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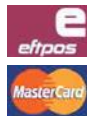
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at June Clubnight (Rose Cogger).

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Coming Events - July 2011

- 2 - 3 MG Noosa Hill Climb - MGCCQ - Tewantin, Qld
- Sun 3 State Hillclimb Round 6 - KSCC - Kempsey
- Mon 4 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm M
- Fri 8 **Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm M
- Sun 10 **Tri-challenge Sprint** - TSCC - Tamworth TC2
- Wed 13 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm M
- Sat 16 **Young Driver Development Course** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood - see page 8
- Sun 17 **Garage Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood M R9
- Wed 20 **Committee Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm M
- Sun 24 State Motorkhana Round 4 - WAC - Awaba. 10am
- Sat 30 NSW Supersprint Round 5 - NSWRRRC - Wakefield Park
- Sat 30 State Hillclimb practice - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood M
- Sat 30 Jaguar Drivers Club Hunter Region - All British Display Day - Foreshore Park, Newcastle 9:30.
- Sun 31 **State Hillclimb Round 7 - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood.** See website for Supp Regs and Entry Form - entries close 21 July. M
- 30 - 31 **Xmas in July** - Carriageway, Crooks Park, Clarence Town Road, Dungog. See page 12. M

Legend

M - Club Member	CC - Club Championship	TC - Tri-challenge
N - NAMS	KC - Khanacross	TR - Touring road event
R - Register pointscore	MK - Motorkhana	TS - Tar Speed Series



Coming Events - August 2011

Sat 6	Young Driver Development Course - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood - see page 8	
Sat 6	Natter Night - venue to be advised	
Sun 7	State Khanacross Round 5 - WAC - Awaba. 10am	
Sun 7	CSCA Supersprint - Sprite CC - Eastern Creek	
Mon 8	Magazine Assembly - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm	M
Wed 10	Speed Panel Meeting - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm	M
Fri 12	Clubnight - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm	M
Sun 14	Khanacross - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood	M, KC5, NKC5
Sun 14	State Motorkhana Round 5 - MiniCC - Nirimba	
Sun 14	State Supersprint Round 7 - ARDC - Eastern Creek	
Wed 17	Committee Meeting - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm	M
Sat 20	Twilight Hillclimb - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood	M, R10
Sat 20	Heart of the Hunter Rally - AHRG - Geoff Thomas	CC14, TR4
Sat 27	CSCA Supersprint - Morgan OC - Eastern Creek	
Sun 28	Motorkhana - WAC - Awaba. 10am	MK4, NMK4
Sun 28	Tri-challenge Hillclimb - Round 3 - BLCC - Bathurst Esses	TC3

Please contact the respective Panel Chairman or Michael Snow to confirm that an event is still being conducted. Also check the website as late cancellations do happen.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

After about a four month layoff it was great to be back in full swing again at our Ringwood Park Hillclimb. The layoff was prearranged to facilitate the resurfacing and getting the track back in order. Alan Bates and his team, with the help of good weather, managed to complete the task well within the planned time. The first NAMS event was held on the 26th June and new records were set. Steve Jones blew away the Marque Sports U2 mark by 1.5 seconds. Time, (money) and effort by Jim Norris rewarded him also. Andrew Chandler lowered the Club Champion's record by 8/10s of a second in the Junior Production Class. Next is the challenging Garage Hillclimb at Ringwood on the 17th July, 2011. This incorporates a "Stop - Go" element in the hillclimb which adds a new dimension of skill to the event.

Entries are out now for the Daydawn Electrical State Hillclimb Championship on 31st July 2011, with practice on the 30th. Grab one off our website and send it in. That is then followed by the Day/Night event on Saturday 20th August, 2011. That takes us to the next NAMS event on the 11th September, 2011.

The first organisational meeting for the Mattara Hillcimb has been held and most administration jobs have been allocated. Work has started and the advertising is now being put in place. Come along to the next meeting on Wednesday 3rd August to help share in the operation.

At the last Committee Meeting it was agreed to publish the proposed new constitution. It will be placed on our web site and copies will be available from me. Try to view on a computer as there are about 50 pages of documentation.

Two documents will be placed there:

1. The new Upgraded document. In this document the underlined is straight from the Original, the highlighted parts are corrections and added sections to bring it into line with what has been happening and also what is required. The unmarked sections are new and are what is required by the Department of Fair Trading and the Department of Sport & Recreation laws. This is the 8th revision and the end of a lot of work.
2. The Original document, which has been marked up by Dave Atkins, shows where particular sections appear in the upgrade and if any section isn't there for some reason.

If you have any concerns, they should be put in writing to me so it may be checked and explained if necessary. This needs to be done before it is put to an Extraordinary General Meeting for the vote of adoption.

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John Collins

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Young Driver Development Course Conducted at Ringwood Park Introduction car control course

It is necessary to obtain a Young Driver Development Course (YDDC) Information Sheet from Greg Hunter (phone 0412 493 711 or 4959 2716) or Gregor Dickinson.

It is essential you read and understand the information before you attend a YDDC Training Day.

The course is designed for junior drivers from 12 to 18 years of age.

Pupils under 18 years of age will require a parent or guardian to sign entry forms to give permission.

A scrutineering (safety) check will be carried out on all vehicles before the start. Vehicles must be fitted with seat belts in good condition.

Entry for junior members of MGCC Newcastle is free.

Entry for junior members of other car clubs is \$11.

Minimum requirement is a CAMS L1 Come & try licence (\$25).

All training days are Saturdays

Dates for 2011

16th July

6th August

3rd September

26th November

**All paperwork and safety checks
to be completed by 10:30am,
tuition from 11 am**



SECRETARY'S REPORT Andy Peters

The weather has certainly changed - short days, plenty of rain, wind and then some more very cold wind. Winter is here but there is still plenty of motorsport on - check the calendar of events.

I recently enjoyed the tar motorkhana which was run by Hunter MG Car Club and now I am looking for to our next hillclimb at Ringwood Park followed by a trip to Tamworth for part of the Tri-challenge.

There have been lots of good positive articles on our National Meeting in various MG Car Club magazines.

Drive safely and I look forward to seeing you at our next event.

Andy



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SOCIAL NEWS by Rose Cogger

Mel Gallagher from CanTeen (Hunter and Northern NSW Division) was guest speaker at the June Clubnight. She provided information to members that CanTeen is a National Charity who aim to provide support, development and empowerment to young people aged 12-24 living with cancer. This can mean being a sibling, an offspring or a patient themselves.

A cheque for \$1500 was presented to Mel for the CanTeen Charity. The money was raised from the raffle held during the MG National Meeting functions held in Newcastle over the Easter long weekend.

The next Clubnight will be held at the Cobby Street clubrooms on Friday 8th July.

Those who attended the Natter Night at our home were not disappointed when the whales were sighted not far from the shore at the Cowrie Hole (adjacent to Newcastle baths). The whales are on the way north to warmer waters off the Queensland coast and on their return will have their offspring with them. It was a very casual and enjoyable evening.

The next Natter Night will be held on 3rd September 2011, with the venue to be advised in the next magazine.

Rose Cogger.



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REGISTER NEWS by David Walker

I consider breakfast to be the best meal of the day, and what better than going for a drive to breakfast with friends. On Sunday 19th June, with a *cold* clear morning, we left the clubrooms at 7.50am (apologies to our Editor and others who are used to me spending more time chatting before taking off, and so were left to find their own way). 9 cars drove to "Lexies on the Beach" at Stockton with Lyall and Jan Clarke the only ones topless. Everyone else had the heater on in their car. Although an outdoor area, all the clear plastic blinds were down to allow the sun and warmth in and the blustery wind out, so once we were seated with the comforting addition of lap blankets, provided by the café, we warmed up quickly. Coffee and breakfast were delightful with a large menu to pick from, and lots to talk about. There was a long slick of muddy water exiting from the harbour after the recent rain and flooding and we watched the surf breaking high over the sea wall at Nobbys, which must have been a reason for the many surfboarders trying their luck at Stockton Beach, which was comparatively sheltered. Lesley and I then went for a look around as we considered venues for our 2011 Concours and ran into Doug and Judith Rae heading towards Lexies, so back we went for more coffee and were lucky to find a table as it is very popular.

I must also comment on the Natter Afternoon/Night at John and Rose's home overlooking the Cowrie Hole at Newcastle on Saturday 18th June. What a wonderful venue and as an extra special treat, we did a spot of whale watching. Sure enough along came two or three (we were never positive) humpback whales, only a couple of hundred metres from the shore. We all watched intently and were rewarded by two of the magnificent creatures breaching right in front of our vantage point. Several of those on the verandah had never seen that happen other than on film, so naturally there were lots of screams and excitement, and though the light faded fast after that, the sunset was awe inspiring with all the colours of a rainbow lighting up the sky over the horizon. Thank you to John and Rose for an experience which will never be forgotten.

July. We have had a cancellation and so have one railway carriage accommodation remaining if you would care to join our merry band for the Xmas in July weekend away at the Carriageway near Dungog. Please ring or email on LWAO4958@bigpond.net.au as soon as possible as we will be giving them final numbers at the beginning of July.

August. Our Register Run will be a run around the lake with a stop for morning tea and lunch. The only free Sunday is 21st August, so pending a check with Michael Snow that should be the date. We decided to make this run a little longer to give a chance for those on club plates to clear the cobwebs and enjoy a day out. We hope to have lunch at the bowling club at Rathmines where the Touring Assembly stopped during the National Meeting. There were good reports of the food and it would be nice to support them after their help in April.

B seeing you, DAVID

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Left, Ringwood (MS), Stockton, above, Honeysuckle, below, Wakefield Park (RV)





Welcome New Members

Willem Hendriks	Junior	Mini Clubman
Amy Warner	Junior	
Rick Schmalder	Associate	Triumph Stag
Alexander Schmalder	Junior	Triumph TR3
Brendan Lester	Associate	Commodore
Jonathan O'Brien	Junior	Corona
Alexander Reeves	Junior	MGZR
Paul Martin	Associate	Pajero
Jack Martin	Junior	Pajero
Kaylah Martin	Junior	Pajero

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EDITORIAL by Mike Cole

Another race meeting at Eastern Creek on magazine weekend, though this time I came home with some glassware. I must have told too many people I was going, as the half the regular writers had not completed their articles when I got home. Reading the articles it seems it was a big weekend of motorsport for everyone.

Added to my woes this month has been the computer, which decided to stop as it was saving my work, losing the last hours work and corrupting the days work.

So some of the editing has been done two or three times, probably differently

each time, so don't believe too much this month.

Thanks to Rose Cogger, Michael Snow and Rick Vincent who supplied photographs this month.

Mike

Clubtorque is published monthly (except January) on the Tuesday before the Clubnight (which usually falls on the second Friday of the month). The deadline for articles is the last Friday of the prior month, or two weeks before the Clubnight.

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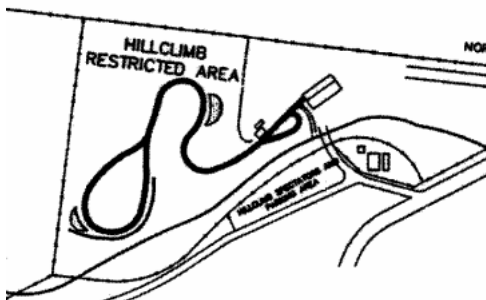
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LAND PANEL by Alan Bates



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You are welcome to come & help. Please bring gloves and a hat but ring first to check if we are there.

Contact: Alan Bates 0412 280 093 or Doug Rae 0434 141 501

Fellow Slaves.

Some degree of normality had settled in. It didn't last long. Dad's Army has managed to have a day off in this last month, after all the activities leading up to the National Meeting.

We managed to reach the magic baker's dozen at the shed day the other week.

Definitely we need to have two sittings for lunch. We needed to hurry up and finish the awning so we could have a bigger area.

We had received the covering for the awning in front of the Secretary's building, but unfortunately the weather has had the better of us for the last couple of weeks and we hadn't been able to finish putting the roof on.

Now the sun gods have been on our side, and the roof is on!

Many thanks to the people who assisted in making this happen. In the not too distant future we hope to have guttering, etc completed and then the job will be done. Until then, enjoy.

Boral have been out to the track and managed to carry out the required repairs.

I have made an application to the Federal Government for a grant to assist volunteers working for a not for profit organisation, and with luck we might get something.

Unfortunately the yellow tractor is out of action due to a hydraulic ram failure. The age of the machine is making it difficult to obtain replacement parts at affordable pricing. It may be opportune to look to replacing this and other items of equipment that are reaching the end of their time.

Work continues on planning for the improvements to Ringwood as outlined in the Survey.

Remember, without the support of the club and the effort and support of the volunteers who turn up for the working days, very little would be achieved. If you can spare the time on Thursdays please let either myself or Doug Rae know.

Cheers, Alan



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CAPTAIN'S CORNER Scott McGarry

Greetings to you all once again.

Since my last article there have been only a couple of competitive events for me to score, and not many Members' scoring opportunities either. As such, I thought this month might be a great time to publish the running point scores of some of the individual series championships.

I have included scores from the Tar Speed series, the Motorkhana Series

and the Khanacross Series. I haven't included the only 2 scores for the Touring Event Series (but it is safe to say you are in the lead Martin and Louise!).

The results I have presented include events held up to and on 29 May 2011. As always, if there are any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Keep your eyes on the prize,

Scott McGarry.

Motorkhana Series

Name	Class	Points
Bill Pearson	C	36
Jason Gregory	C	21
Martin Hobbins	D	11
Brian Lester	D	11
Dylan Grant	JP	41
Beau Grant	JP	30
Keith Hammond	JP	27
Reece Hammond	JP	12
Joseph Eketone	JP	10

Khanacross Series

Name	Class	Points
Heath Lewis	2O	11
Peter Houghton	2U	13
Andrew Wallin	2U	12
Michael Wallin	2U	10
Jason Gregory	3O	22
Bill Pearson	3U	34
Peter Houghton	3U	11
Glynn Elliot	4WD	11
Nathan Chivers	4WDPol	25
Michael Smith	4WDPol	23
Leslie Chivers	4WDPol	10
Michael Snow	5U	11
Dylan Grant	JP	36
Beau Grant	JP	33

Tar Speed Series

Name	Class	Pts	Name	Class	Pts
Jason Goulding	1O	12	Edward McCane	5U	13
Dave Durie	1O	11	Alan Hindes	5U	12
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Danny Bujna	1U	7	Andrew Walker	Clubman Rego	11
Stephen Hammond	1U	6	Richard Edwards	Clubman Rego	10
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Kenneth Atkins	2O	11	Tegan Meek	Junior Prod	11
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Andrew Wallin	2U	24	Keith Hammond	Junior Spec	26
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Peter Robinson	5U	26	Kenneth Atkins	SVO	11
Elizabeth Robinson	5U	25	Russell Thomas	SVO	10

PUBLICITY by Peter Robinson

As far as hillclimbing goes, the busy end of the year starts on the 26th June with the Club Hillclimb on the new surface at Ringwood. I know several competitors in the Club are keen to try out their cars on the new track.

Following this, we have the second Tri-challenge event, the lap dash, at Oakburn Park at Tamworth on the weekend of the 9th and 10th July.

Very soon after this, the club hosts Round 7 of the NSW Hillclimb Championship sponsored by Daydawn Electrical at Ringwood. This I would advise club members to go and have a look at if they are interested in motorsport. The reason being? The Championship leader this year, Tim Edmondson, should be running his Gould/McLaren. This is a specialist hillclimb car built in England with similar performance to a F1 car. It is very light, made of carbon fibre and has a Nicholson McLaren 2.4 V8 producing around 600 horse power - and yes, it sounds like it!

Then, Round 3 of the Tri-challenge will take place at the Esses at Mount Panorama, Bathurst on 28th August.

Regarding entries for this event and because we are guests of the B.L.C.C., we are attending a normal club event that they are running. Therefore, you will notice the class structure is different. Because of this, the Tri-challenge scorer will allocate points as if Tri-challenge competitors (MG, Tamworth & Kempsey) were the only ones running. That is, Bathurst or any other competitor will not be included - this year.

The preference for entries are as follows:

1. Registered Tri-challenge competitors who have paid their deposit at the first round (a list of those has been sent to BLCC).
2. Bathurst Light Car Club competitors, then
3. In order of receipt of entry.

The Supplementary Regulations can be downloaded from the MGCC Newcastle website.

Due to other events on the same weekend and the limited accommodation, the club has made available the camping facilities at the top of the mountain.

Peter Robinson

Publicity Officer



SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent

Hi Guys,

Just a quick note re changes to the entry form for Ringwood events. Drivers will be requested to print their current email address, so as to receive the event results. For those members who do not have an email address results will be mailed, including award vouchers. Also can I ask competitors to visit Speed Event Requirements on the website and register and confirm their car competition numbers. Please open the Excel spreadsheet to view available numbers, then send me an email to register or confirm their required number. Once approved, the competitor is required to purchase their own CAMS approved numbers, as it's not up to the club to continually provide these.

The 26th June hillclimb was a well attended event with some 52 entrants setting new records. Andy Peters set a blinder of 34.34 but couldn't quite beat Steve Jones in the lightweight Midget with a time of 32.39.

A special thanks goes to John Collins and Michael Snow for their efforts with

the timing results and the lightning speed of getting those results out to competitors via email. We wish to extend our email database so all results can be distributed this way.

The next round of the Tri-

Challenge Series to be held at Tamworth on the 9th and 10th July should be a highly contested event, followed by the eagerly awaited Bathurst event on the 28th August. Entry and Supp Regs for both events are available through the website.

The 25th June CSCA Supersprint at Wakefield Park was a late start due to the pea soup fog which finally lifted at 11am. From the start some great times were set, particularly by Kevin Edwards reducing his previous time from 1:09.8 down to 1:08.6, and even my son Aaron, who hasn't competed at Wakefield before, set a great time of 1:12.9 due of course to his great trainer?

Members are requested to assist with the running of KEP event. Details of management meetings and working bees are available on the website so please we need your help.

Keep your tyres hot.

Regards

Rick



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