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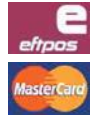
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## Coming Events - May 2013

- Sun 5 Euro Day - MG Car Club Hunter Region - New Lambton. See page 16.
- Sun 5 State Motorkhana - Nirimba
- Sun 5 CSCA Supersprint - Jaguar Club - SMP, Eastern Creek
- Mon 6 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Tue 7 **KEP meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Wed 8 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 10 **Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. See page 10. M
- Sat 11 Rallysprint - WAC
- Sun 19 **Register Run** - American Classic Car Museum. See page 12.
- Sun 19 State Hillclimb - Tamworth
- Sun 19 State Khanacross - Hampton
- Tue 21 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 25 Motorkhana and Khanacross - WAC. KC1
- Sun 26 **Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M, TS3

**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 - June 2013

- Sat 1      **Khanacross** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. See page 14. KC2
- Sat 1      **CSCA Supersprint** - MGCC Newcastle - SMP, Eastern Creek
- Sun 2      **Motorkhana** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. See page 14. MK4
- Sun 2      State Supersprint - SMP North, Eastern Creek
- Tue 4      **KEP meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Sun 9      State Hillclimb - Grafton
- Mon 10    **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Wed 12    **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 14     **Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 15     **Natter Night**
- Sat 15     Rallysprint - WAC
- Sun 16     **Register Run**
- Sun 16     State Supersprint - SMP Brabham, Eastern Creek
- Tue 18     **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 22     Touring Assembly - AHRG - Night Owl
- Sun 23     **Tri-Challenge** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. TC2
- Sun 23     State Khanacross - Awaba
- Sat 29     **Touring Assembly** - MGCC Newcastle - Lake Macquarie Classic.  
See page 10.
- Sat 29     CSCA Supersprint - Wakefield Park

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

G'day all,

For all the MG people who ventured to Queensland for the Nationals it was a very successful meeting by all accounts. Hopefully there will be a full account in the magazine but congratulations to all who went and who flew the MGCC Newcastle flag. At the time of writing I have only been home three days and two of them have been up at Ringwood. I haven't had time to catch up with the full results but I did hear that Darren Hodgson took out the FTD for both the sprint and the motorkhana plus a swag of trophies for all the other drivers, so well done all. Next year the Nationals are near Queensland again but without the sprint and motorkhana competition events, more of just a social gathering. It will be interesting to see how this is received by the club folk around the country. This is the first time this has been tried as far as I am aware so it's new ground for all concerned with the MG Nationals.

Nearer home the Ringwood project is going well. The difference that greeted me after nearly three weeks was amazing. When you start using big machines to push dirt around, the effect is quite dramatic. Elsewhere I expect Alan and Martin have a report for you. A big thank you must go to Alan Bates for the effort and time he has put into the project so far. Every working day Alan has been on site directing operations from early morning to late. While he has support from the others involved, Alan is the one who has been The Man. By the time you read this, subject to the weather, we could well be at the tarring of the road surface and then it's the members turn to do a bit with the extra bits after the big machinery has gone.

June is the date for the club to run its round for the CSCA at Eastern Creek so be aware if you are not having a run, can you help out? We are always looking for people to run these events so I hope many of you will be offering.

You will find an ad in the magazine for a webpage manager. Is this you? Nowadays the web is becoming more and more important in relaying information and quite often is the first port of call when people are looking at our club for whatever reason. Initially the website was first started by Jeff Newey and another who started the ball rolling. Darren Hodgson was running the website for many years. Gregor Dickinson has done a great job in the later years and he has been looking after it recently after Michael Gigli's job has left him without the time to continue. So now is the time to put your hand up for this most important job.

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Weekend Wanderings a.k.a. The Register Run. How is the new heading - "Weekend Wanderings" - I thought it up all by myself. Even though we normally do Sundays, there has been the occasional Saturday or for a big weekend, Saturday and Sunday. I will review any new suggestions as they come pouring in - I did have one reply already - thanks Ken.

A short report on the MG National Meeting held in Toowoomba. First thing I noticed was how clean the place was, and worthy of being called the Garden City, a credit to the council there.

Most Newcastle participants received a trophy, which contributed to our club coming 3<sup>rd</sup> in the John Wratten and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nuffield Oceania. Of the major prizes, Alexander Reeves won the Jean Kimber Cook Trophy for Junior Drivers with Fran Hodgson taking home both the Joan Richmond Trophy and the Cecil Kimber Centennial Trophy. Not to be outdone, Darren Hodgson won both Outright Motorkhana and Outright Sprint Trophies.

Many of us had a test drive of the new MG6 hatch which was on display at the Concours. Brant Raymond from the Queensland club took the Chinese delegation accompanying the car around the Motorkhana course, and it was worth the trip just to see their faces at the end. They asked what he called what he did with the car, and Brant (a man of few words) said "I don't know what you call it - in Australia we say 'dump the clutch'...priceless.

The report of the April Run will not make this magazine as the deadline is a week before the event. We are going to the Macadamia Farm at Medowie.

Our May jaunt on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> is to the **American Classic Car Museum** "Lost in the 50's" which includes a host of muscle cars and Hot Rods, even the Batmobile and a DeLorean, with mock ups of an old Malt Shop and heaps of memorabilia. The cost is \$15.00 per head with children under 12 free. We will leave the club rooms at 9.30am and have morning tea at the venue.

Xmas in July - Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2013. We have 18 starters already for the 6 1/2 hour day trip on the MV Lady Kendall, where we will cruise the Brisbane Waters, Pittwater, Broken Bay and the Hawkesbury River. Included is a buffet lunch, morning and afternoon tea and a comprehensive commentary of the trip. The cost is \$64.00 each and we board at 9am from Gosford Public Wharf. We will need to leave the clubrooms at 7.30am for the trip down via the F3. Please email [LWA04958@bigpond.net.au](mailto:LWA04958@bigpond.net.au) if you're interested.

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## LAND PANEL Doug Rae

The extensions are well under way, with all drainage pipes in place and with headwalls and sumps being built. The final layout has been determined taking into account some rock shelves that were exposed during the initial digging out of the track. Approximately 300mm of gravel has been laid and compacted, with the gravel being sourced from our quarry which has been a great saving in overall costs.

Work is proceeding with the filling and levelling of the pit area with spoil from the track dig out being used.

Preparation for hillclimbs is progressing as normal with mowing, cleaning of toilets and such type of work being attempted along with work on the extensions. Which brings me to a subject which needs addressing. Once the tar is down a great deal of work will be required to put in place guard rail tyre barriers, tyre buffers, ripple strips, fences and generally tidy up the place in preparation for track inspections by both the police and CAMS to achieve our licence to compete on our new track. With this in mind we will be organising some Saturday working bees. So keep a eye on our website because we will need help.

Doug Rae, Land Panel Chairman

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Below is our fourth report to the members. There are some more photos to show that work is well and truly happening.

The weather has played a big part over the last month. We have had approximately seven days where work was not possible.

The track structure is well and truly in place, road base will be on the ground in the next week and then we will be looking for the weather envelope to allow the application of spray seal and bitumen.

Please remember, many hands make light work. No matter what your skills or abilities are, you are welcome to contribute to this one off event. There is much to do and at the moment there are few people involved.

Come forward and step up to the plate, be part of the future of the Club. Remember, this is not likely to happen again!

Regards,

Alan and Martin

	Project	Status %
Phase 1	Subdivision	100%
	Survey	100%
	Plan developed	100%
	Council approval	100%
	Sale of land	100%
	Realignment of fences/boundaries	40%
	Resurface of current Hillclimb	100%
	Phase 2	Extension of Hillclimb
Plans drawn		100%
Survey		100%
Council approvals		100%
Movement of containers and materials off IRH land		20%
New storage facilities		100%
Additional Water Tanks		10%
Earthworks		80%
	New access from Italia Rd	10%



	Tree removal	100%
	Tree planting	100%
	Timing gear	20%
	Safety systems	10%
	Drainage	80%
	Armco railings	0%
	Ripple strips	0%
	Vehicle run off areas Sand & Gravel traps	10%
	Landscaping	60%
	Track approval	20%
Phase 3	Development of tar car park used for motorkhana area	
	Plans drawn Inc. roads	0%
	Survey	0%
	Council approvals if required	0%
	Earthworks	10%
	Drainage	0%
	Armco railings as required	0%
	Tar application	0%
Phase 4	Upgrade to Ringwood Facilities	
	Improved timing equipment (will be done in phase 2)	0%
	Increase hardstand areas around pits	0%
	Improve scrutineering and under cover areas	80%
	Installation of mains power	0%
	Provision of pit garages for hire	0%
	Improved canteen area	0%
	Improved administration area	0%
Phase 5	New Dirt Facilities Developed	
	Plans drawn Inc. roads for sprints, Khanacross	0%
	Survey	0%
	Council approvals if required	0%
	Earthworks	10%
	Drainage	10%
Phase 6	Machinery Upgrade	
	Not under consideration at this time	0%
Phase 7	Update of Clubrooms	
	Not under consideration at this time	0%

**CLUB CAPTAIN Michael Snow****MGCCN Club Championship points**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Cat</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Best 12</b>
David Walker		1	46
Jeff Newey		1	46
Martin Reeves		1	46
Fran Hodgson	L	4	39
Louise Reeves	L	5	36
Bruce Fraser		6	35
Michael Fraser		6	35
John Collins		8	34
Mike Cole		8	34
Andy Peters		10	33
Darren Hodgson		10	33
Gregor Dickinson		10	33

**MGCCN Junior Club Championship points**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Cat</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Best 12</b>
Alexander Reeves (J)	J	1	34
Melanie Wightman (J)	JL	2	13
Keith Hammond (J)	J	3	12
Matthew Birks (J)	J	3	12
Kaylah Martin (J)	JL	5	11
Camryn Edwards (J)	J	5	11
Jarrold Woollard (J)	J	7	10

<b>Club Member</b>	<b>Ranking</b>	<b>Points Total</b>
Michael Snow	1	58
Doug Rae	2	48
David Walker	3	46
Judith Rae	3	46
Bryn Baverstock	5	40
John Collins	6	38
Greg Hunter	7	36
Rose Collins	7	36
Andy Peters	9	31
Kerry Woollard	10	30

### MG Lions Trophy

Name	Cat	Rank	Score Best 10
Jeff Newey		1	46
David Walker		1	46
Martin Reeves		1	46
Fran Hodgson	L	4	39
Louise Reeves	L	5	36
Bruce Fraser		6	35
Michael Fraser		6	35
John Collins		8	34
Alexander Reeves (J)	J	8	34
Mike Cole		8	34
Darren Hodgson		11	33
Andy Peters		11	33
Doug Rae		13	30

### Register Series

Name	Cat	Ranking	Score Best 10 events
David Walker		1	47
Jeff Newey		2	45
Fran Hodgson	L	2	45
Doug Rae		4	42
John Collins		5	40
Darren Hodgson		6	39
Andy Peters		6	39
Louise Reeves	L	8	36
Martin Reeves		9	35
Bruce Fraser		9	35
Michael Fraser		9	35

### MGCCN TA Drivers

10-Mar

Name	TA1	Best 3	Event Cnt	Rank
Colin Skelton	11	11	1	1
Bernard Corbett	11	11	1	1

### MGCCN TA Navigators

10-Mar

Name	TA1	Best 3	Event Cnt	Rank
Madelon Corbett	12	12	1	1
Gregor Dickinson	11	11	1	2
Paul Martin	11	11	1	2

## NATIONAL MEETING TOOWOOMBA 2013

While we had attended National Meetings in Adelaide in 2010 (social), and Newcastle 2011 (various admin and organising jobs), the 2013 meeting in Toowoomba was my first as a competitor.

We decided on a relaxed trip so left on Wednesday morning, travelling via Gloucester and Thunderbolt's Way. Not a good decision! We managed to catch two fully loaded gravel trucks with trailers just outside of Gloucester taking material to the landslip site 30+ km from town. Just completed surface patching south of Walcha meant more car preparation in Toowoomba.

We stayed overnight in Glen Innes, and were first to arrive in Toowoomba. Accommodation was arranged by the organising committee; our motel was most suitable - helpful management and staff, covered parking and plenty of extra parking for tow cars, trailers and extra vehicles. Most of the Newcastle group arrived during Thursday afternoon, with dinner at the pub across the road.

Most were able to register and be scrutineered on Friday morning. This was held at Picnic Point, location for all social events and the Concours. The rest of the day was spent on car preparation. In the evening it was back to Picnic Point for Noggin and Natter, including Rocker Cover Racing. The scene was set for a good weekend with Andy scoring a win.

Saturday morning was overcast. By the time we reached the park for the Concours we were in the clouds, with conditions damp enough to require regular drying of cars. Once our class judging was completed we had plenty of time to check out a great display. There were many fine pre-war cars, as well as good examples of all post-war models. Fran's ZR and our ZS made final judging but were beaten by an F(TF) for best modern.

The about-to-be-released MG6 was also on display, and some people managed a test-run. Distributers, MG Motor Australia, were main sponsors of the meeting.

Saturday evening was theme night, appropriately for Toowoomba, a "Garden Party". Many groups ignored the obvious of long frocks, parasols, blazers and boaters. The Newcastle group went as the garden - ladies were flowers and men were trees! The Victorian group attracted attention as garden gnomes and fairies.



The motorkhana was held at a transport / storage site on the western edge of the city. A large entry meant that the field was divided into groups. There were some showers during the morning, but conditions deteriorated for the final group after lunch (sedans and some Bs). Many of us therefore competed in torrential rain and poor visibility, although the surface proved to provide surprisingly good traction. The Newcastle contingent claimed many class wins and places with Darren taking FTD. The weather improved sufficiently for an evening BBQ at the motel.

An early start for most people on Monday, with Morgan Park at Warwick being the location for the Sprint. Again Newcastle was very successful with many class wins and places, and Darren taking a rare double with FTD.

Meanwhile, the Shorts were taking part in the Observation Run. This was a very challenging event, with three different types of instructions and many questions and photographs. The route took us through the eastern suburbs and rural areas on the escarpment, then through lovely farmland on the Darling Downs. The finish, for a late lunch, was at an historic house near Allora. We were pleased with a second place in the MGB group as half a dozen cars were within three points.

It was becoming apparent that Newcastle would have a good Presentation Night. There were many multiple trophy winners, including the Hodgson, Fraser and Reeves families. Special congratulations to Fran (three Class Wins, Best Lady and Best Overall), Darren (FTD in Motorkhana and Sprint + Concours place) and Alexander Reeves (Best Junior). Newcastle came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Nuffield Trophy and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the John Wratten Memorial Trophy, a great achievement against the bigger metropolitan clubs.

After breakfast on Tuesday morning we headed to Brisbane to catch up with relatives, then south through Beaudesert. We crossed the border on the Lions Road, a great drive, now fully sealed but with some very dodgy bridges on the NSW side. After overnight at Kyogle we followed Summerland Way through Casino and Grafton to Coffs Harbour - little traffic, no roadworks, quite a contrast to the Pacific Highway. Caught up with friends at Old Bar, then called in to check progress at Ringwood on Thursday morning.

Ken Short

# National Meeting Toowoomba 2013 Club Results

## Outright results:

Motorkhana: Darren Hodgson

Speed Event: Darren Hodgson

Joan Richmond Trophy (Ladies): Fran Hodgson

Jean Kimber Cook Trophy (Juniors): Alexander Reeves

Cecil Kimber Centennial Trophy (Best overall performance): Fran Hodgson

Oceania Nuffield: 1<sup>st</sup> Queensland 15.44; 2<sup>nd</sup> Newcastle 14.8; 3<sup>rd</sup> Gold Coast 9.8

John Wratten Memorial Trophy: 1<sup>st</sup> Queensland 1095.95; 2<sup>nd</sup> Victoria 962.55;  
3<sup>rd</sup> Newcastle 663.04

Class results	Car	Name	Con-cours	Motorkhana	Speed	Observation
G	MGA	Bruce Fraser	6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
G	MGA	Paul Fraser		2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	
J	MGB Mk1	Jeff Newey	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	
K	B Mk1 (push)	David Walker	=7 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	
K	B Mk1 (push)	Eric Chandler		3 <sup>rd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
M	MGB BL	Andy Peters	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	
Q	B GT r/b	Michael Fraser	5 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Q	B GT r/b	Raechel Fraser		5 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
R	BGT V8	Martin Reeves	2 <sup>nd</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	
R	BGT V8	Alexander Reeves		5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	
Y	MGF special	Darren Hodgson	3 <sup>rd</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	
ZB	MGF	Mike Cole	6 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
ZB	MGF	John Collins	=7 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
ZB	MGF	Rick Vincent			1 <sup>st</sup>	
ZD	MGZS	Ken Short	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>		2 <sup>nd</sup>
ZD	MGZT	David Walker	4 <sup>th</sup>			
ZF	MGZR	Fran Hodgson	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup>	
ZF	MGZR	Louise Reeves	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	
ZF	MGZR	Doug Rae	5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup>	

# A GRAND HISTORY

## THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX

During the early 1980s, motor historian David Manson found reference to the first Grand Prix in a Sydney newspaper. The article stated that the Grand Prix was held in Goulburn on January 15, 1927. He thought it was a misprint as he knew the first motobike Grand Prix had been held in Goulburn.

Whilst Wayne Adams had been researching for his book “The Racing Boys” he found information on the Australian Grand Prix in the Goulburn Penny Post. He makes mention of it in this book on page 74. The book is available from the Goulburn Information Centre.

Subsequently David Manson saw the reference in “The Racing Boys”, and researched it further, finding it to be correct. He then published an article in the Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia’s magazine, “The Vintage Car”, issue 1 of 2000.

Time passed and no one did anything about this. That was until a drivers meeting of the Golden Era Auto Racing Club Inc. (GEAR) on December 5, 2001, at Wakefield Park, when it was decided to commemorate this important event.

Between December 2001 and January 15, 2002 GEAR members, with the help of the then mayor, the late Max Hadlow, information service officer Scott Pollock, and many others, a special event for Goulburn was organised.

This event included a street display and parade of racing cars and other vehicles of the vintage era. The parade moved to the showground, where the first Grand Prix had been held. The event included the unveiling of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary plaque, a draft horse cavalcade and a fly past led by local Dick Nell. It emulated the first Grand Prix, which included horse events and a fly-over.

That evening a dinner was held at the Bowling Club and the following day, the usual fun filled drive day was held at Wakefield Park Race Circuit.

Five years later on January 14, 2007, GEAR arranged a similar event for the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and the Goulburn Bowl was introduced to Wakefield Park. This was the inaugural running of the Goulburn Bowl (named with council approval) and is an hour long, regularity event for various categories of cars of the Golden Era.

It has remained an annual event in January and keeps alive memories of the first Australian Grand Prix.

Again in 2012 Goulburn hosted celebrations with a display of historic racing cars, motorcycles and some replicas that ran in the 1927 event, and with music and open air cinema of the era in the park of an evening.

A two day event at Wakefield Park was held with more displays and track events, for both cars and bikes. It also featured the resurrection of the Bol d'Or, an event run initially between 1993 and 2004.

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# **PUBLICITY OFFICER Peter Robinson**

The first round of the Tri-Challenge Series was run on 17<sup>th</sup> March at Kempsey and attracted a field of 35 (18 from MGCC Newcastle) which was a bit disappointing for the Kempsey Sporting Car Club, who put a lot of effort and enthusiasm into their events.

It was a walkover for the Kempsey Club taking 5 out of the top 10, including the first four outright, led by Darren Read (Minetti) and Dave Morrow (Krygger). I guess it is a sign of the times that the first 4 were motorcycle engine powered.

Capping off a great weekend for the KSCC and proud organiser, Chris Seam, was the fact that for the first time since the Tri-Challenge started way back in 2002, Kempsey won the Champion Club Shield, no doubt helped by the Championship Series winner, Dave Morrow, also from the KSCC. Congratulations!

Chris made a short heartfelt speech accepting the Shield, and said that the Kempsey Club and the Mt. Cooperabung venue would not exist without the Tri-Series and that the whole Club was grateful for the continued support of the MGCC members who have helped contribute over \$30,000 (entry fees) to the upkeep and continued viability of the Club and Hillclimb.

Sometimes, it might help to consider when we think - "Will I go to the Mt. Cooperabung event or not" that we are helping a very small club stay afloat!

Impressive performances were put in by Kendall O'Connor (RX7 - 28.917) 6<sup>th</sup> outright and first Type 3/O; Peter Dickson (Toyota AE86 - 30.103) 2<sup>nd</sup> Type 3/U; Reese Presland (Nissan 180SX - 30.779); and Steve Cromack (Torana 31.05) 1<sup>st</sup> Type 2/O.

This event also saw the debut of the full 3 car - 4 driver Holt Team! Dad, Matthew in the Skyline (38.4) and Jack (Datsun 1200) with Georgia and William sharing the Suzuki. Of course Georgia (first motorsport event) was not expected to do well. William was also at his first serious event. Unfortunately the "racing" Suzuki broke down so Dad entered the two drivers in the VN 6 cyl auto tow car with the result that Georgia went 8 seconds quicker to finish in front of William and Matthew and wind up just behind Jack, winning 1<sup>st</sup> Lady! A star is born. William also pulled a trophy for 1<sup>st</sup> Junior. Well done Team Holt!

The next Tri-challenge event is the Ringwood Round on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> June followed by the Tamworth Supersprint on 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> July.

The second and third Round of the State Hillclimb Championship was held at Bathurst on 2<sup>nd</sup> March (The Esses) and 3<sup>rd</sup> (Mountain Straight) with quite a few MGCC members competing in the Championship.

Both days were well attended and had good weather with ever improving Bill McBride finishing 10<sup>th</sup> outright just behind your Publicity Officer (9<sup>th</sup>). 2B Marque Sports O/1600 was an all MGCC class with Cooper Calman (RX7) 1<sup>st</sup> finishing in front of an ecstatic Marea and Graeme Semken - sorry Graeme - in that order too!

On the Mountain Straight course, Bill McBride reversed positions with me, no doubt making him happy about the engine work he has put in recently.

Peter Robinson  
Publicity Officer



## Flynn's of Cooma

Just a visit report on a recent trip to Cooma. Flynn's of Cooma is, contrary to some reports, still trading and are doing fine. They are one of the last 'old style' wrecking yards left with cars back to the 20s and 30s. No TR Triumphs, many Vanguards, some Triumph 2000/2500 and an ex-speedway Herald were sighted but what is really out there is unknown by anyone. There could well be the basis for a good GEAR special!

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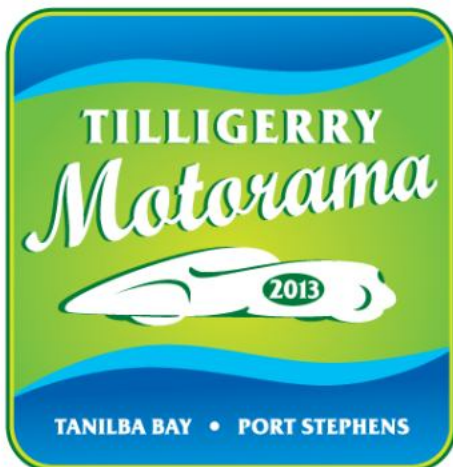
The less experienced students will concentrate on the Motorkhana and Khanacross events whilst those more experienced will receive further training at the Ringwood Hillclimb Come and Try Event. For further information on these events please consult the Club Calendar or contact

Greg Hunter 0412 493 711 or Gregor Dickinson 0413 595 755.

- 2/ Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April, Starting time 10.30 sharp
- 3/ Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July, Starting time 10.30 sharp  
Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, Khanacross Event with Training.
- 4/ Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> August, Starting time 10.30 sharp
- 5/ Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Starting time 10.30 sharp  
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## EDITORIAL Mike Cole

I received a limited number of photos this month so I have left out the centre spread. With photos on the cover and inner back cover I need at least six photos to make the centre worthwhile.

There were several club members with big, fancy cameras at the National Meeting in Toowoomba, but none of them have sent in any photos. Last month's cover photo from the supersprint at the Nationals was taken with a phone and transmitted to my phone as a MMS.

Photos this month are from Alan Bates and Peter Robinson.

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.

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