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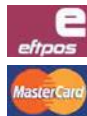
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## Coming Events - December 2012

- Sun 2 CSCA Supersprint - Sprite CC - SMP South, Eastern Creek
- Mon 3 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Wed 5 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 7 **Club Presentation and Christmas Party**  
Cardiff RSL Club, 45 Macquarie Rd, Cardiff. 6:30pm.
- Sat 15 State Khanacross - HDCC - Hampton
- Tue 18 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sun 23 **Register Run** - Lexie's on the Beach, Stockton - leave Clubrooms at 8am.  
See page 10.

## Coming Events - January 2013

- Wed 9 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 11 **Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Tue 15 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 19 **NAMS Presentation Night** - Club Macquarie, Argenton, 7pm.  
See page 29.
- Sun 20 **Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M, CC1, TS1
- Sat 26 **Register Run** - Speers Point Park. See page 10.

**Legend**

M - Club Member

R - Register pointscore

CC - Club Championship

KC - Khanacross

MK - Motorkhana

TA - Touring assembly

TC - Tri-challenge

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.

## Coming Events - February 2013

- Sat 2 Motorkhana - WAC - Awaba. MK1
- Sun 3 Motorist's Appreciation Day - Rickshaws - Bargoed House, Swansea.  
See page 30.
- Mon 4 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Fri 8 **Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Wed 13 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Sat 16 **Come and Try Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M
- Tue 19 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M

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Club Presentation and  
Christmas Party

Friday 7th December

Cardiff RSL 6:30pm

## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

G'day all,

It's hard to believe that this is the last column for the year. It seems to have flown by. Certainly this year has been very busy with the car club. Mike Snow was telling me how many different scoring events we run and that's not including Thursday working bees at Ringwood. No wonder some of the projects in the shed haven't had much attention this year!

The AGM was held at the clubrooms in November. Not a great attendance but that seems to be the norm these days. There were only two changes in people to the existing board, with Kenneth Atkins coming onto the board in the role of motorkhana co-ordinator, a job he is well acquainted with, and Graeme Jensen, who you may or not know has been involved with the club as our acting solicitor. I look forward to working with you both. The other change was a reversal of roles, with Doug Rae and Alan Bate swapping jobs. My thanks go to the outgoing board members Dave Durie and Ryan Bates for your efforts over the past year.

The club Concours was run in November in the park next to the clubrooms. It was a very poor turn up for a club that has so many members with interesting cars. It makes the job of the organiser, who puts in his time and effort, to have such a poor response want to throw their hands up and say why should I bother. We really have to start getting some feedback and dialogue going as to what sort of events members want, especially on the social side of things. I know we are all getting old but we are not that old! Get some ideas percolating in those grey cells and let me or anyone on the board know if you have some ideas for events.

I have written a bit about Ringwood elsewhere in the magazine on behalf of the management panel but as there is no magazine in January, I will try to keep you up to date via the website and clubnights in January.

So to wind up the column, I wish you all the very best for Christmas and the New Year, keep safe & enjoy!

Cheers Bryn





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# Welcome New Members

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We hope to see you all at an event in the near future, either competition or social.

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## **REGISTER REPORT David Walker**

Thanks to all those people who came on a Register Run this year and to Michael Snow for tabulating the points.

I was voted in again at the AGM for 2013, but I could be bought out quite cheaply if anyone else would like to be Register Captain.

I have been in discussion with the Register Secretary, Alan Bates, regarding cars on conditional registration and will be formulating some rules for same and will inform you of our progress in the February Magazine.

On Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> December I will organise a non-pointscore Register Run to Lexie's on the Beach at Stockton for breakfast, leaving the clubrooms at 8.00am. I will book in but I need numbers, so would appreciate if you would check your calendar and either email on [LWA04958@bigpond.net.au](mailto:LWA04958@bigpond.net.au) or ring on 4958 4941 asap.

There will be no January Magazine so I will tell you now that we will not be going to Raymond Terrace for Australia Day. Instead we will have a run to Speers Point Park for breakfast. Again, we will leave the clubrooms at 8am (that seems to be a sociable hour). There will of course be lots of stalls, entertainment etc., in the park for Australia Day, but we should be there early enough to find parking. For those who would like to enjoy the goings on, it will be easy to join in the fun after breakfast! Sal's Café is only opening the Kiosk, so we will make it a B.Y.O. everything and breakfast in the park. There are plenty of B.B.Q.s for eggs, bacon, sausages and all the trimmings. I would suggest bringing a chair as well.

I look forward to Register activities in 2013, wondering if we should make Xmas in July a lunch somewhere in the Region rather than a weekend away. Again at some time maybe Segways, if you're interested, and of course the National Meeting is at Toowoomba in Queensland at Easter. I would appreciate your feedback regarding all the above plus any ideas you would like us to include as a Register Run.

B seeing you,

DAVID

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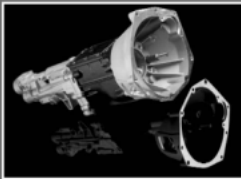


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## **LAND PANEL Alan Bates**

For those that are unaware, this will be my last report as Land Panel Chairman.

I have handed the reins back to Doug Rae and he has passed his portfolio to me.

It has been an interesting couple of years, with a reasonable amount of accomplishment.

I would like to acknowledge the support of the members and the board in the achievements of Dad's Army during this time. Without this support and enthusiasm, nothing to very little would be done.

In last year's report to the board I mentioned that Dad's Army had racked up the equivalent of a year's full time employment at 40 hours per week.

This year the numbers are just as impressive. We have had a couple of retirements from the ranks; however we have gained a few recruits. The books continue to balance, but if anything there is improvement.

New skills gained, new friends made and the continuance of the great camaraderie that exists, not only on Thursdays but throughout the year.

Anyway, progress at Ringwood is looking good. There have been a few hiccups with the regulators and the processes involved, however the final straight is in sight. God willing, and if the creeks don't rise, work will soon commence on what I believe will be the Club's biggest project to date.

If they thought they were going to get rid of me, they have another think coming. I will continue with the Dad's Army days and I encourage anyone who has the want to see this club move forward and progress to a new level, to come along and join the ranks.

Cheers,

Alan

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## RINGWOOD REPORT

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By the time you read this, visitors to Ringwood will see that the return road has been constructed by our willing band of Dad's Army including extending the pipe work, thus saving the club many dollars.

Talking of dollars, we are now in the process of getting the quotes together for the second phase of the work. As I have stated before we intend to have the budget passed by the board before starting the major part of the work. We have been able to talk to one construction firm who have been most helpful with ideas etc. and have been pleasantly surprised by the costs so far. Also when you talk to these people, their idea of getting the job done is something in the order of two to three weeks up to the tar stage. It makes a huge difference when you have the right gear! By the next magazine and at clubnights I should be able to give you a complete run down on the costing.

Michael Snow is busy preparing a study of timing systems available both in-house and commercial systems. As you may know the timing at the moment is quite old, built in 1993 I believe, and has caused a few problems lately. But for hours of work by Mike we could have been in trouble at events when the system played up. So now is the time to update and hopefully be ready for the new hillclimb. For anyone who has any knowledge of timing systems, Mike would only be too happy to discuss what's required of the system.

That's about up to date at the time of writing. I think at this stage of events by the time we get all the ducks lined up construction probably won't start now till after Christmas, but we have to see how all the work schedules stack up.

Cheers

Bryn Greg, Darval, Ken, Doug and Alan

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Our annual Concours was held on the 18<sup>th</sup> November with 16 members competing and a number putting their cars on display. Quite a pleasant day weather wise with members congregating outside and in the clubrooms, where Rose Cogger provided a barbeque lunch and the trophies were presented. Not a big turnout but plenty of enthusiasm was evident. The results of the event are in the magazine and on the website.

I am standing down from the position next year and handing over to Alan Bates who I am sure will come up with new ideas for this event.

That said, I should remind holders of historic plates to consult the magazine for the new address of the Register Secretary to renew your registration.

Doug Rae, retiring Register Secretary



Ross Adams - B



Lyall Clarke - F



Jeff Newey - TC



# Results for MGCC Newcastle Annual Concours Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2012

## Pre MGA

1.	Peter Cohen	TF	MGCC Ncle
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## MGB & GT

1	Ross Adams	MGB Mk1	MGCC HR
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2	Eric Marshman	MGB Mk 11	MGCC Ncle
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3	Mike Cole	MGB Rubber Bumper	MGCC Ncle
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4.	David Walker	MGB Mk1	MGCC Ncle
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## MGF

1	Lyall Clarke	MGF	MGCC Ncle
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2	Ken McLeod	MGF	MGCC Ncle
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4	Bryn Baverstock	MGF	MGCC Ncle
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## MG Modern

1	Ken Short	MGZS	MGCC Ncle
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2	Fran Hodgson	MGZR	MGCC Ncle
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3	Douglas Rae	MGZR	MGCC Ncle
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4	Louise Reeves	MGZR	MGCC Ncle
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5	Martin Reeves	MG RV8	MGCC Ncle
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## Club Cars

1	Graeme Jensen	Ford Capri	MGCC Ncle
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2	Christine Chappell	Austin Healey Sprite	MGCC Ncle
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## Competition Cars

1	Kimberley Atkins	Subaru WRX	MGCC Ncle
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2	David Atkins	Datsun 240Z	MGCC Ncle
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## Outright MG Winner

Ken Short	MGZS	MGCC Ncle
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Best T Type	Peter Cohen	TF	MGCC Ncle
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Display Only	Jeff Newey	TC	MGCC Ncle
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Popular Choice (All Cars)	Jeff Newey	TC	MGCC Ncle
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The Pinch



Ken Short - ZS



Australian Hillclimb Champion, Tim Edmonson



Peter Cohen - TF

**CLUB CAPTAIN Michael Snow**

Full results and a list of trophy winners will be on the MG Car Club Newcastle website by Tues 27th November.

**MG Tar Speed**

Name	Cat	TS total	CC Events	Potential Trophy Winners - One Hillclimb to be run
Paul Carroll		76	5	Marque Sports Under 2 ltr - 1
Garry Christopherson		73	5	Type 2 Under 2 ltr - 1
Jeff Newey		70	5	Marque Sports Under 2 ltr - 2
Graham Orr		64	5	Type 2 Under 2 ltr - 2
Keith Hammond	J	58	5	Junior Special - 1
Wayne Edwards		58	5	Clubman Race Tyres - 1
Christopher Orr	J	55	5	Junior Production - 1
Kimberley Atkins	L	54	5	Specila Vehicle Turbo/4WD/4WS Over 3 ltr - 1
Glenn Parsonage		53	5	Type 5 Under 2 ltr - 1
Lyllal Clarke		51	4	Marque Sports Under 2 ltr - 3
Martin Reeves		50	4	
Andy Peters		48	4	Marque Sports Under 2 ltr - 4
Trudy Jacobs		46	5	Marque Sports Under 2 ltr - 5
Camryn Edwards	J	44	4	Junior Special - 2
Rick Vincent		35	3	
Peter Calman		35	3	
Alan Bates		33	3	
Dave Durie		33	3	
Danny Bujna		32	3	
William Garland		32	3	

Club Member	Ranking	Points Total	Trophy Winner
Michael Snow	1	256	Club member of the Year
Bryn Baverstock	2	184	
John Collins	3	178	
David Walker	4	176	
Andy Peters	5	168	
Rose Collins	6	140	
Doug Rae	7	124	
Rick Vincent	8	122	
Greg Hunter	9	120	
Alan Bates	10	116	

**MGCCN Club Championship points**

Name	Cat	Rank	Best 12	Trophy Winners
Martin Reeves		1	135	Outright Champion
Kimberley Atkins	L	2	101	Outright Lady
Garry Christopherson		3	97	
Louise Reeves	L	4	82	
Paul Carroll		5	76	
Jeff Newey		6	70	
Graham Orr		7	64	
Lyall Clarke		7	64	
Wayne Edwards		9	58	
Glenn Parsonage		10	53	

**MGCCN Junior Club Championship points**

Name	Cat	Rank	Best 12	Trophy Winner
Keith Hammond	J	1	99	Outright Junior
Alexander Reeves	J	2	57	
Christopher Orr	J	3	55	
Camryn Edwards	J	4	44	
Reece Hammond	J	5	36	
Kaylah Martin	JL	6	23	
Matthew Birks	J	7	21	
Cooper Calman	J	8	12	
Tegan Meek	JL	9	10	
Jarrod Woollard	J	10	8	

**Total No  
CC events**
**MG Lions Trophy**

Name	Cat	contested	Score Best 10	Rank	Trophy Winner
Martin Reeves		12	118	1	Outright - 1
Jeff Newey		7	92	2	
Louise Reeves	L	9	92	2	
Lyall Clarke		7	82	4	
Andy Peters		6	77	5	
Alexander Reeves	J	6	68	6	
Rick Vincent		3	40	7	
David Walker		4	39	8	
Doug Rae		3	30	9	
Fran Hodgson	L	2	26	10	

**Register Series**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Cat</b>	<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Best 10 events</b>	<b>Trophy Winner</b>
Louise Reeves	L	1		67	Outright - 1
Martin Reeves		2		56	
Andy Peters		3		53	
David Walker		4		50	
Lyall Clarke		5		49	
Alexander Reeves	J	6		39	
Doug Rae		6		39	
Jeff Newey		8		34	
Fran Hodgson	L	9		32	
Ken McLeod		10		24	
Mike Cole		10		24	

**TA Drivers**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Best 3</b>	<b>Event Cnt</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Trophy Winner</b>
Bernard Corbett	MGCCN	40	4	1	Outright - 1
Kenneth Atkins	MGCCN	28	2	2	
Paul Martin	MGCCN	25	2	3	
Michael Potts	MGCCN	16	1	4	
Craig Whyburn	MGCCN	11	1	5	
Martin Reeves	MGCCN	9	1	6	
Doug Rae	MGCCN	9	1	6	
Louise Reeves	MGCCN	7	1	8	

**TA Navigators**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Best 3</b>	<b>Event Cnt</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Trophy Winner</b>
Madelon Corbett	MGCCN	36	4	1	Outright - 1
Ern Parsons	MGCCN	33	3	2	
Paul Martin	MGCCN	24	2	3	
Kimberley Atkins	MGCCN	24	2	3	
Kaylah Martin	MGCCN	23	2	5	
Clayton Potts	MGCCN	13	1	6	
Maruecha Wightman	MGCCN	13	1	6	
Alexander Reeves	MGCCN	11	1	8	
Ronald Fraser	MGCCN	11	1	8	
Jack Whyburn	MGCCN	10	1	10	
David Walker	MGCCN	9	1	11	



## PUBLICITY Peter Robinson

Having competed at numerous Australian Hillclimb Championships (8, I think) since my first in 1983 at Mt. Cotton, I had very pleasant memories of not only competing at such a prestigious event, but just having a great couple of days, away from work, great venue and among like-minded enthusiasts. For the first time, the event was held on the Mountain Straight course at Bathurst, starting at the Hump, halfway up the straight and finishing just before the lead up to Skyline. It is undoubtedly the fastest Hillclimb in Australia and at 1.7 km long, probably the longest and one of the most exciting.

Australian Hillclimb Championship events, due to the fact that they run Formula Libre (basically formula free) Classes, attract the home builders of racing cars, where they are not obstructed or limited by rules.

Out of the 19 Formula Libre cars (Open wheelers), 9 were amateur home-built in Australia - 4 Haywards; 1 Kelly; 1 Ninja, 1 Trojan; 1 Krygger; 1 Gak. 3 were English factory built specialist Hillclimb cars - 1 Gould/McLaren; 1 Forœ (Force India F1); 1 OMS. 6 were converted factory racing cars - 1 Lola/Buick (ex Indy), 2 Dallara (ex F1/III), 1 Van Dieman (ex F/F), 1 PRS (ex F/F), 1 Reynard (ex F/II?), 1 Racing (Circuit) car - March 87B (F Holden).

Due to the nature of the track, power and lots of it is required (plus the skill of the driver!)

The Gould GR55B, driven by Tim Edmondson filled the bill with power (550-600 BHP). Also lack of it weight (400kg), aerodynamics, downforce, driver aids, sequential flat shift etc. etc.

Tim, although beset by engine/gearshift computer dramas all weekend, used his last run late on Sunday afternoon to absolutely crush the opposition, knocking off nearly 3 seconds from the Hill record with a time of 36.83.

To put that time into some sort of perspective for us the Club racers, State racers etc - last year, Jensen Button and Craig Lowndes did some laps around the track in a McLaren F1 doing around 1.48 with Jenson saying later that better preparation could bring that down to say 1.30 - 1.35 (compared to a V8 Supercar 2.06 or Audi/Ferrari 2.04).

Jenson's time over the Hillclimb course with a 250 kph flying start was 34 seconds. Tim and the Gould with only 4 runs did 36.83!

It was an amazing demonstration of the fastest car in Australia and certainly gave a lot of spectators and competitors an example of what Tim could do, gaining an enormous amount of respect for his skill in the process. His data logger showed

249 kph from the start to the first corner and also 250 kph through Reid and McPhillamy Parks on top of the mountain. This car has been in Australia for 6 years and it obviously needed the right track and driver to win the Australian Hillclimb Championship.

Doug Barry also put in an exciting drive in the big Lola to place second with a run well under the old record on 38.28.

Getting back to the amateur driver/builders, we come to 3<sup>rd</sup> outright - Brett Hayward in his 2009 Hayward/Hayabusa on 39.89. Just ahead of Ron Hay in his Synergy/Dallara on 40.96. Brett's car has an enlarged Hayabusa engine of 1,570cc and puts out 270 BHP; combined with a weight of around 300 kg and aero and downforce with help from Monash University wind tunnel and ex FI designed Malcolm Oastler.

State Sports Sedan Championship winner, (Circuit racing) Stuart Inwood driving a modified ex V8 Supercar Falcon recorded 46.26 to be fastest sedan squeezing out several Nissan GTRs and an extremely modified WRX/sometime drift car.

Many of our MG owners would remember MGCCQ member, Steve Purdy in his very quick MG Midget. Steve ran in Historic Group SB and with only 4 drivers in the class, on paper it was easy to dismiss. The four, Steve, Mike Allen (AH Sprite), Circuit racer, Bob Rowntree, who (foolishly) offered old time circuit racer and now Hillclimb Panel Chairman, Bob Wootton, a drive of his car, provided great entertainment and shocked many owners of more modern and much more sophisticated cars. All four were under the record, and Bob, by winning the Class on 56.77 went some way to proving his theory that a good hillclimber will beat a good circuit racer - over 1 lap! - an argument I won't enter into. (Bob's time was faster than the fabulous sounding and spectacular to watch Historic Group Nb Terry Dowel's 1966 Mustang and just 0.7 seconds slower than the ex-Group C Bathurst "Chickadee" Celica driven by Beach Thomas). As a driver of an open wheeler - you know, slicks, wings etc. Bob's time in a registered MG Midget was embarrassing - no, I will not tell you my time!

MG Newcastle was well represented with Denis Russell putting in a very impressive drive in Formula Libra 0-750cc on 55.88.

Ex-or still member, Ed McCane also came to grips with his '08 Hayward finishing 14<sup>th</sup> Outright out of 142 and 5<sup>th</sup> in Formula Libre 1301-2000 on 46.40 - miles in front of your reporter who has a list of reasons (excuses) as long as your arm.

Bill McBride in Open/Closed Sports 0-1600cc put in a sterling drive to take out the class record on 52.54.

In Group 2B Marque Sports over 3000cc, Cooper Calman placed 5<sup>th</sup> on 54.69 narrowly beating Dad, Peter on 54.78. Cooper drove with great maturity and

surprised his class competitors finishing 0.49 off 4<sup>th</sup> and just 1.34 seconds behind 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Very well done, Cooper. We hope Cooper and Peter will be able to have their thoughts on the weekend in the next magazine.

Mitchel Craig, although another one with only himself in the class Group 3D Sports Sedans 0-1300 acquitted himself well, finishing only 2 seconds off the class record.

In Group 3J Improved Production 1601-2000cc, Aaron Osborne had his little Datsun 1200 really cranking coming second in class with 53.12 (and under the old record) just behind Danny Mischok's Cosworth Escort 52.68.

In Group 3J Improved Production 2001-3000, the Gregory boys, Jason and Neville (you can see their runs on YouTube) put in an amazing effort with Neville's 'take no prisoners' style rewarding him with 4<sup>th</sup> (51.51). This class was one of the most hotly contested with 4 RX7s up against 5 BMW E30s and M3's and some Datsun 1600s.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Scott Trenoweth	RX7	50.70
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Alan Saint	BMW M3	51.28
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Andrew McMaster	BMW	51.37
4 <sup>th</sup>	Neville Gregory	RX7	51.51
5 <sup>th</sup>	Karl Begg	BMW	51.83
6 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Solomon	BMW M52	51.89
7 <sup>th</sup>	Piers Harrex	BMW	52.68
8 <sup>th</sup>	Ken Graham	Datsun SSS	53.21
9 <sup>th</sup>	Jason Gregory	RX7	53.55

No wonder they call the family business "Gregory's Fast Freight"!

Dennis Roohan in Group 3J Improved Production Late cleaned up in his class with 50.92 clear of 2<sup>nd</sup> by 1.6 seconds.

One of our Club's quiet and modest achievers, Beau Fernance, 6<sup>th</sup> was a bit out-powered in Group 3J Improved Production SV and 4WD no Restrictors. Beau's time of 50.28 was close to the next 2 places but again, this was a very closely contested class and owing to a crash delaying proceedings for nearly an hour on Sunday, Beau missed on all of Sunday's runs - he had a wedding to go to and did not have a chance to better his Saturday's times.

Terry Hartman 58.48, Group 3K Saloon Cars was out-gunned by Tamworth's Dave Rodgers' Falcon.

All in all, a great event, brilliantly run, spot on timing, courtesy of BLCC's new Tag-Heuer timing. Every driver was handed their time just after the finish line,

times were continually rolling through on the screen all day and put up on the board after each run. They ran two cars at the same time - around 30 seconds apart and as far as I know, was glitch-free. If you log into the BLCC website, you can see the results, Prime 7's news report (not as good as NBN!) and YouTube has lots of out and in-car shots including Phil Ryan's spectacular, although frightening prang from inside the car - yes, he was OK.

Vacy Club member, Phil Bright was kidnapped by Ed McCane and I as Pit Crew and the poor guy was kept busy all weekend. Thanks Phil.

Sorry if this Report is a bit too long, but I thought I should provide some sort of record seeing "Australia's Number One Motor Racing Magazine" - you know, the V8 one - saw fit to not even mention it. The AHCC is Australia's second oldest Motor Racing Championship after the A.G.P. (1928) starting at Rob Roy in 1938 and won by Englishman Peter Whitehead in an ERA. Coincidentally, the A.G.P. was held at the newly opened Bathurst track also in 1938 on dirt and was also won by Peter Whitehead in his ERA. The Event this year was the 62<sup>nd</sup>.

Peter Robinson

Publicity Officer.



Bill McBride

Mitch Craig



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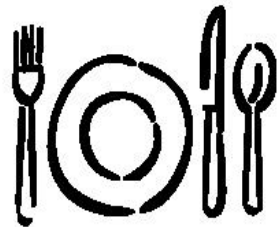
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**“B”****“The Club’s legal costs of the contract dispute with Italia Road Holdings Pty Limited**

Members of the Club will be aware that the Club became involved in legal proceedings with Italia Road Holdings Pty Limited (“Italia”) as a result of the sale of land owned by the Club, to Italia in 2009. Court proceedings were commenced in 2010 and, while they were ultimately settled and Orders were made largely as the Club had argued, the Club was ordered to bear its own legal costs. The legal costs incurred by the Club were slightly more than \$50,000.00.

The executive of the Club later took steps to try to recover the amount of those legal costs, from one or more other parties involved in the original sale transaction. The steps taken by the Club have resulted in a settlement, but that settlement is subject to confidentiality provisions which require the executive to keep further information about the settlement confidential except as agreed as part of the settlement.

The executive can, however, report to members that it considers, on legal advice, that the settlement is a good commercial settlement. It provides an outcome which avoids the need for the Club to pursue further potentially expensive and uncertain litigation; and importantly, is an outcome which has resulted in the club recovering more than the costs it paid in the Italia legal proceedings.

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## Newcastle Area Motor Sport

Greg Hunter and Gregor Dickinson attended by invitation a WAC Committee Meeting on Monday the 12th of November.

The purpose of the meeting was to receive, officially, the WAC decision to withdraw its activity from NAMS.

Obviously the decision of WAC will bring about the termination of the function of NAMS.

However it was decided that NAMS activities should be placed in recession rather than terminated completely.

Understanding that long term there may be an opportunity to reintroduce an annual inter-club competition.

This could take the form of a Motor Games Weekend, consisting of motorkhana events conducted on varying types of surfaces.

The above could only be considered if MGCC Newcastle had access to grass and or a sealed surface venue.

The Presentation Night on the 19th of January is to be the last NAMS activity.

The plan is to complete the wind-up as follows:

- All moneys owing for the trophy levy are to be collected for the 2012 year.
- The presentation night to be paid for by NAMS, with the usual guest speakers, finger food, video, presentation etc.
- The balance of the NAMS account will be divided by the 2 clubs after all accounts are paid.
- The account with Newcastle Permanent would then be closed.
- Custodianship, display and safe keeping of the Perpetual Trophies will be placed with the club which has won the award the most number of times, according to the engraving on the trophy.

-Any competition disputes must be resolved before the Presentation Night.

Both clubs will continue with liaison and co-ordinate for their mutual benefit the following;

- Exchange of information of concern to both clubs.
- Exchange of Day Memberships for event entries.
- Exchange of Magazines.
- Event and Calendar co-ordination.

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## **SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent**

Hi Guys,

Well this is the last article for 2012 and if you think this year was busy wait until next year with the new track and every member wanting to try it out. So there will probably be some thrills and spills for a few months, but trust me it will be a challenge, particularly when we do a reverse run.

Now that I have whet your appetite for a challenge, we need members to get involved and be prepared to attend some working bees prior to Christmas and during the new year. We can only run events once the new track is complete, with the erection of Armco fencing, building of tyre barriers and general landscaping.

Please contact myself or Doug Rae for details of working bees.

Next years calendar will include the following events:

- Six Ringwood Hillclimbs
- Six Young Drivers Training Days
- Six Natter Nights
- Two Come & Try Days
- Two State Hillclimb Championship rounds
- Two Tri Challenge Hillclimbs
- One CSCA Supersprint
- One Concours
- One National Meeting.

As you can see it will be a full year of competition and lots of interest for all members.

Again I ask those members who attended Club Chief Training days to contact myself to arrange an assessment.

Merry Christmas to you all and keep your tyres hot.

Rick

**EDITORIAL Mike Cole**

Last year at this time I reported on the outcome of the AGM. This year Bryn has covered most of this in his President's Report. The Event Co-ordinator position was still vacant after the AGM if you fancy a job. Contact details for the new members will be published in February.

I still find the magazine a battle some months. Once you have finished an issue it all seems straightforward. But the journey can be a bit tense and the garden or shed gets a bit of attention to gain relaxation. However I have signed up for another year. I learnt some new skills doing the KEP programme that hopefully I can apply to the magazine next year.

Photos this month are from Peter Robinson and the promised KEP photo from David Miller. I was the lone Concours photographer.

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 25th January 2013, there being no January magazine.

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