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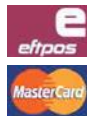
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Coming Events - October 2012

- Mon 1 **Tri-challenge Hillclimb** - Round 4 - MGCC Newcastle - King Edward Park. M, TC4
- Tue 2 **KEP** - clean up. 8am. M
- Sat 6 **KEP** - sandbags removal in KEP. 8am. M
- Sun 7 **Motorkhana** (dirt) - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M, CC20, MK5, NMK5, NIC6
- 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
- Sat 13 **KEP** - armco removal in KEP. 8am. M
- Sun 14 **Register Run**, Digger Rally, meet Clubrooms at 8am, depart 8:30am. See page 8.
- Tue 16 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 20 **Natter Night** - Clubrooms - see page 12.
- Sat 20 **CSCA Driver Training** - TSOA - Wakefield Park
- Sun 21 **CSCA Supersprint** - TSOA - Wakefield Park
- Sun 21 **State Khanacross** - Thornleigh CC - Ansell Park.
- 27 - 28 **Regularity event** - Formula Vee Assoc. - Wakefield Park, see page 22.
- Sun 28 **State Motorkhana** - WAC - Awaba
- Sun 28 **State Supersprint Round 8** - ARDC - Eastern Creek (North)
- Tue 30 **KEP** - meeting at Clubrooms. 7:30pm. M

Coming Events - November 2012

- 2 - 4 Australian Hillclimb Championship - BLCC - Bathurst
- Mon 5 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Fri 9 **AGM and Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm.
See pages 21 and 24. M
- Sun 11 **Club Concours** - MGCC Newcastle. M
- Sun 11 Concours - MGCC Hunter Region - Lambton Park.
- Wed 14 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Sat 17 **Evan Green Memorial Touring Assembly** - AHRG
- Sun 18 **Come and Try Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood.
- Sun 18 State Motorkhana Round 7 - HDCC - Ansell Park
- Tue 20 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- 23 - 25 Tasman Revival - HSRCA - SMP, Eastern Creek
- Sat 24 **Young Driver Development Course** - Ringwood - see page 29
- Sun 25 **Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M, CC22, TS6, NTS6, NIC7

Legend

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

Please contact the respective Panel Chairman or Gregor Dickinson 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

G'day All,

Club life seems to revolve around King Edward Park at the moment. I have just finished helping to set up on the Friday prior to the 55th running of this famous hillclimb at this wonderful park that we have in Newcastle. I sometimes wonder if we appreciate what an asset this park is to all Novocastrians.

However by the time you read this, the months of effort and organisation that the committee have put into this year's event will be done and dusted, the trophies will have been won, hard luck stories told, and the moans and groans of the workers who say never again fade away, we no doubt will look at the satisfaction side of the ledger and the dollars we earn for the club and it all becomes worthwhile.

I only hope the weather is as promised by the weather gurus on TV. So far it is looking good and anything has to be an improvement on the Sunday of last year! Although it is only the Friday before the event, due the magazine needing to be done during the hillclimb, I would like to thank all and everyone who has contributed in one way or another to make this year's event happen and to be the success I'm sure it will be.

A short report this month, as like I said it's all systems go for the Shannons Mattara Hillclimb, but one last word. Please always look to the advertisers both in the programme and the magazine for all your needs.

Cheers, Bryn



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REGISTER REPORT David Walker

It being necessary to get this away before the Mattara Hillclimb is run, I can only hope the weather, which at this stage is supposed to be sunny with the chance of a late shower on Monday and about 18/19 degrees, gives us a break and remains fine over the days of racing. I've sent reminders to our Register people regarding the car displays on both days and since we have had a wonderful response also from our neighbouring MG Car Clubs, the 50th Anniversary of the MGB (1962-2012) should be well and truly celebrated.

Many thanks to Ken and Louise McLeod, who have stepped up to take on the Register Run in October. It will be known as the Digger Rally and will start from the Raymond Terrace McDonalds, on Sunday 14th October. The rally itself has been put together by Yvonne Fletcher and John Gillam who have just written a book on the soldiers who went to the 1st World War from the Raymond Terrace/East Maitland general area. We will be visiting various war memorials in the East Seaham, Wallalong, Largs and Paterson general areas, finishing up at the Junction Inn Hotel at Raymond Terrace for lunch with tables reserved on the verandah. There will be questions to be answered at each stop and John and Yvonne will be in attendance to relate various stories at each memorial.

Instructions will be handed out on the day.

Meeting at 8am for an 8:30am departure at the Cobby Street Clubrooms or alternately at Raymond Terrace McDonalds Restaurant at 9am, departing at 9:45am with the rally.

I must admit it sounds intriguing, and would love to go myself. Any enquiries can be addressed to Ken at kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com

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LAND PANEL Alan Bates

This last month has been a bit on the crazy side. Come to think of it, it's been a lot on the crazy side.

As I mentioned last month, the days are becoming longer, the nights are becoming shorter and we are getting older.

As stated last month the August Round of the Hillclimb Championship is out of the way and then we come to September and the next State round is upon us. Only this time it's at King Edward Park.

If you thought life was supposed to get easier, get involved in the planning, logistics and set-up for this blue ribbon event. Once a year the club and the King Edward Park planning committee plan, design and manage the process of creating a venue that allows the running of a high class event enjoyed by the drivers and those of the public that choose to come along and watch.

When the event has been done and dusted, guess what? These same people, supported by additional volunteers come along and pick everything up and take it back to Ringwood and put it into storage for another year, just so we can come along and do the same thing again.

Last year the average age of the workers was 59.5 years. Guess what? This year it was 60.5 years. It's nearly time for a changing of the guard. This will allow the older members of the group to mentor and assist with their knowledge and skill, thus providing the next generation with the tools to ensure the continuance of this event for many years into the future.

This event is, and has been, part of Newcastle's history for the last fifty plus years and it would be great to see it as part of the city's future for the next fifty years.

Remember that the Thursday working bee/shed day is open for all club members. If you think you might like to attend to find out what goes on, please call either myself or Doug Rae and we will make sure there is a chair for you at the lunch table. Or in the new building next to the secretary's hut.

Cheers, Alan

Thursday Working Bees

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SOCIAL NEWS Rose Cogger

The last clubnight was enjoyed by all who attended. Jon Eggenhuizen from Catavolt was a very interesting guest speaker. He brought along with him his high powered electric motorbike for us to inspect. He also gave some a bit of a demo. Wow! This bike performs equal to a 600cc petrol powered machine. He is now preparing it in readiness to contest an international race in America.

He held the world speed record until recently, so he is now building a new machine in the hope to regain the record. He also builds a road version for sale at about \$17,000.

The next clubnight on Friday 12th October 2012 will have as guest speaker the brother of new club member Chris Chappell. He is not only a historic car buff but also works for the RMS (the old RTA) so maybe he can answer any questions you may have.

I'm sure at this clubnight there will also be a lot of talk relating to the King Edward Park Hillclimb which was held over the October long weekend.

The next Natter Night on Saturday 20th October 2012 is to be held at the Cobby Street clubrooms commencing at 6.30pm. Bring along your favourite food, desserts and BYO. The clubrooms are now air conditioned so are very comfortable so this is a good way to catch up with other members and friends.

The Club Christmas Party and Presentation Night will be held at the Cardiff RSL Club commencing at 6.30 pm on 7th December, 2012. The cost is \$29/person and it is good value for what you get.

If you will be attending could you please provide payment by 1st November 2012.

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SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent

Hi Guys,

So how did you like the big KEP weekend?

It's a great credit to the KEP committee for all their efforts in arranging this huge event and a special thanks to Nicolas Correa for taking on the role as Event Director. I don't think he knew what he was letting himself in for. Of course when you read this article the whole event will be over for another year. The grey nomads are all getting too old for this building of Armco and sandbags, however we all seem to rise to the occasion.

Your club in conjunction with MGCC Sydney will host a CSCA round at the Sydney Motorsport Park at Eastern Creek on the new South Circuit on the 23rd September. Several tight corners should prove a bit difficult, with some cars having to go back to first. I expect a successful day, although yours truly will be envious having to do flagging. However I'm looking forward to the same event with the FOSC guys on the 29th September.

You will note that last month's magazine included details of a great initiative by CAMS for young motor sport fans to be trained to officiate at V8 Supercars events. This is excellent opportunity for young people to get involved in assisting in running events.

While we are on the subject of CAMS they have relaxed the rules surrounding the requirement to observe drivers during their assessment for a racing

licence. The driver must have completed 5 - CAMS sanctioned Super Sprints, 5 - Regularity Events, or 2 - Tarmac Rallies. For further details please visit the CAMS website.

At the last Speed Panel meeting the subject of next year's Tri Challenge was discussed. The main objective was to extend the series to possibly include other sporting car clubs and the use of their facilities. Such clubs may include Wollongong (Dapto), Bathurst (Esses) and Canberra (Fairburn), of course including Kempsey & Tamworth.

Extending this idea may involve joining the State Hillclimb Championship only on the proviso that their division of classes be introduced to be more accommodating to allow a greater competition of sports cars within certain classes. Paul Bower has submitted an excellent proposal to the State Hillclimb Panel for consideration for next year's competition.

Should any club member wish to comment on the above objectives for next year's competition they are most welcome to attend the next Speed Panel meeting scheduled for the 10th October at 8.00pm at the clubrooms.

You will be pleased to hear that Michaels Snow's continuing efforts to resolve gremlins within the timing system have been successful. A special thank you to Michael.

That's all from me.

Keep your tyres hot,

Rick

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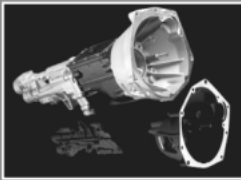


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Name	Cat	Class	TS total CC Events	
Paul Carroll		M/Spt u 2 ltr	75	5
Garry Christopherson		Tp 2 u 2 ltr	73	5
Jeff Newey		M/Spt u 2 ltr	68	5
Graham Orr		Tp 2 u 2 ltr	64	5
Keith Hammond	J	Jun Spec	58	5
Wayne Edwards		ClubSRaceTrs	58	5
Christopher Orr	J	Jun Prod	55	5
Kimberley Atkins	L	SV T4WD/4WS o 3ltr	54	5
Glenn Parsonage		Tp 5 u 2 ltr	53	5

MGCCN Club Championship points

Name	Cat	Rank	Best 12
Martin Reeves		1	115
Garry Christopherson		2	97
Keith Hammond	J	3	85
Kimberley Atkins	L	4	80
Paul Carroll		5	75
Jeff Newey		6	68
Graham Orr		7	64
Louise Reeves	L	8	62
Wayne Edwards		9	58
Christopher Orr	J	10	55

MGCCN Junior Club Championship points

Name	Cat	Rank	Best 12
Keith Hammond	J	1	85
Christopher Orr	J	2	55
Camryn Edwards	J	3	44
Alexander Reeves	J	4	40
Reece Hammond	J	5	25
Kaylah Martin	JL	6	22
Matthew Birks	J	7	12
Tegan Meek	JL	8	10
Jarrold Woollard	J	9	8

Club Member	Ranking	Points Total
Michael Snow	1	200
David Walker	2	148
Bryn Baverstock	3	140
John Collins	4	136
Andy Peters	5	128
Rose Collins	6	116
Greg Hunter	7	104
Rick Vincent	8	102
Doug Rae	9	96
Alan Bates	10	92

MG Lions Trophy	Total No			
Name	Cat	CC events contested	All Total	Rank
Martin Reeves		10	115	1
Jeff Newey		7	90	2
Andy Peters		6	75	3
Louise Reeves	L	7	72	4
Lyll Clarke		6	67	5
Alexander Reeves	J	5	51	6
Rick Vincent		3	40	7
David Walker		3	29	8
John Fraser		2	25	9
Michael Potts		2	23	10

Register Series			
Name	Cat	Ranking	Score Best 10 events
Louise Reeves	L	1	57
Andy Peters		2	53
Martin Reeves		3	48
David Walker		4	40
Lyll Clarke		5	36
Alexander Reeves	J	6	35
Jeff Newey		7	34
Doug Rae		8	27
Darren Hodgson		9	19
Fran Hodgson	L	10	18
Jan Clarke	L	10	18
Judith Rae		10	18





RINGWOOD REPORT

Time for a bit of an update on what's been happening at Ringwood. I can report that although things seem to grind on so slowly, progress is being made. We have now let the contract for a private certifier to run our Certification Contract. This means that they will assemble the various reports required by council, advise us on any problems and then get us the Construction Cert. When we have this we can start on the real work. When the work is finished to a standard required by council, he then signs off that the job is satisfactory.

One of these reports, the environmental study, has now been finished and looks good. This report outlines the trees destined to be removed to allow for the track design. There appears to be no real problems environmentally. The next report we are waiting on, and we should have by the time you read this, are the road and drainage designs. Quite a big job but nearly there. We have lined up a contractor to supply and oversee the planting of the 155 trees required under the council conditions. We have to plant these trees before getting our Con. Cert. so I plan to get this done ASAP. The new shed is part of the overall plan and these plans are supplied by the shed supplier.

Our efforts will then be directed to getting quotes and submissions for the work of building the new track and other works needed. While we are not expecting any real surprises, it is obviously good prudence to have all the facts and figures in before spending the clubs money and I can assure you we will be very conscious of spending it wisely! The end result should be a hillclimb to be proud of and a wonderful asset to the club.

Cheers

Bryn



Annual General Meeting

Notice to all members of MG Car Club Newcastle Inc

The Annual General Meeting and Election of Board of Directors of MG Car Club Newcastle Incorporated will be held at the Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Shortland, on Friday November 9th 2012, commencing at 8pm.

Agenda:

- Apologies.
- Confirmation of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held Friday, 11th November, 2011.
- Summary of the Club's activities over the past 12 months.
- Treasurer's Report and Report from the Auditor.
- Election of the Board of Directors for 2013 (all positions become vacant).
- Any other business as submitted in accordance with the Club's Rules. Members are reminded that Special Business needs to be submitted to the Board before the Meeting.

Rules: members are reminded of the following:-

- Only Full Members are eligible to vote.
- Both Full and Associate Members can accept a nomination for a position on the Board of Directors.
- Both Full and Associate Members can nominate any club member for a position on the Board of Directors.
- Associate Members will be granted Full Membership if elected to the Board of Directors.
- Members must be Financial to 28th February 2013 to be able to vote. Current Financial Membership Cards should be produced in order to obtain Voting papers.
- Voting papers will not be issued after the current Board positions are declared vacant.
- Nomination Forms should be completed and posted or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the Meeting.
- Associate members are permitted to cast Proxy votes for a full member who is absent, only if the Proxy form is completed and posted to or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- All Nomination Forms must be signed by the member appointing the proxy and must comply with our new Constitution 2011.

2012 Australian Formula Vee National Challenge

Wakefield Park Raceway

October 27 & 28

Invited Race Category Information

Promoted by the Formula Vee Association of NSW (FVANSW), and run by Wakefield Park, the 2012 Australian Formula Vee National Challenge will be held on October 27 & 28. Complimenting the Formula Vee category, there will be three supporting categories running at this meeting:

- i. Historic Touring Cars
- ii. Veloce Racing Association
- iii. Regularity event

For Regularity competitors, this event will be open to both NSW Road Racing Club and MG Car Club Newcastle members. Entry Forms will become available the week of October 1, but below is a summary of the event format and conditions of entry.

FVANSW Contact Details-

Dylan Thomas (President) - 0431 822 997
Gary Ogden (Vice President) - 0417 473 761
president@fvansw.asn.au
PO Box 7690, Norwest BC, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 2154

1. Entry Fee \$165.00 per competitor

- 1.1. Payable to Formula Vee Association of NSW
- 1.2. \$165.00 payment and Completed Entry Form required by October 19, 2012
- 1.3. All payments are to be made to FVANSW

2. Race Format

- 2.1. Saturday - 1 x 20 minute Practice Session, 2 x 14 Minute Regularities
- 2.2. Sunday - 2 x 14 Minute Regularities

3. Race Entries

- 3.1. Entry Form & Supplementary Regulations – available 1st week October
- 3.2. Entry Forms will be available for download from www.fvansw.asn.au
- 3.3. Completed Entry Forms and payment to be submitted to FVANSW raceentries@fvansw.asn.au or PO Box 7690, Norwest BC, Baulkham Hills, NSW, 2154
- 3.4. Private Practice (Friday Oct 26) is available - payment is to Wakefield Park
- 3.5. A CAMS Observe License Test (OLT) is being run on Friday October 26 at Wakefield Park. Contact CAMS for further information.

4. Pit Garages / Carports

- 4.1. Pit Lane garages and a limited number of paddock garages and carports will be available for hire from FVANSW (not Wakefield Park)
 - 4.1.1. Hire Fees (for Saturday & Sunday)
 - 4.1.1.1. Pit Lane Garages \$ 200.00
 - 4.1.1.2. Paddock Garages \$ 100.00
 - 4.1.1.3. Carports \$ 100.00
- 4.2. Hire Fees to be paid to FVANSW with Entry Form

Spring Cruiz-In

Sunday 14th October 2012



The SPRING CRUIZ-IN will be held on Sunday 14 October 2012 with a 50Km trip.

The Cruise will begin early with a mass assembly from 7.00am at the Stockland Glendale Shopping Centre. Then at 9.00am the largest convoy of Classic, Vintage, Veteran, Hot Rods, Bikes and Commercial vehicles in NSW will set out for the award winning international tourist destination that is Hunter Valley Gardens at Pokolbin. The scenic route will cover 50 kilometres through Edgeworth, George Booth Drive, West Wallsend, Buchanan, Mulbring, Elrington, Kearsley, Aberdare - Cessnock - to Hunter Valley Gardens Village on Broke Rd, Pokolbin.

The first (600) vehicles will receive one Goody Bag each and on completion of the entry form you will receive a proof of entry car registration sticker. ONLY COMPLETED entry forms will entitle entrant to be included in the Show Judging and also be eligible to WIN spot prizes during the day. Entry forms to be filled in on the day.

For information please phone Bill Kalb NRVCC Club Captain 0428 465057 or Mick Saide Shannon's Insurance 0448 203025

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Board Of Directors - Positions

President The leader, chairs committee meetings, and has the casting vote in case of a deadlock decision. Delegates jobs to committee persons, encourages members at events, and always acts with the best interests of the Club and its members.

Vice President Assists the President, stands in for him/her when the President is absent. Helps other committee members with any special projects.

Honorary Secretary Takes the minutes, deals with the incoming and outgoing correspondence, circulates information to members, via the magazine, and passes on information to the various panels. Answers enquiries about the club and its activities. Is in touch with CAMS a lot.

Honorary Treasurer Handles the Club's accounts, receives the money, deals with banking and investments. Is responsible for paying the accounts, keeping records and making sure that the books are audited at the end of the financial year.

Publicity Officer Inform members and the general public of our activities. Always striving to keep a high profile of the Club whenever possible. Extra promotion for large events such as State Hillclimb events at Ringwood, King Edward Park, etc. Endeavour to get Club information into newspapers, radios or magazines. May assist the Register Captain with displays and parades, and the Editor with advertisers for the magazine.

Club Captain Organises the Club Championship structure and maintains the Club member pointscore, assists with the calendar. Receives results and working bee records and attendance sheets for the pointscore. Co-ordinates with panels to organise trophies for distribution after the events.

Social Secretary Provides supper for Clubnights each month, does not have to cook, can be purchased. Organise other social outings as well as Christmas/Presentation Dinner and Natter Nights. Can form a social committee of helpers if necessary. Help with catering at events if required.

Magazine Editor Does not write the magazine, but receives articles written by others to edit and produce the magazine. Ensures the magazine is delivered to and from the printer. Organises the Magazine Assemblies and posting. Handles gathering of advertisers, artwork and invoices.

MG Register Captain An MG owner, someone who is likely to attend most of the Club runs. Organises the monthly Register Runs, also the annual Concours. Keeps the register pointscore for MG owners, contacts MG members for promotional parades or displays.

MG Register Secretary Assists the Register Captain to plan and conduct MG events. Ensures enquires and correspondence specifically relating to MGs are

considered and answered. May act as National Meeting Co-ordinator organising accommodation and travel arrangements. Looks after the Club's Historic Registration Scheme. Keeps abreast of MG information in Australia and overseas.

Event Co-Ordinator Is an important part of setting up the year's calendar along with the Club Captain to construct the Club Championship pointscore. Helps other panel members to promote their events. Is responsible for keeping the calendar current with event changes that often happen, and supply to Editor a list of coming events for the current magazine. Ideally a NAMS delegate as well.

Chairman Of Rally Panel Organise Rallies/ Rallysprints/ Touring Road Events for the year. Can use other Directors, organise checkers, officials, liaise with local authorities, Police, Forestry etc., paperwork to CAMS. Bring rally matters to committee for attention.

Chairman Of Speed Event Panel Organises Tar Speed events such as Ringwood Hillclimbs, Supersprints etc. This persons does not have to direct all these events, but is responsible for making them happen and can assist. Make sure event permits from CAMS are in place and supp regs are distributed to invited clubs. Make sure enough officials are organised and the venue is ready. Results to go to the Club Captain. Might keep mailing list of competitors.

Chairman Of Autotest Panel Organises the Motorkhana/ Khanacross events for the year. Locate suitable venues. Once again does not have to organise all events, but responsible to organise officials, timekeepers, paperwork to CAMS etc. Send results to Club Captain.

Chairman Of Equipment Maintenance Panel Responsible for the maintenance of mechanical equipment at Ringwood Complex. Does not have to fix it personally, organises necessary work to be done by others, so that equipment is fully functionally. Makes recommendations to Committee re equipment needed.

Membership Secretary Processes new members and keeps a database of club members up to date. Ensures new members receive relevant information on joining.

Chairman Land Panel Is responsible for the maintenance of the Track and surrounding area at Ringwood. Organises any work to be done by other parties or organises and advertises working bees of club members for general maintenance of the Complex. Works closely with the Speed Event and Equipment Maintenance Co-ordinators.

Member No.1 This person has no direct responsibilities, helps other committee members with projects, and may have previously been on Committee.

Member No.2 Must be first appointment to the Committee, assists other committee members. Is a good introduction to the running of the Club and its business and activities.

Elfin at King Edward Park

Reprinted from 2012 KEP Programme

Background

Elfin Sports Cars as a business enterprise started in Adelaide in 1958 by a young Garrie Cooper, utilising some unused space in the corner of his father's motor body building business, Cooper Motor Bodies.

By this time the 23 year old Garrie had been "playing around" with old cars since obtaining his licence in 1952. A series of Amilcars preceded his first racing car, an Austin Seven. Another Austin Seven followed, then a Morris based special and then the Cooper Austin. During these formative years Garrie had been competing in hillclimbs, sprints and closed race meetings in and around Adelaide with the full support of his father Cliff.

A fellow enthusiast wanted an aerodynamic body for his racing special and approached Garrie and his father for help. Garrie pointed out that the cost of a single hand built body would be prohibitive, but if three or more were made it would be an economic proposition. Two other enthusiasts committed themselves, then another, and before long six firm orders were in hand. Elfin Sports Cars had arrived!

Over the next 24 years, Elfin Sports Cars produced more than 250 sports and racing cars ranging from the nimble Formula Junior / Catalina through to Formula Vee, the highly successful type 600, various sports / racing cars and culminating in the brutally powerful Formula 5000 racing cars.

Sadly, Garrie died in 1982 on a Saturday afternoon while in the factory pottering around with the MR9 F5000 car prior to a race meeting scheduled for the following weekend. He suffered a ruptured aorta and despite urgent surgery the damage to his heart was terminal.

The Cars

In October 1961, Wallsend racing driver Allan Ferguson was the first customer to place an order for the newly released Elfin Formula Junior racing car, specifying a Peugeot motor. The car (FJ612) was delivered in November of that year and Ferguson commenced a long association with the car competing at Warwick Farm, Catalina Park, Oran Park and Bathurst. In 1963 the King Edward Park hillclimb resumed after an absence of some years and Ferguson and the Elfin were amongst the entries, placing second outright behind Doug Kelley's Cooper Climax. Ferguson continued racing the car and managed to compete at King Edward Park each year until 1968 when ownership passed to fellow Novocastrian Malcolm Bailey. Bailey continued racing the car at every opportunity and managed to run at King Edward Park in both the 1968 and 1969 events. By this time the now eight year old car was becoming uncompetitive and

mgbsmadeinaustralia.org

I'm asking for a bit of help that will hopefully benefit all MGB owners/enthusiasts. I have uploaded a website I've designed relating MGBs assembled/produced in Australia. I've done it to help us all in identifying our cars.

With the records being lost at the Zetland plant in 1981, there doesn't appear to be an easily accessible resource containing all the information in one place. Hopefully this website will help, with people constantly adding to it. I'm also trying to track down anyone who worked at the Zetland plant, to pick their brains.

I have been given the 'thumbs up' from all I've spoken to, so I'm quietly confident that it will be of some assistance to all. But it will only be as good as the information provided. I have gathered some pretty good moderators (and looking for more), who will check and verify any information provided, thus improving the reliability of the information displayed.

What I am seeking is your assistance in asking your members if they could assist me with this project. In particular, I am seeking help with details on the different years of production.

If anyone has any information to assist in dating these vehicles (diff changes, body changes, electrical changes, etc) with dates, it would be most appreciated.

Any information provided would be acknowledged (unless otherwise requested).

The website was uploaded (albeit in skeletal form) in August at www.mgbsmadeinaustralia.org. Please take the time to have a critical look and (pretty please!) help with any information you and your members can pass on.

The site is a non-profit operation. I'm doing it to give back some of the help I've received from the many people involved with the marque.

Roger Sharpe

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the Elfin Peugeot was 'retired' until 1973, when ownership passed to John Collins.

John replaced the tired old Peugeot engine with a Formula Ford spec engine and for the next four years raced the car in this category but returned to King Edward Park each year. In 1978 it was damaged in a practice accident at Calder and again 'retired'.

Brian Lear became the fourth owner in 1984, but no attempt was made to repair the car until 1991 when a full restoration began to return it to its original specifications for Historic racing. The car returned to the tracks in 1992 and returned to King Edward Park in that year through until 1994 when it again went into 'retirement'.

In 1965, local driver, Tom Pengelley acquired a Formula Junior (FJ621) and entered it in the 1965 hillclimb. Some years later this car returned to King Edward Park when raced by Sydneysider Ted Dowd at both the 1974 and 1975 events. This car is currently owned by Bill Hemming of the Elfin Heritage Centre in Melbourne and in recent times has been campaigned in Formula Junior races in New Zealand, South Africa, USA and Europe. A much travelled Elfin!

Also in 1965, Cessnock driver Alan Grice appeared in an Elfin Clubman sports car.

Formula Vees were the most prolific of all Elfins with some fifty built until Garrie's death in 1982. Following his death the business was sold to Tasmanian Don Elliott who appointed Tony Edmondson and Jon Porter to manage the enterprise. These two were responsible for the manufacture of a dozen or so of the Cooper designed NG Vees before designing a completely new model - the Crusader Vee which was released in 1989/90 with some 21 built in this period.

The first Vee to run at King Edward Park was V6715. This car, owned by local driver Terry Collits, competed in the 1972 event. Also debuting in 1972 was V6820 driven by Brian Sutton and in 1990 it returned with Peter Iredale and again in 1995 with local Barry Collins behind the wheel. Other Vees to have run include Geoff Selby (NG Vee V8225) in 1983, Barry Noble in 1988, Daryl Cullen in 1999 and Eamonn Matthews (V79016) in 2000. Bryan Finch (EP002) competed in both 2001 and 2002 and Brad and Tyler Dubos double entered their Vee in 2004.

The record for the most appearances of any Elfin to have run at King Edward Park would surely go to the car which started life as a Formula Vee and is currently owned by Grant Cook. This car first appeared in 1982 when owned by Sydney couple Richard and Denise Hatherley. At its first appearance it featured a 1600cc VW engine, wishbone front suspension and Renmax uprights on the rear. At its next appearance the following year it had been fitted with a modified Mazda rotary engine and competed again in this form in 1984. By 1988 ownership had passed to the Goulding brothers, Brad and Jason with Brad nominated to drive it that year. By 1994, Ron Hammond had acquired the car

Young Driver Development Course

Program & Format 2012

The YDDC Program for 2012 will embrace an expansion over the past years, with more general training and the introduction of specific training. The younger and less experienced students will concentrate on grass and earth surfaces whilst the senior and experienced students will have more exposure to sealed surfaces. Each day will be structured to be entertaining and enjoyable whilst still concentrating on the serious side of developing the skills of each student.

Contact Greg Hunter 0412 493 711 or Gregor Dickinson for further information.

2012 Events List

Saturday 24th November, Starting time 10.30am sharp. Grass, Earth and Sealed surfaces.

Sunday 25th November, Starting time 9.00am sharp. Competition Event Hillclimb, only. Level 4 applies.

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and drove it in the 1994 event as well as the following two years before selling it to Tamworth driver Eric Day. Eric drove it in both 1997 and 1998. Grant Cook became the next owner in 1999 and with the assistance of Ben Durie they set about replacing the engine with a highly modified 2 litre VW engine in time for the Championship hillclimb. Grant's daughter Tracy also drove it in the local challenge that year. It next appeared in 2001 with Grant's son-in-law Denis Mrcela the driver. In 2006 Grant's other daughter Amy drove it in both the Saturday and Sunday event. During the period 2006 to 2010 the car competed on each day of the two day meetings driven mainly by Amy with Grant and Tracy sharing the drive on several occasions.

In 1972, the Club promoted a round of the Australian Hillclimb Championship at King Edward Park and naturally the event attracted a top class field all vying for points in the three round series. Amongst the field was the powerful Formula 5000 Elfin MR5 (#5724) driven by South Australian Stan Keen. Keen finished in third place in that year's National titles behind Newcastle's Murray Bingham.

1974 marked the appearance of the first type 600 (#7012) at King Edward Park, driven by Redhead builder Bill Stoddart who competed again the following year in the Renault powered machine. 1975 also saw the first of many wins for the prototype 600 (#6801) driven by Paul Hamilton. Paul's performance at this meeting was to become the benchmark for the next six years with a string of FTD's and new outright records at five of the six subsequent meetings. By 1980 the now twelve year old Elfin was replaced with a March 77B and Paul continued his domination of the King Edward Park course for the next four years. Paul and the type 600 returned in 1991, now running in the Historic category and followed this up with runs in 1995, 1998, 1999 and 2007.

Greg Hunter purchased his type 700 (#76651) in Adelaide while visiting that city for the 1992 Formula 1 Grand Prix. Used mainly for circuit racing it has made a total of seven appearances at King Edward Park, the first occasion being the 1993 event and again the following year. Greg returned in 1998 and for the next four years competed in the local challenge hillclimbs with a string of top placings - 1998: 4th Outright, 1999: FTD, 2000: 3rd Outright and 2001: 2nd Outright. Greg's last appearance was in 2007.

Brian Lear, Elfin Register, 13/09/2012

Some statistics on King Edward Park: 16 different Elfins have competed with 39 different drivers; most appearances: Grant

Cook's Elfin VW - 21 ,
Brian Lear's Elfin
Peugeot - 15, Paul
Hamilton's Elfin 600 -
11.



Grant
Cook

EDITORIAL Mike Cole

I had no sooner finished the King Edward Park programme and had a day off, than it was onto to the next magazine. I am not sure what happens when both have to be done at once, but while the KEP hillclimb is at the beginning of the month they tie in nicely.

I only spent the morning at the State round hillclimb and all was progressing with the usual hiccups. No formalities at the start this year, but I spent some time at the Pinch with other photographers.

I thought I was going to be the only supplier of photos this month, but James Pearson posted some on Facebook within hours of the day finishing. Please send more photos for next month's magazine.

Mike

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

The deadline for the next magazine is Friday 26th October 2012.

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Ken Short 4950 4340



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