

# ON THE MARQUE

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**MG's in a row outside McDonalds at Broadmeadow for Morning Tea  
prior to Clubman Run to Lochinvar for  
XMAS-in-July**

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## **MG CAR CLUB HUNTER REGION MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**Membership Renewals were due by end of June 2024.**

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

**2. There are three possible renewal fees as follows:**

**Single Membership (Full or Associate) is \$60**

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**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 ([secretary@huntermg.com](mailto:secretary@huntermg.com))**

**4. Payment should be made by EFT as follows:**

**BSB: 062-817**

**Account Name: MG Car Club Hunter Region**

**Account Number: 0090 3262**

**Description: Name(s) of renewing Member(s)**

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

**Your name(s)**

**Date and amount of payment,**

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**to our Treasurer Greg Jenkins ([treasurer@huntermg.com](mailto:treasurer@huntermg.com))**



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## What's On

**MG Car Club Hunter Region sponsored and supported activities.**

### AUGUST 2024

- ♦ **Thursday 1st** – **Square Riggers Noggin and Natter**—“CafeInu” Carrington—**43 Denison St 12pm to 2pm**
- ♦ **Sunday 11th** – **“MGCCN” - Rnd 7 State Championship Hillclimb** – Ringwood
- ♦ **Tuesday 13th** – **Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm**  
**Annual General Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm—Election of Committee.**
- ♦ **Wednesday 14th** – **Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch— location is Stockton RSL See page 8 for details— contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend**
- ♦ **Sunday 18th** – **Clubman Run** – See Website for details, for departure at 10 am.
- ♦ **Monday 19th** – **“Cars and Coffee in the Bay”** – Meet at Paul’s Corner at 8.30 for 9am in the car park Fingal Bay
- ♦ **Thursday 22nd** – **Tuning Run** – Meet for 9.00am start. See website for details.
- ♦ **Sunday 25th** – **EURO MOTORFEST at Newcastle Foreshore** – See Pg4 & Website for details
- ♦ **Tuesday 27th** – **Lakeside Morning Coffee** – “Marks Point Post Office & Café” at 9.30am to 10.30am.

### SEPTEMBER 2024

- ♦ **Thursday 5th** – **Square Riggers Noggin and Natter**—“CafeInu” Carrington—**43 Denison St – 12pm to 2pm**
- ♦ **Tuesday 10th** – **Committee Meeting at club rooms 6.00 pm**  
**General Meeting at Club rooms 7.30pm.**
- ♦ **Wednesday 11th** – **Mid Week Gathering—11.30 am for 12 am Lunch— contact Kay Bowden if you wish to attend**
- ♦ **Sunday 15th** – **Clubman Run** – Meet at Club rooms, for departure at 10 am.
- ♦ **Monday 19th** – **“Cars and Coffee in the Bay”** – Meet at Paul’s Corner at 8.30 for 9am in the car park Fingal Bay
- ♦ **Tuesday 24th** – **Lakeside Morning Coffee** – “Marks Point Post Office & Café” at 9.30am to 10.30am.
- ♦ **Wednesday 25th** – **“GEAR” at Pheasant Wood circuit**
- ♦ **Thursday 26nd** – **Tuning Run** – Meet for 9.00am start. See website for details.
- ♦ **Saturday 28 Sunday 29th** – **“HSRCA” Spring Festival “One Raceway” Goulburn**

### OCTOBER 2024

- ♦ **Sunday 13th** – **Club Trophy Presentation** – Merewether Bowling Club – 11.30am

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.

## 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	Patricia Carter
John / Astrid Perdriau	John Needs
John Ray	Lisa Needs
Andy Webmaier	David Carter
Mark / Karen Hodgen	Elizabeth Hilton
Christine Hobson	Cheryl Moran
Martin Evald	
Jason Lay	

### Mid Week Gathering July.

Mid Week Gathering Wednesday **14th August 2024**

Venue : **.STOCKTON RSL.( CLUB STOCKTON)**

Location : Cnr, Douglas and Clyde Street Stockton.

Parking : opposite Club in Douglas Street.

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](mailto:editor@huntermg.com)

**Deadline for the September 2024 edition will be**

**MONDAY 26th AUGUST 2024**

**The Day after EURO Motorfest**



It is proposed to conduct the “Euro Motorfest 2024” on Newcastle foreshore on **Sunday 30th June**, due to the site being soaked by rain.

The “Square Riggers” had a lower patronage for July so check out the report on page 13 and the range of MG models attending was restricted to two. Hopefully there will be a better patronage for August.

The “Mid Week Gathering” for July was at the “Holmesville Hotel” in of course Holmesville with a good attendance to enjoy a meal and social discussions. Check page 16.

The July “Clubman Run” was run by Club Captain Howard and was a lead to our XMAS-in-July celebration lunch at Lochinvar Hotel.

Check out the photographs of the successful “XMAS-in-July” in the included report on pages 25 to.

Regrettably for the “Tuning Run” in July there was only one attendee, being our PRO so he cancelled the run. Therefore there is no report for the July Tuning Run in the magazine!

The Lakeside Morning Coffee run once again was well supported see the report and photographs on page 27.

**Progress with my MGB.**

In an effort to reduce the likelihood of the rear window in my hardtop from blowing in to the car, as has been regularly occurring, I tried an experiment with adding some triangular stiffeners to hopefully hold the rubber from being pulled out of the hardtop, by the flexing of the Polycarbonate window, and ultimately entering into the back of my car.

I haven’t yet been able to successfully install the locking rubber into the window sealing rubber. Well “Success” as on return from Lochinvar after Xmas-in-July I travelled on the bypass motorway at 100kmh (Less than the speed limit) and the window stayed in place!



View of four stiffeners spaced out for maximum effect.



Insertion rubber placed between stiffeners and car body.

Note slight deflection of window rubber at location of stiffener.



Enjoy reading this issue of our magazine!

## MGCCHR Presidents report for August 2024

A great combined effort for our Christmas in July outing. Howard and Graham set the run out for us and Anne took over for the function and did her usual superb job, it was good to see so many members out enjoying their cars and the company of other club members, well done to all .

Our August meeting is the AGM , I feel sure that we will have a good roll up with many of you wanting to take on a committee position, mmmm.

With our Christmas in July run being the last for the club year, Ian and Trish are busy putting together the list of members to get a gong at the presentation Lunch, a big thank you goes out to Ian and Trish for their continued support to our club for keeping the point score up to date.

Yours Octagonally,  
Denny Bowden,  
President ,MGCCHR

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

When attending any club run members should fill in the Run Sheet with the **Make** and **Model** of the car that they are using to travel on the run.

If they are not driving an "MG" vehicle then they will **not** be awarded points for the "**Clubman MG Model**" award which also includes the overall "**Clubman Champion**".

Unless they are using their "**Non MG**" car and then they **will** be awarded points for the "**Non-Marque Clubman**" award.



**Are you  
thinking of  
going to  
NatMeet?**



***We need an idea of numbers to start  
arranging accommodation***

**Please contact Andrew Gowans  
([public\\_relations@huntermg.com](mailto:public_relations@huntermg.com))  
to register your interest**

## MGCCHR Vice Presidents report for August 2024

### Ho-Ho-Ho!!! Christmas-in-July

Members who are on facebook will have already seen several photos of our Clubrun and wonderful luncheon at the Lochinvar Hotel on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July. All the staff were absolutely fantastic in serving 24 dinners of roast veggies and alternate servings of Roast turkey or Ham, complete with gravy and cranberry sauce. These were later followed by individual hot Christmas puddings, custard and strawberries. And, if this wasn't enough, 'Mary' Christmas came and gave everyone a Christmas bon-bon filled with chocolates. Well done to everyone involved.



The wonderful head waiter



The Apprentice and the fantastic meals

### Shhhh! It's the AGM

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August is YOUR Club's AGM at 7:30 pm in our Clubrooms in Elder Street, Lambton. Please don't stay at home for fear that you might go home elected onto the Committee! Instead, come along and say "thank you" to the out-going committee for all their planning and organising this year (including 3 attempts to hold our annual EuroDay) and when all positions are declared vacant. It really is a great experience to be on the Committee, to put forward your ideas, see them implemented and a good way to give back to YOUR Club. Everyone is supported.

### Attention!, Attention! Trophy presentation

Following the wonderful luncheon we had last September to celebrate 100 years of the MG Marque, I was asked to look at some options for a similar style event for our Annual Trophy Presentation. We have now made a booking at **Merewether Bowling Club on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October** at 11.30 – 3.30. So please put it in your diaries NOW!

The cost will be \$30 a head for a Roast dinner plus dessert, to be paid in advance.

Barefoot bowls is an option for anyone wanting to play afterwards, or there is a live band in the space we will be in from 4 – 7 pm.

Looking forward to seeing you at these events!

Anne Pettigrew  
Vic-President, MGCCHR



# EURO MOTORFEST 2024



## Sunday 25th Aug. Newcastle Foreshore Park

Wharf Road, Newcastle East

Gates open 8:30am

Display Vehicle Entry Fee \$10.00

\*In the event of wet weather, there's no backup date



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The best laid plans of mice and men and the MGCC HR were washed away by our wet-weather attracting hoodoo. So, having picked ourselves up and wiped the mud from our boots, we've organised another go at running our **Euro Motorfest on the new date of Sunday 25 August**.

All other plans remain unchanged, and your help on the day would be greatly appreciated. Please touch base with me if you're available to help. You'll still get plenty of time to circulate, take in the show and chat away with whoever you meet. It's all for a couple of good causes, Variety The Children's Charity and John Hunter Children's Hospital, so let's hope the weather is kind to us this time.

Fingers crossed that the September 'On The Marque' will include a report, so we can see what sort of fun we had.

At the beginning of July I started the project to bring the paint and finish of my MGA's under-bonnet up to the standard of the exterior. Miss Scarlett was an 'also-ran' at the NatMeet concours, which gave me the impetus to go ahead with the job. This involves taking the engine out and refinishing both it and the engine bay. I'm not mechanically literate, nor do I have the tools, but I do have a great mechanic who is keen and capable and we agreed on a scope of work.

As I write this the engine bay strip down has been done and the engine bay prepared for spraying. The body is off at the spray shop, with the engine work to be done by my mechanic. I'm hoping to have her back on the road for the August Clubman Run, but I'll have to wait and see.



During all of this I sold the MG ZT to a fellow from Sydney who is going to repair it as a project.

I wish him the best of British MG Luck.

Cheers & see you in your MG,

Andrew Gowans

The PRO post-Euroday Take 2

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# SPORTING DIRECTOR REPORT

Gary Piper

Steve Jones & I recently attended the July "GEAR" meeting which was run at "Sydney Motorsport Park" on the North circuit which has the long main straight & they say that turn one is the fastest corner in Australian Motorsport.

Steve had a great day with the Midget sounding sweet & running well all day, great to see Steve has cured the clutch & oil leak problems that plagued him for the past couple of years, I'm sure that Steve enjoyed the day & had a big smile on his face at the end of the day.



From my point of view it was great to get back on a race track, (it's been a while) and the first couple of runs down the main straight it was obvious what 30 more horsepower can do for you.

The car felt great however that was to be short lived because after the first

few runs and about halfway down the main straight again the car started to pop & backfire, so it was back to the pits to investigate what had happened. A compression test revealed a blown head gasket between cylinders 1 & 2 so that was it for the day onto the trailer and back home. Disappointing I must admit but when you play with old cars and stretch them to the limit you can get problems.

I've since removed the cylinder head & after some intensive checking come to the conclusion that it is just a gasket failure, which is disappointing considering we used a good quality gasket, so we'll have another go with a different gasket. Thanks to Matt Blanch for his help checking it out & confirming my diagnosis.



Over 80 cars competed in the "GEAR" day & I assisted "GEAR" President John Dall to do some random scrutineering checks. He commented on the high quality & presentation of the cars competing which is great considering there seems to be cars we haven't seen before turning up at each meeting and "GEAR" continues to flourish.

It is great to see these historic cars being driven as they were meant to be and not left locked up in a garage rotting away.

Sunday 11 August will see round 7 of the State Hillclimb Championships run at "MGCCN Ringwood Park" and that is definitely worth having a look at with the best hill climbers in the state competing.

## Up coming events

Wednesday September 25 "GEAR" at Pheasant Wood.

Saturday 28, Sunday 29 "HSRCA" Spring Festival at "One Raceway" Goulburn.

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 July 4th 2024.

Next meeting will be on **Thursday 1st of August.**

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

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 JULY 2024

The "Mid Week Gathering" for July was at the "Holmesville Hotel" at Holmesville.

Adjacent street parking was taken up by most participants but also at the rear of the hotel parking was available. However the dampness of the ground and the deep wheel tracks suggested such parking should be avoided. One soul with his white MGB ignored the warning view and found a sound area to park his car as shown in the view below.



The cars are the stars this month as the cute Morris Minor convertible was admired by all with its crisp newish paint and the smart convertible roof. A jewel indeed.

Not forgetting the well cared for MGB's and the visitor's genuine MGB GT V8.

Mostly the male attendee's went outside to view the, new to club, Morris Minor and MGB GT V8.





Many thanks Kay for your organising the venue it was unfortunate that you and Denny were unable to attend on the day.



# JULY CLUBMAN RUN

by Howard White



XMAS in July run started at McDonalds in Broadmeadow.  
Then after coffees and in some cases some sweet munchies a brisk run through mountains and fields was enjoyed until then usual traffic near our destination at the Lochinvar Hotel.





## Christmas-in-July Celebration

Sunday 21st July



To the left is our Vice President and organiser of the event Anne Pettigrew with some of the decorations.

To the right are Phil and Jenny Mudie with the best festive outfits on the day.



Personal XMAS chocolate gifts that were presented out at the end of the meal.

The start in the preparation of the gifts on the left and the final decorative result on the right.

A fine end to a great day.



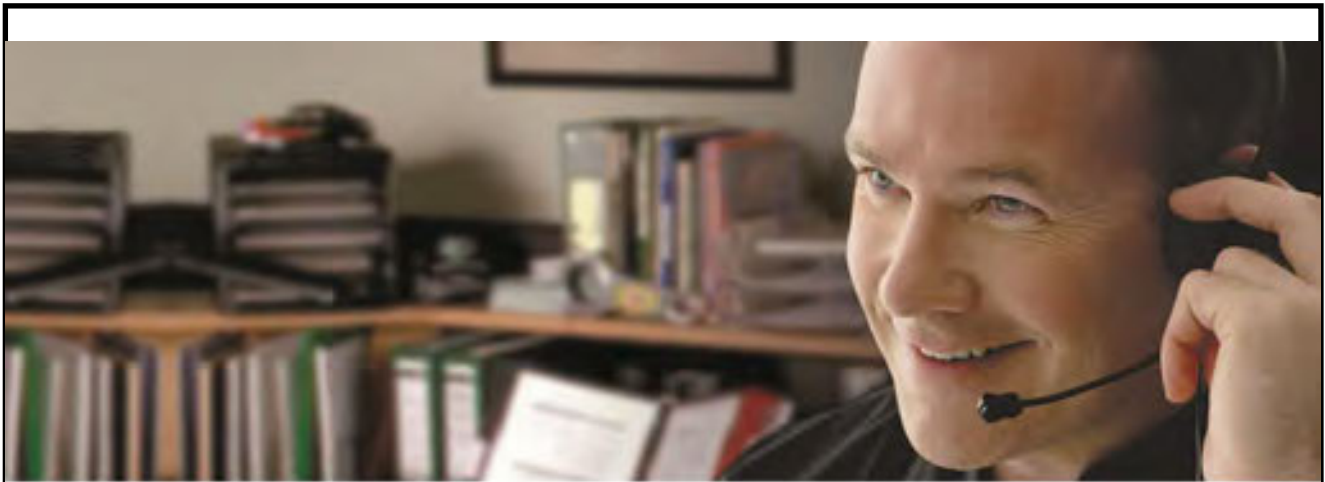


An overall view of the group seated to enjoy the festivity and food.



Some of the club members Cars parked around the hotel





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March 18th	July 15th
April 15th	August 19th
May 20th	September 16th
June 17th	October 21st



2nd Sunday in the month, from 8am in the car-park for 291 On King. \$5:50 entry fee charity fund raising (online registration, see our Website for link).

## A Visit To The Mid Murray Classic Car Gallery

Heather and I recently had a week down in SA, taking a cruise on a Murray River paddle-wheeler with some Family. Our boat stopped off at Swan Reach, which is about 2 hours from Adelaide by car (2 ½ hours via the Barossa Valley), where we had some time to see the town before lunch. Some people wandered off to the Pub, some to the shops or the Museum, but a few of us went to the Mid Murray Classic Car Gallery near the wharf.

This small private gallery holds around 12-15 cars and entry is by a \$2 donation. There's a small shop with die-cast models, some postcards and a library of books to browse. The fellow who runs it said that people borrow the books and post them back when they're finished. It's that sort of laid-back and friendly place.

Some of the cars are on loan, including a pair of MGs. One was a 68' MGB Roadster in Indigo Blue and the other was a near-cousin to my Miss Scarlett, being a 62' MGA 1600 MkII. I can't recall how close the chassis numbers were, as I forgot to take a pic under the bonnet. The fellow who runs the gallery is very happy to open a door, or pop the bonnet for you to take a closer look at any of the cars.



I note that the 2026 NatMeet is back in Adelaide, which I'm planning on going to. Anyone else who goes might like to join in a run to Swan Reach for a looksee on the way in or out of Adelaide.

<https://southaustralia.com/products/murray-river-lakes-and-coorong/attraction/mid-murray-classic-car-gallery>

Andrew Gowans



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

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



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## MG NAT MEET 2025 BULLETIN 1



## WELCOME TO ALBURY-WODONGA

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. The meeting runs from 18 to 22 April.

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

### **THE PROGRAM**

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.

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 too.

Saturday night will be theme night at Albury's Commercial Club. The theme for this year will be ***Flappers, Gangsters and All That Jazz*** - celebrating a time when the only MG you could buy was a new one, when clothes were classy and the music was hot. So let's celebrate the 1920's in style.

Once the theme night has concluded, the scenic roads, hills and valleys of the region will 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, the Hume Weir and 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 Sunday Kimber Run and Monday 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 also be Motorkhana Day and the patterns will put all of our memory capacity to work once again. We are still selecting a venue for the motorkhana and will update entrants when a selection is finalised.

Monday will be Lap Dash/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 competitors and spectators.

Monday night's presentation dinner will be held at the SS&A Club Albury, which will also be the venue for the traditional farewell breakfast and delegates meeting on Tuesday morning.

### **PROGRAM SUMMARY**

#### *Friday 18 April*

Registration and Scrutineering

Noggin 'n' Natter with Rocker Cover Racing

#### *Saturday 19 April*

Concours d'elegance

Theme night dinner

#### *Sunday 20 April*

Motorkhana

Kimber Run

Free Night

#### *Monday 21 April*

Lap Dash/Sprints

Discovery Run

Presentation Dinner

#### *Tuesday 22 April*

Farewell Breakfast

Delegates Meeting

### **ACCOMMODATION IN ALBURY-WODONGA AND SURROUNDS**

Albury-Wodonga has plenty of accommodation options, but Easter is always a busy time of year, so don't delay your bookings.

Accommodation to suit everyone's tastes can be found on the following websites:

[visitalburywodonga.com](http://visitalburywodonga.com)

[alburywodongaaustralia.com.au](http://alburywodongaaustralia.com.au)

**We suggest you make bookings directly with your venue of choice.**

Travel times to Albury-Wodonga are approximately:

3 hours 45 minutes from Melbourne

9 hours 30 minutes from Adelaide

6 hours from Sydney

## **BEFORE AND AFTER TOURISM**

Before and after tourism opportunities are nearly limitless in the area, so if you can arrive early or stay a few days after formalities conclude, 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. Albury-Wodonga Tourism is working with us to provide plenty of information about what's on in the region for an extended stay.

## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST AND ENQUIRIES:**

Please lodge your expression of interest now by email to:

Nat Meet Registrar (Jan Rattray) - [natmeet2025.registrar@mgcc.com.au](mailto:natmeet2025.registrar@mgcc.com.au)

Other queries please email:

Nat Meet Director (Tony Lupton) - [natmeet2025.director@mgcc.com.au](mailto:natmeet2025.director@mgcc.com.au)

or

Nat Meet Secretary (Louise McKenzie) - [natmeet2025.secretary@mgcc.com.au](mailto:natmeet2025.secretary@mgcc.com.au)

Put Easter 2025 in Albury-Wodonga in your calendar and we look forward to welcoming you.

### **Tony Lupton**

Secretary MGCC Victoria

Director 2025 MG National Meeting

## **MG NATIONAL 2025 ALBURY/WODONGA**

Next year's meeting will be in Albury/ Wodonga from April 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will be Victoria's 3<sup>rd</sup> 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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# “GoF” Gathering of the Faithful by MG CC Wagga

## Friday 13th September 2024

<b>6.30pm For 7pm</b>	<b>GoF Dinner and Dance</b> To be held this year at the Wagga RSL Club, Dobb St Wagga in the Mirage Room. As it is Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> , so please wear something spooky. Entertainment by the excellent “Soul Trader”
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## Saturday 14th September 2024

<b>8.30am</b>	<b>Registration</b> 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.
<b>11.00am</b>	<b>Car Judging</b> 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.
<b>1.00pm</b>	<b>Fun run</b> A way to enjoy your MG by sharing your experience with other owners on our local area fun run.
<b>2.30pm</b>	<b>Afternoon tea</b> After the run, sit back and enjoy a hot tea or coffee, plus a delicious afternoon tea provided by the Country Women's Association.
<b>Free For All</b>	<b>Time Out</b> Spend a relaxing evening exploring the many pubs, clubs and restaurants in Wagga city.

## Sunday 15th September 2024

### September

<b>From 8.00am</b>	<b>BBQ breakfast!</b> Start your day with a BBQ breakfast at the Cross St car park, freshly cooked by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Wagga.  <b>“The Gathering of the Faithful”</b> The winners of the trophies are announced.
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**For more information contact the GOF Committee:**

Email [gof@mgccwagga.org.au](mailto:gof@mgccwagga.org.au)

Post GoF Committee PO Box 6041 Wagga Wagga NSW 2650

For MGCC Hunter Region members please follow below directions.



## GOF 2024

GOF is on 13-15 September in Wagga Wagga

If you're thinking of going, contact Bob Woods or Geoff Gallagher to co-ordinate plans

Also see our Website (short link)

<https://tinyurl.com/y3fb6fcd>





The Lakeside Morning Coffee Run was held on Tuesday 30th July.

Braving the chilly windy morning a good number of members turned out for the Marks Point coffee fix.

Welcome to new members Don & Sue who came along to join the hardy souls



8 MGs were counted as well as Bills Porsche and Bobs BMW.

A rare Lehman Le Mans GT also added a bit of interest to the discussion.





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## DINKY SNIPPETS. “The Guy Trucks and Vans”

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The Guy Company was formed in 1914 in Wolverhampton, producing mainly trucks and buses and trolley buses. Surprisingly it also made some saloon cars, about 150 with V8 engines! It was a company that really looked after its workers, having a cricket ground, football field and bowling green on site. It was in production until 1982 when it was absorbed by Leyland. Prior to that in 1961 it had got into financial problems due to opening a branch in South Africa which was a loss making enterprise and was bought at the bargain price of 800,000 pounds, by Sir William Lyons who controlled Jaguar and Daimler. At the time, the Labour Government of Harold Wilson was encouraging mergers to solve the financial problems of the motor vehicle companies and Jaguar merged with BMC to form British Motor Holdings which then combined with British Leyland to form the huge conglomerate of British Leyland Motor Corporation. The Company had intended closing down the Guy Motors subsidiary in 1975 but the trucks (Big J) were selling well and it continued production until 1982.

The Dinky models included the Guy Vixen series and the Guy Warriors. The first production was in 1947 Guy Lorry numbered 511 and labelled Dinky Supertoys. Possibly the first “Supertoy” which were the bigger models. This is the grey one in the picture with four sides on the tray. It was followed in 1947 by the Guy Flat Truck (512) and the Guy Flat Truck with Tailboard (513). The numbering is very confusing with the numbers changing twice, to 911, 912,913 in 1954, and 431, 432, 433 in 1955! The vans were based on the same Vixen chassis and were initially all numbered 514 with advertising for “Slumberland”, “Lyons Swiss Rolls”, “Weetabix” and “Spratts” released between 1949 and 1954. Subsequently “Ever Ready” and “Golden Shred” were added. The only one I have is the Slumberland in red pictured. The decals state “Slumberland (regd) SPRING INTERIOR MATTRESSES” with the Royal Crest and “Slumberland Ltd by appointment bedding manufacturers to H.M. THE KING”. It is hoped that George VI slept well!!

Subsequently the first Guy Warriors were released in 1958 with a Flat Truck (No 432), and a van in 1960 “Heinz 57 Varieties” with a bottle of Tomato Ketchup on the decal (No 920).

The model of 432 shown with the box was recently purchased from Ben Ben Models in China, a perfect reproduction with the inscription on the base shown in the photo,

DINKY SUPERTOYS. GUY. MADE IN CHINA. EDITIONS ATLAS c MATTELL

References. Mike and Sue Richardson, Dinky Toys and Modelled Miniatures, New Cavendish Books 1989

Wikipedia

Wolverhampton History and Heritage.

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Please submit your contributions via email to [editor@huntermg.com](mailto:editor@huntermg.com)

**Deadline for the SEPTEMBER 2024 edition will be**

**MONDAY 26th AUGUST 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](mailto:david.noble070@gmail.com)

## **Workshop Items For Sale**

Some items for sale, available to pickup in Toronto.

Creeper – \$20

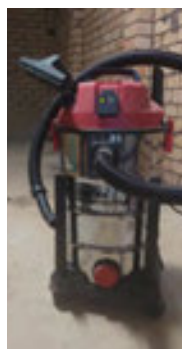
Wet & Dry Vacuum – \$25

Ramps – \$50

Jack – \$60

Wheel Stands – \$30

Call Bob on [0415 843 710](tel:415843710)



# FOR SALE

## 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 )

**Asking price is \$37,500**

This car has not even covered 5000 km since restoration.

Howard Anderson

[howard@andersonwinery.com.au](mailto:howard@andersonwinery.com.au)



## For Sale Spridget Roll Bar

Roll Bar, suitable for Midget or Sprite.  
Not CAMS approved for racing, but good for additional road safety.  
It was previously fitted under a hardtop.

**\$150.00**

**Contact Bev on 0419 200 813**



# FOR SALE

The car is in very good condition with new Brakes including slave cylinders, new Clutch, brake servo, clutch slave cylinder, new radiator, new muffler, new water pump and motor oil pressure 70bs. Suspension rubbers replaced.

All wet weather gear including hood, Tonneau and side curtains in very good condition.



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.

## For sale 76 Midget 1500cc ,

lot of work done by Bob Rowntree, fast and new German 3.55 Crown Wheel & Pinion.

Selling only as retired and too many MG's. to maintain and rego etc.

**\$13,500 reduced to \$12,000**

Details and info contact Steve in Sydney  
02 96804648 or  
[mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au](mailto:mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au)



## 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](mailto:mgcgtsf@yahoo.com.au) or 02 96804648.

# FOR SALE



## 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](mailto:pennyfurner@gmail.com)



# FOR SALE

## MGB GT For Sale

I am offering my 1971 MGBGT for sale.

It is mechanically excellent and runs well.

1800cc original engine with twin carburetors 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)**



## FOR SALE MGYT Tourer 1950

This is Yvette Bywater daughter of Kerry Reily ( I hope you remember dad )

Dad is 91 years old and his mobility is very poor, hence he is no longer able to tinker around with his beloved MG

He has asked us to reach out to the club to see if there is any interest from members wanting to purchase his pride and joy.

He has said the coil needs replacing.

This MG has received a whole lot of love from dad over the years , and to be honest, it is sad that we are now putting the car up for sale.

I've attached some photos.

We would prefer to go through the club prior to advertising else where.

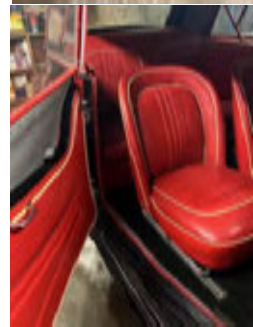
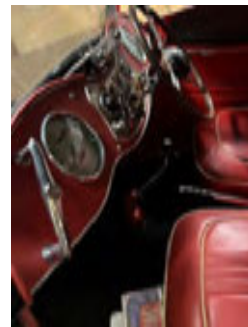
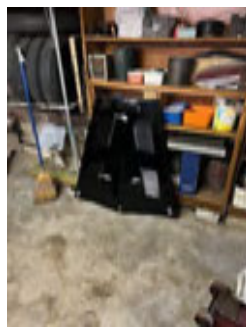
Would appreciate if you could circulate this to other members.

If anyone is wanting to discuss further I can be reached on

**0418 464 363**

**Ybywater@me.com**

Many thanks Yvette Bywater





# FOR SALE

## 1971 MGB Roadster

Make: MGB Roadster (Overdrive)  
Year of Manufacture: 2/1971  
Registration NO: 22998J  
VIN/Chassis/Serial Number:  
YHN91085

Engine Number: 18GGRWEH19659

Exterior Colour: British Racing  
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Mechanically excellent. No rust  
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## MG Car Club Hunter Region

### Minutes of Committee Meeting Held 9<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Meeting Opened: 6.00 p.m.

Chair: Denny Bowden Minutes: Anne Pettigrew.

Present: Denny Bowden, Anne Pettigrew, Greg Jenkins, Howard White, Gary Piper, John Longrigg, Graham Haywood.

Apologies: Frans Henskens, Andrew Gowans, Peter Le Breton,

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2024 were read and approved; moved Gary; seconded Graham

#### Business Arising:

Replacement of fridge

The new fridge has been installed, and the old fridge taken away.

#### Reports:

President (Denny Bowden):

Denny phoned Services NSW, Transport Department regarding the photographing of drivers and passengers without seatbelts and the issuing of penalty fines. Cars pre-1965 are not fitted with any, and most sports cars only have lap belts.

He was advised that there is "a real person" who views these photographs before a penalty is generated and points deducted. Denny was also given reassurance that, if an error has been made by the Department, an appeal can be made to cancel the fine and the points would also be reinstated.

Vice President (Anne Pettigrew):

Trophy presentation

Following the wonderful luncheon we had last September to celebrate 100 years of the MG Marque, Denny asked me to look at some options for a similar style event for our annual trophy presentation.

After many phone calls, and in close consultation with Denny and Andrew (our PRO), I have now made a booking at Merewether Bowling Club on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October at 11.30 – 3.30.

The costs will be: \$130 function room hire (maybe a bit more as I have requested linen tablecloths); Roast dinner plus dessert for \$25-00/person. If someone is or becomes a member of the Club (possibly me if there isn't already a member), drinks will be available for everyone to purchase at member prices.

Denny suggested charging \$30-00/head to cover the room hire etc; John has offered to join the Club.

Anne will forward the banking details of the Bowling Club to Greg for paying the \$130.

Barefoot bowls is an option for anyone wanting to play afterwards, or there is a live band in the area we will be in from 4 – 7 pm.

There is a microphone and P.A. available, they will set up an extra table for our trophies, and we can have our own decorations.

## Committee Job Descriptions

It is now almost 12 months since Frans referred to these and realised that they were extremely out-of-date. At the May Committee meeting, Frans attached a new document with revised portfolio descriptions.

A decision to adopt these was held over till the August Committee meeting, so that any Club members considering becoming a committee member at our AGM, could refer to the document.

Anne is to make sure that changes discussed at previous committee meetings are all in the up-dated document.

## Christmas-in-July

21<sup>st</sup> July - Lochinvar Hotel for Christmas lunch at 12.30 @ \$30/person, payable direct to the hotel on the day. I now have 23 names, and the maximum is 30. I am also organising a small gift from Santa!

## Secretary (Frans Henskens):

2024/25 Membership renewals to date: 55 single and 52 family, a total paid-up membership of 159.

Re Euro Motorfest, very unfortunately the 30 June early morning deluge rendered Foreshore Park much too wet to cope with cars driving on the grass, and the event had to be called off at the last minute. The following week's rain ensured that our July 7 reserve date also needed to be cancelled.

Denny conducted an email vote in which the Committee approved a further attempt to conduct our Annual Euro Motorfest on Sunday August 25, 2024. NCC has confirmed that this date is free, and I have submitted an application for approval.

The previously-booked coffee and food vendors have confirmed their availability and have been booked again.

Andrew G is attending to publicising the new date as widely as possible, and liaising with sponsors etc.

Our Club Annual General Meeting is to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> August. Members have been sent an email seeking nominations for the 2024-2025 Committee.

The Lambton Mechanics Institute Trust (our landlord) has approved replacement of the carpet in our Clubrooms.

I need to organise a working bee to empty all of our cupboards prior to the re-carpeting, and replace the contents afterwards. The carpet people will move and reinstate the empty furniture as required while they do the job – it should be completed in a day.

The Trust also commissioned a check of the buildings' fire extinguishers – as a result the two extinguishers in our Clubrooms have been replaced.

The (hopefully final) paperwork to do with our defibrillator Grant has been submitted to the NSW Sport Grant people.

You will see that the defibrillator cupboard and signage is now in place at the top of the stairs to the Clubrooms.

Through the Trust I am liaising with the other tenants to investigate how the defibrillator can be available if needed in the case of emergency outside our Clubrooms, without compromising the defibrillator's condition, functionality, and safety, and the security of our Clubrooms.

Treasurer (Greg Jenkins):

Club Captain (Howard White):

Clubrun on 21<sup>st</sup> July will start at MacDonaldis New England Highway, Broadmeadow; finishing at the hotel in Lochinvar by 12/12:30 for Christmas-in-July lunch at 1.

Sporting Director (Gary Piper):

Report did not make it into this month's *On The Marque*, although the photos did.

Graham has now forwarded it to me to add to the Minutes, and is attached below.

**Subject: Sporting Directors Report**

Team Hunter member Bruce Melville recently competed in the HSRCA Sydney Classic in Regularity run at Sydney Motorsport Park, see Bruce's report on the event in the mag ,thanks Bruce.

Steve Jones & I will be competing in a GEAR event on Monday July 1 at SMSP Eastern Creek North Circuit which has the long straight so the higher-powered cars will get a chance will get a chance to stretch their legs. It's been a while since Steve & I have had run there so we're both looking forward to it.

Hopefully we will get to have a run at One Raceway before the end of the year, I believe that they're a bit behind schedule at the moment.

**Upcoming Events**

Monday 1 July GEAR SMSP Eastern Creek North Circuit.

Sunday 11 August State Hill-climb Championship round 7 MGCCN Ringwood Park.

Public Relations (Andrew Gowans):

As both Austin and Steve will be away for the Tuning Run on 25 July, Andrew is organising it. It will start at 9 am sharp from the Car Park of the Farmers Hotel in Vacy on Gresford Road. Morning Tea will be in Branxton, and lunch in Wollombi.

Regalia (John Longrigg):

MG Centenary Metal Car Badge – Qty 6 badges have been purchased from Jennie Jackson and are being mailed to the Regalia Officer.

Details received for metal car badge manufacturer of HRMGCC badge. More details to be provided at next meeting.

#### Clothing

The Onya Visuals order for both short and long sleeve Club polo shirts has been received and available for club members to purchase or order their respective sizes.

Cloth arm coverings (used by golfers) is still to be investigated.

Long sleeve cotton shirts still to be researched.

HRMGCC website – access to the Regalia page needed to update Regalia information.

Denny is to tell John the name of the guy who can make car window stickers with our Club logo

Magazine Editor (Graham Haywood):

July magazine issued and was e-mailed to all financial members on 2<sup>nd</sup> July.

Graham is having a lot of difficulty in sending out the magazine as it takes so much space. Andrew has offered to look at it when he returns.

#### General Business:

The Committee is being asked to think of possible guest speakers for our Clubnights. Ideas need to be discussed with Denny before a date can be arranged.

Club Website stats for June 2024 (Andrew Gowans):

#### Website Stats

In June the Website was viewed 3,265 times with the peak being 30 June with 405 views. The daily average was 109 views per day.

#### Facebook Stats

In June there were 218 Posts or Comments in the Facebook Group and the Group was viewed a total of 6,894 times.

#### Website Updates

A full site backup was downloaded on 7 & 28 June. All Website Plug-Ins and components are up-to-date.

Committee Positions:

Peter Le Breton has withdrawn his offer to be the Club Captain, but happy to stay as 'Committee member'.

Greg Jenkins has indicated that he is willing to continue as Treasurer, but will be away travelling a lot next year. NB – he has held this position for 10 years, and certainly deserves 'Long Service Leave'!

Meeting Closed 7:08 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024 @ 6.00 pm; followed by the Annual General Meeting @ 7:30 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.