" with a good attendance to enjoy a meal and social discussions. Check page 15.

The May "Clubman Run" was run by myself during Howards absence and attendance was great especially considering the previous run to Kurri Kurri Bowling Club a few months ago. The weather probably had much to do with attendance as it was perfect on the day.

The "Tuning Run" was delayed and was to Walcha for lunch from a start at Gloucester. See page 22

The Lakeside Morning Coffee run has settled with at least 8 cars attending and 11 persons this month. See the report and photographs on page 21.

As your Editor I have been encouraged from the positive comments from some members about the magazine and have decided to put my hand up for another year as the Editor at the AGM. There have been some difficult challenges with the magazine with the current being that most of the photographs that are included have high resolution, but that usually means that the size of the magazine in bytes has been too large for transmission. Nonetheless with the help of Andrew our PRO, using his mysterious to me powers, has been able to bring the bytes down from 15 or so megabytes to 2 to 3 megabytes so I have been able to send the magazine out. Many thanks Andrew for your help as without it our members would not get to see their magazine.

Progress with my MGB.

Recently when I was checking the route prior to conducting the May Clubman Run I noticed a squealing metallic like sound just after a slight brake application. The noise was persistent so I stopped to investigate. I found the driver's side front wheel was much hotter than the other side front wheel. I decided to continue to see if it got worse and thankfully the noise stopped as well as the brakes worked well so I completed the drive. On arrival home I removed the front wheels and discovered that on the driver's side one of the caliper pistons was well out and the other barely. I dismantled to find a seized piston one side of the disc with half pad wear and almost no pad material left on the other side of the disc. So I used my daily drive to the "Mid Week Gathering" and also for the actual "May Clubman Run", as I waited for the front caliper rebuild set of parts that I had ordered to arrive.

Ironically I had several months earlier inspected the pads and although they were less than half worn I obtained a new set of brake pads, at a good budget price, in anticipation but did not further inspect the ones on the car again after receiving the new pads.

All is good now with the brakes on my MGB but the constant small maintenance tasks is a reality with our hobby of driving a Classic car.

Just today when I tried the retracting seat belt on the passenger side it would not release to extend so no passengers until I can repair or replace the belt system.



Enjoy reading this issue of our magazine!



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MGCCHR Presidents report for June 2024

Another month gone by and we have been able to dodge the rain for our club outings, with good attendance at all events.

We had an interesting un planned club night.

Frans talked about the woes of importing classic vehicles into Australia.

Steve spoke about the 2025 National Meeting and the extended tuning run he and Bev are organising

Gary gave us an update on Wakefield Park (although it will have a name change when it opens). Gary and Austin were lucky enough to have a drive around the new track.

Last month Kay and I were in Goulburn on a Coach trip and I talked the driver into taking us out to have a look at the track. He took the bus full of Probus people along for the ride, Much to my disappointment we couldn't get through the gate so all I got to see was the hedge along the road, some huge mounds of soil and some earth moving vehicles. looks like I will have to go down when it opens.

Don't forget our up and coming Euro Day, we will need as many helpers as we can get, if you are able to assist, contact our PRO Andrew Gowans.

That's it for this month.

Welcome to the new members.

Octagonally yours,

Denny Bowden, President



Next meeting is on Tuesday 25th "Marks Point Post Office & Café" at 9.30am to 10.30am

PRO Report For June 2024

Andrew Gowans

PRO Report June 2024



As Denny said in his report, with Euro Motorfest rapidly approaching we're looking for Members to step forward with help and support on the day. The gates open from 8:30 for entrants, but we'll need Members on the ground from 7:30. Also a couple at the Clubrooms to help collect things from 6:45.

The sort of jobs going include;

Collecting money at the gate

Placing traffic cones

Ground control & parking

Putting up gazebos and tables

Selling raffle tickets

Collating Peoples' Choice votes

Clearing bin bags

Plus the 1001 other things that happen on the day.

As I've said before, most are not full-time jobs on the day. Most of the hard work is getting the whole shebang-a-bang going at the start. You can drop in and out of jobs, so you can go and enjoy the display of cracking cars for yourself, chat with old friends & new, and generally have a great day. Give me a buzz if you have any questions.

So, get polishing, take care of those niggly little jobs, and get yourselves ready for the Big One!

If I don't see you beforehand, I hope to see you on 30 June.

Cheers & see you in your MG,

Andrew Gowans

The PRO waiting for Euroday

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SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

Team Hunter member Bruce Melville recently competed in a Historic event in his Lotus Elan at "Morgan Park" near Warwick in Queensland. It was Bruce's first run at "Morgan Park" and he said thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Bruce will be competing in the upcoming "HSRCA Sydney Classic" event at SMSP Eastern creek in Regularity, We wish him good luck and look forward to a report on both events in next months club magazine.

Owner of "One Raceway" (formally "Wakefield Park") Steve Shelley invited "GEAR CLUB" members to come down to the track to have a look at the progress and changes that they have made to the track in the past few months as it is very impressive.

The day started with a sausage sizzle in the corporate garages where Greg Shelly gave us a run down on what they have done over the past few months, which includes massive drainage works, and those of us who have run there in the wet can tell you that it was needed. Construction of massive dirt mounds around the track with alterations to turn 2 to reduce the noise impact on the neighbouring properties. These changes were made after Steve engaged Sound Engineers to have a look at the venue to see what was required to reduce the noise levels for the surrounding neighbours. Also changes were made to turn 10 to allow the track to been run in both directions.

When run in the clockwise direction it will be called the "Wakefield Loop" and when run in anticlockwise direction it will be called the "Shelly loop". All corners will be named as opposed to current numbers so that it doesn't change depending on which way it's run.

Amenities are being up graded along with Pitt lane garages with the parking area behind being concreted also pit entry and exit has been changed to improve safety. The whole track will get a complete resurface. There will be no manned inner track flag points as they will be replaced with light poles which also addresses safety concerns where flag Marshall's could be injured. Run off areas will be changed from the dreaded kitty litter to bitumen, as the euro circuits are now doing, to improve safety for drivers and motorcycle riders.

After the bbq it was time to go for a run around the track, which was supposed to be a walk but due to rain it was a drive around in both directions behind Steve Shelly which was great. I would say Austin Blanch had the pleasure of being the first MG to run around the



track in its new form. Steve said his aim is to have a family friendly Motorsport venue and where people at all levels of Motorsport, from grassroots to pros, can enjoy.

Thanks to Steve & the "One Raceway" crew for stopping construction work over a couple of hours thus allowing us to have a look at the venue. Also thanks to Austin Blanch for the trip down in the GT.

Can't wait to have a run there and that will hopefully be in the September "HSRCA" meeting.

Upcoming Events

Sat 8 Sun 9 June HSRCA Sydney Classic SMSP Eastern Creek GP Circuit Sun 30 June MGCCNewcastle Hillclimb Ringwood Park course A5 Mon 1 July GEAR SMSP Eastern Creek North circuit Remember drive them don't hide them enjoy your MG Cheers Gary

SQUARE RIGGERS NOGGIN & NATTER

Square Riggers Noggin & Natter meeting occurred at the usual location "Café inu" at 43 Denison Street in Carrington on Thursday May 2nd 2024.

Next meeting will be on Thursday 6th of June.

We will meet at usual time of 12 noon and natter until around 2pm.

No photographs were taken for this event so as Editor I have taken the decision to use previous photographs to illustrate the splendour of MG's parked outside the café.





As usual we order, then sit inside the Café if it is raining, or outside if not raining to eat, drink and chat.

Come and join us as you will be welcome.

MID WEEK GATHERING MAY 2024

The "Mid Week Gathering" for May was at the "ORANA HOTEL" at Blacksmith. Great meals, venue and company. Many thanks Kay for your organising it again.









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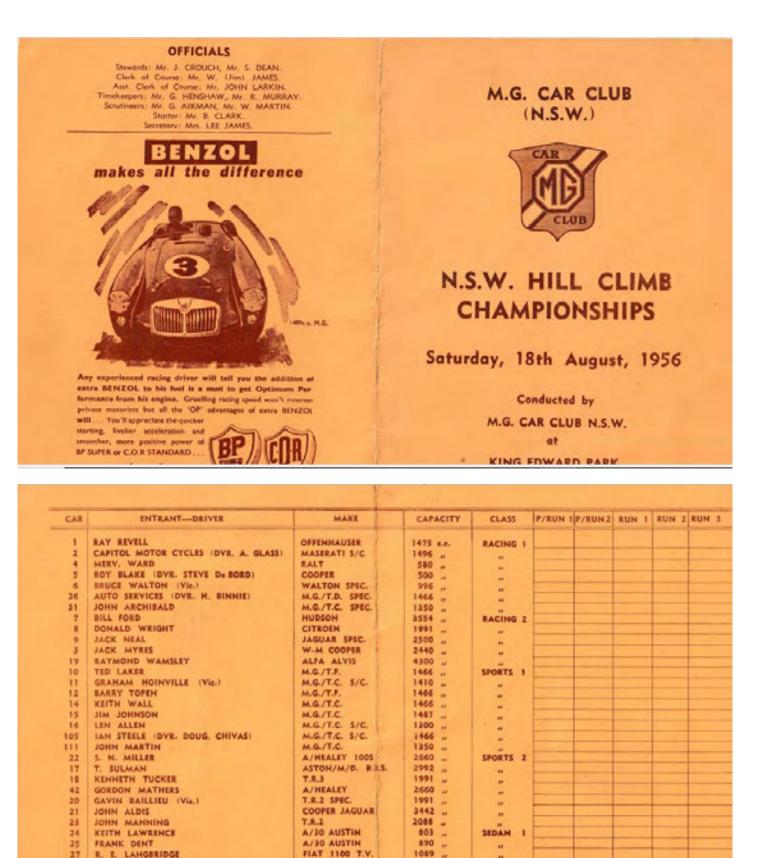
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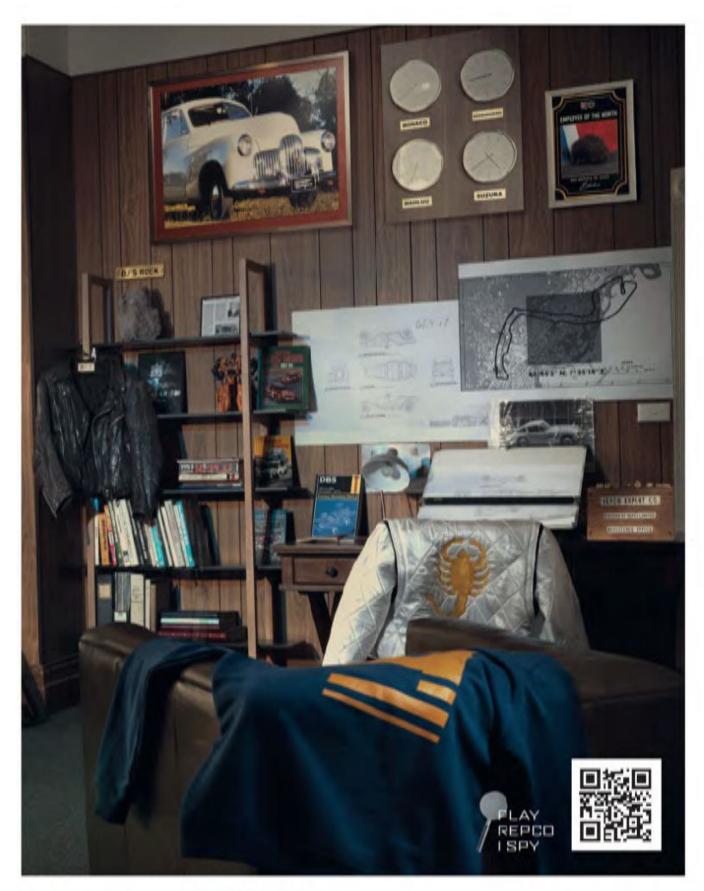
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I spy a driver, two Bathurst legends, and an Aussie first. A honey badger, four tracks, a Martin, a fine four-fendered friend, a bumblebee, and a mad man.



FOR IOD YEARS



Please bring your own Club name badge

Friday 13th	September 2024				
6.30pm For 7pm	GoF Dinner and Dance To be held this year at the Wagga RSL Club, Dobb St Wagga in the Mirage Room. As it is Friday 13 th , so please wear something spooky. Entertainment by the excellent "Soul Trader"				
Saturday 14th September 2024					
8.30am	Registration Meet at the Cross St car park and collect your GOF registration and goody bag. Then take some time out with a short stroll to our wonderful city or stay and have a coffee while we judge cars.				
11.00am	Car Judging All entrants' vehicles are on public display at the Cross St car park. Cars will be judged Saturday so you can all have a more relaxed start to your Sunday morning.				
1.00pm	Fun run A way to enjoy your MG by sharing your experience with other owners on our local area fun run.				
2.30pm	Afternoon tea After the run, sit back and enjoy a hot tea or coffee, plus a delicious afternoon tea provided by the Country Women's Association.				
Free For All	Time Out Spend a relaxing evening exploring the many pubs, clubs and restaurants in Wagga city				
Sunday 15th September	September 2024				
From 8.00am	BBQ breakfast! Start your day with a BBQ breakfast at the Cross St car park, freshly cooked by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Wagga.				
	"The Gathering of the Faithful" The winners of the trophies are announced.				

For more information contact the GOF Committee:

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MG CAR CLUB HUNTER REGION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership Renewals are due by end of June 2024.

1. Those on historic registration MUST RENEW THEIR MEMBERSHIP BY 30th JUNE because current membership of an approved car club is a necessary condition of their vehicle's registration and insurance.

2. There are three possible renewal fees as follows:

Single Membership (Full or Associate) is \$60

Family Membership (Full or Associate) is \$70

Student Membership (over 18 and full-time student) is \$25

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 (<u>secretary@huntermg.com</u>)

4. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:

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Account Number: 0090 3262

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5. After payment has been made please send an email with payment details, i.e.

Your name(s)

Date and amount of payment,

Renewal type either:

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Associate Single/Family, or

Student

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

MAY CLUBMAN RUN

G Haywood

A good turnout for the May Clubman Run with the initial drive via Warners Bay to Teralba



Several members joined at the Morning Tea stop in "Maddz Café" at Teralba.

Unlike the previous months Clubman Run there were no casualty cars and the morning tea break was enjoyed by all.

After morning tea the group of cars then proceeded to drive to the lunch destination via some good MG type well maintained roads with several bends to add interest in the drive.



Our final destination was to the Kurri Kurri Bowling Club where ample parking on the grounds was available.



Happy travellers gathered over the prepared two tables in the dining area for initial photos before then ordering meals and drinks.



All agreed that it was another pleasant gathering for a drive, meal and chat .



The Lakeside Morning Coffee Run was held on Tuesday 28th May and there were five MGB's that made the trip with one MGTC, one MGF (or is it a TF?), and one Marlin kit car for a total of 11 brave souls.

Attendees were, on left photo on the right of the table Graham Haywood, Peter LeBreton, Keith Gibson, Bill VanDerveen, Doug Campbell with on the left of the table Tony (Unsure of surname), Greg Jenkins, Bob Woods and Lyn Ingram.

Larry and Shirley Dickason arrived just after photos were taken but still enjoyed our company and a drink.

Another successful MG CC Hunter Region social event.



MAY TUNING RUN REPORT



The Following photographs of the May Tuning Run have been provided by Andrew Gowans.

The first four to arrive at Gloucester prior to the run

Morning tea at Gloucester all ready to start.





At Carsons Pioneer Lookout, on the way to Walcha







MAY TUNING RUN REPORT cont.



At Carsons Pioneer Lookout, on the way to Walcha



We reached Walcha, off to the pub for lunch









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MEMBERS INTRODUCTION TO THE CLUB

Below is a sample answered of the Members Introduction to our club.

Name Elliot Burns

MG year & model 1949 MG YT (Green with a tan hood)

How did you fall in love with MG's? My Dad had a couple of MGB's at different times when I was growing up. When I was a Learner Driver, he had a Midget that he let me drive a few times. I thought it was fantastic! It was so low compared with other cars & felt fast, even though it wasn't.

What has been your favourite MG experience? My YT is my daily driver, so it gets used a lot. We have been to most capital cities in it. In 2016 Maryann & I drove it across the Nullarbor to the Perth National meeting. At 85kmph, we got to appreciate how big Australia is, how diverse the scenery is & how intriguing the wildlife is. It was a great experience, and the car was totally reliable!

What lives in the shed with your MG? 1925 Austin 7 (restored), 1934 MG PA roadster (under restoration) & 1960 Austin Healey Bug Eye (Mark 1) Sprite (to be restored). There is also a couple of old pushbikes including a replica Penny Farthing & an 1895 Columbia Shaft Drive.

What would you be doing if you weren't playing with your MG? I like playing & watching sport. I enjoy riding my push bike & being part of the local soccer team. I do a few voluntary things. The most rewarding is helping run a homework group for children from the local public school.



Stopping at Kimba in the middle of Australia on the way to Perth in 2016. I'm holding the National Meeting Speed trophy, something I wasn't going to return with!

Next year's meeting will be in Albury/ Wodonga from April $18^{in} - 23^{ol}$. This will be Victoria's 3^{ol} attempt at running the meeting there and I wish them all the best. Bev and I are planning on being there and I hope we'll have lots of Hunter Region friends with us.

If you are interested in going, please let me know. I will be looking for accommodation very soon and need to know numbers. It's only an expression of interest, you aren't locking anything in.



Steve Jones (sbmbjones@optusnet.com.au or 0412495234)

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

Deadline for the JULY 2024 edition will be

THURSDAY 27th JUNE 2024

FOR SALE

FOR SALE - 1970 MGB GT Mk 2



MGB GT well-presented and in excellent condition for private sale For full details and photographs please email david.noble070@gmail.com

1968 MGB Mk2 Roadster

I wish to sell my 1968 MGB Mk2 roadster. This car has been fully restored by MG Workshops in Melbourne and it is a quality restoration of the car and the engine.

The engine is totally rebuild, balanced and with a fast road cam and is a delight to drive.

The bodywork is restored to a high standard with new floors and sills and fully repainted in the original white colour with a new rag top.

This car is as original except for a very 60s after-market steering wheel and chrome wire wheels from my MGC (I fitted 15 x 6" wheels to my MGC)

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Include daily log book on all running maintenance including fuel since restoration. Has been in same ownership for 40 years but stored since 1993.

The price is **\$39,000.00** and any enquiries can be directed to me on mobile **0408653581**. Regards Peter Dever.

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Also 'For Sale 68 MGCGT .

Full body strip to bare metal is In undercoat & ready for paint. 2 new front guards, new bumpers . needs assembling.**\$20,000** Steve, mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au or 02 96804648.

MERCEDES BENZ 350 SL (R107)

1976 Registered on NSW Conditional Plate 90850H. Exp 20/06/23

3.5 litre V8, factory yellow with black interior, soft and hard tops.

Chassis 10704322012192 Engine 11698022008012 This is a replacement R107 SL 3.5 V8 engine from a donor car.

Unusual 2 + 2 configuration with seat belts for the two rear seats.

Fully restored by Mercedes Benz Car Club Newcastle's conditional registration scrutineer, David McKew.

All the filed invoices show he acquired the parts from reputable suppliers. There are some extra spares at Budgewoi including four original wheels and tyres, wiper arms and an air cleaner.

The car has air conditioning, power steering, electric radio aerial, radio and CD player and is fitted with four after-market AMG wheels. A new battery was fitted in early 2023.

New tyres fitted in July 2019 and inflated with nitrogen gas by Jax Tyres, Newcastle, who carried out a full wheel alignment.

Lubrication and oil change service carried out in July 2021 and in December 2022 by Penfold Automotive Services, Newcastle.

An air conditioning system check of all components with gas added was carried out in January 2022 by Freeze Equip Sales and Service, Newcastle.











For offers, more details and inspection please contact Rob at robertanddenny@gmail.com



1951 MG TD – Unfinished Project

The MG TD in British Racing Green with an Ivory interior, an unfinished project is ready for restoration. In original condition.

1250cc XPAG motor, 4-speed manual transmission, serviceable tyres. All major parts included. Also includes a Rag Top in excellent condition. No structural

issues. The car is solid at its core, free from rust. Currently not road-worthy and will require a trailer for transportation.

Selling as a project. \$24,000 Contact pennyfurner@gmail.com



MGB GT For Sale

I am offering my 1971 MGBGT for sale.

It is mechanically excellent and runs well.

1800cc original engine with twin carburettors and functioning overdrive on 3rd and 4th gears.

Runs on unleaded fuel.

Spares include original Rostyle wheels.

The car was originally imported from US and converted to Right Hand Drive.

I have owned it for 30 years and have documentation of work done over that period including top overhaul, telescopic rear dampers and clutch replacement.

Offers around \$18,000 will be considered.

Phone for a test drive.

John Stuart 0408622674. (Merewether)

2002 MGZT 190 Project For Sale

MGZT 190 sedan with engine issues. The cylinder sleeves have slipped, requiring a re-sleeve or an engine swap.

In other respects the car is in good condition, with rego until October 2024. Approximately 185,000km, and 4 near-new tyres.

2,5L V6, 5-speed manual, with A/C & sun roof.

The heads have been removed (confirming the sleeves issue), with all removed parts in the boot.

This project is beyond my capability, but is repairable. Contact me for more pics, or to organise an inspection. I can give you details of how to get parts, or a replacement engine.

Price: \$1,000.00

Andrew

0425 204 762





1971 MGB Roadster

Make: MGB Roadster (Overdrive) Year of Manufacture: 2/1971 Registration NO: 22998J VIN/Chassis/Serial Number: YHN91085 Engine Number: 18G-GRWEH19659 Exterior Colour: British Racing Green (BRG) Mechanically excellent No rust Original radiator to be sold with the car Half tonneau Foldaway roof Chrome spoked wheels Always housed in a garage Copper mallet for removing the winged hub nut Battery isolator switch installed Tyres: Near new Pirelli tyres all round New batteries x 2 Lightly driven on country roads Meticulously maintained \$26500. ONO Contact David Ph. 0438 453 172



MG Car Club Hunter Region

Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 14th May 2024

Meeting Opened: 6.02 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden <u>Minutes</u>: Frans Henskens.

<u>Present</u>: Denny Bowden, Anne Pettigrew, Frans Henskens, Greg Jenkins, Gary Piper, John Longrigg, Peter Le Breton, Graham Haywood.

Apologies: Howard White, Andrew Gowans.

In attendance:

Nil

<u>Minutes</u>: Minutes of previous meeting held on 9th April 2024 were read and approved; moved Peter Le Breton seconded Graham Haywood.

Business Arising:

Replacement of fridge.

FAH has been unwell and this has not progressed.

Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

Nothing new to report.

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew):

Items carried over from February Committee meeting. We really need to be finalising these job descriptions well before the AGM in August if we are to attract new committee members. I would like to point out that in order to be a "cohesive and harmonious committee", in many cases, no ONE person is wholly and solely responsible for anything. What matters is that everyone works together and is willing to help out when required.

Discussed, outcome to follow by way of updated duties dpcument.

- For discussion: Emails to and from the Sydney Region organising committee for the 2024 National Meeting in Tamworth:
 - Wes and Chris Bray request for answers to the Discovery Run Questions following their email to all participants with the final scores for all competition events;
 - Matthew and Margaret Crawford, Organisers of the Discovery Run who have provided the Official answers.

Will present the outcome to the meeting.

Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2023/24 Membership renewals to date: 81 single and 72 family, a total paid-up membership of 225.

Re Euro Motorfest, paperwork has been lodged with NCC and formal approval is progressing.

Still waiting for details of coffee van for Mercedes Club.

Waiting on updated PLI paperwork from Sammy's Tucker.

NCC has agreed to waive the application fee for use of Foreshore Park.

Renewal of annual memberships is coming up. Need to discuss whether fees for 2024/2025 will remain unchanged.

Committee agreed to maintain fees at the 2023/24 membership year. FAH to send out an email to all Club members advising of renewal requirement.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

Is going away in May but Run is organised.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

As per On The Marque.

Has visited Wakefield venue (with Austin) and it looks incredible.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

Invitation received for Car & Coffee in The Bay event at Taylors Beach Sunday 2 June.

Car meet 9 a.m. to lunch; 20% off storewide; sausage sizzle; foods stalls; coffee van; give-aways, raffles, etc.

Seeks approval to add it to the Club calendar.

Approved.

Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair

The Lake Macquarie Autumn Fair was affected by the rain, and the organising committee has decided to move the event to Saturday 25 May. As this was a Committeeapproved event, I liaised with Graham to amend the details in the Magazine, as well as the Website & Facebook. The organisers are asking attending clubs to confirm their anticipated numbers, and I've indicated 12. It's not really an issue if we're short, or over weight, on numbers as its mainly for their site planning and they anticipate being flexible on the day.

However, with the date moved I can't make the event. Can someone else on the Committee lead our Members in on the day, please?

Peter to do this.

The planned meeting place and site entry maps are on the Website - <u>https://</u> www.huntermg.com/event/lake-macquarie-autumn-fair/

Also see the site plan in the info pack - <u>https://www.huntermg.com/wp-content/</u> uploads/2024/04/lakemacautumn2024.pdf

Euro Motorfest

- I'll be back in time for Euro Motorfest final planning. I've collected the award trophies for the event from Purnells.
- At the JDCHR All British Day they directed traffic to come in from the Nobbys end of Wharf Rd, to prevent traffic being stopped by entering cars. This worked well, and I'd like to propose that we do the same.
 - I request Committee approval to advertise entry from the east of Wharf Rd for Euro Motorfest.

Approved.

Tuning Run

An item for the Members at the Club Night; The Tuning Run to be held Thurs 23 May will

start with Morning Tea in Gloucester around 10am, lunch at Walcha. Members are asked to make their own way to Gloucester. The meeting place will be the car park near the toilets on Denison St (Cnr Denison St & Billabong Ln).

People intending to attend please let Austin Blanch know for the lunch booking.

Re: the flyer received for The Distinguished Gentleman's Drive on 29 Sept. I note that Graham has included this in the recent Magazine. I ask the Committee to approve this event for inclusion in the Club Calendar of events for 2024.

Approved, though may clash with the proposed Mudgee weekend away.

The Tilligerry Motorama initially envisioned for this month has been postponed until September 8th.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

Clothing

- Onya Visuals has identified a long sleeve polo shirt in maroon with white trim, which can be provided in male and female sizes. The shirt has an inner cotton material with a polyester outer.
- Onya Visuals can supply this shirt for \$25.50 per shirt, plus \$9.90 for Club logo embroidery. Therefore, each shirt will cost us \$35.40.

The Regalia Officer placed an out-of-meeting request to the committee as follows:

Approve this LS polo shirt as a suitable club shirt.

Approve an initial order of 4 shirts as samples for Club members to consider.

Approve a selling price of \$45 per shirt.

Committee endorsement was received, and an initial order has been placed with Onya Visuals.

Memorabilia

During the All British Cars display on 27th April, the Regalia Officer was approach by Ian Blyth from the Central Coast British Car Club asking if our club would be interested in receiving a copy of the Official Programme for the NSW Hill Climb Championships on 18th August 1956 at King Edward Park, hosted by the MG Car Club (NSW). After an exchange of addresses, Ian mailed the programme to the Regalia Officer which was presented to the committee members at this meeting.

MG Manuals and Production Drawings

- During the All British Cars display on 27th April, the Regalia Officer was approach by Greg Nolan from the Central Coast who previously had a business restoring classic cars, in particular MG cars. Greg has recently retired but he would like to 'gift' his full suite of MG manuals and production drawings to our club to avoid them being discarded by his family in the future.
- The Regalia Officer asked Greg if he would be willing to attend one of our Club meetings and deliver a talk on his business history, as well as present the manuals and production drawings to the club. Greg advised that he would be happy to do so.
- The Regalia Officer proposed that the committee invites Greg to the June Club meeting to be our Guest Speaker.

Committee agreed. John to organise a certificate of appreciation.

Committee Member (Peter Le Breton):

Nothing new to report.

Social Director: (Position Vacant)

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

May magazine issued and was e-mailed to all financial members on 2nd May.

General Business:

The Committee discussed the process for award of Life Membership

Agreed that the appropriate venue for determination would be a nomination/seconding at the AGM, followed by a vote from those members in attendance.

From John Longrigg

Please add presentation format as an item for next meeting.

Club Website stats for March 2024 (Andrew Gowans):

In April the Website was viewed 1,863 times with the peak being 26 April with 117 views. The daily average was 62 views per day.

The top 5 viewed pages for March was unable to be retrieved;

Site Home Page - 325 views

The vast majority of Website views come from within Australia, but we're also seeing traffic from the USA, the UK, Germany, Sweden, Canada, NZ, Switzerland, France & India.

Facebook Stats

In March there were 206 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 6,756 times.

Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 3 & 10 April. All Website Plug-Ins and components are upto-date.

Meeting Closed 7:24 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11th June 2024 @ 6.00 pm

MGCCHR Clubman Point Scoring System

The Honour Board on the wall in the Clubroom has provision for the yearly Clubman Champion and Sporting Champion.

Every member has the chance to get their name on the board through consistency of participation in Sporting Events or Clubman runs.

Sporting results are kept by the Sporting Director and apply to any MG Club endorsed sporting event that members compete in whether it is a hill climb, motor kana or racetrack event. 1 point allocated for each sporting event a member competes in during the club year.

1st, 2nd and 3rd placings are decided by the total number of points allocated and are rewarded with a trophy. The 1st placing winner's name is listed as the **Sporting Champion** on the Honour Board.

Clubman results are kept by Public Relations Officer (PRO) and are forwarded to him via (A) member responsible for monthly Wednesday mid week pub and club runs, (B) member responsible for monthly Thursday tuning runs, (C) Club Captain responsible for Sunday monthly Clubman runs (D) member responsible for co-ordinating display of MGs at Car Shows or Community Events (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.