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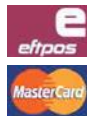
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(John Porter).

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Coming Events - June 2013

- Sat 1 **CSCA Supersprint** - MGCC Newcastle - SMP, Eastern Creek
- Sun 2 State Supersprint - SMP North, Eastern Creek
- Sun 2 State Khanacross - Hampton Park
- Tue 4 **KEP meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Sat 8 Working Bee - Tyre barriers - Ringwood. 8:30am. See page 8.
- Sat 8 **Khanacross** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood, see page 8. KC2, CC12
- Sun 9 **Motorkhana** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood, see page 8. MK4, CC13
- 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** - Martin and Louise Reeves, Warners Bay. See page 19.
- Sat 15 Rallysprint - WAC
- Sun 16 **Register Run** - Hunter Valley Gardens. See page 10. R9
- Sun 16 State Supersprint - SMP Brabham, Eastern Creek
- Tue 18 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 22 Working Bee - Tyre barriers - Ringwood. 8:30am. See page 8.
- Sat 22 Touring Assembly - AHRG - Night Owl. R10
- Sun 23 **Tri-Challenge** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. TC2
- Sun 23 State Khanacross - Awaba
- Sat 29 **Touring Assembly** - MGCC Newcastle - Lake Macquarie Classic.
See page 18. TR2, CC14, R11
- Sat 29 CSCA Supersprint - Wakefield Park

Coming Events - July 2013

- Thu 4 **KEP meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Sun 7 **Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M, TS4, CC15, R12
- Sun 7 **Khanacross** - WAC - Awaba
- 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 **Young Driver Development Course** - Ringwood - see page 34
- Sat 13 **Khanacross** - WAC - Awaba. 2pm. KC3, CC16
- Tue 16 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 20 **Rallysprint** - WAC - Awaba
- Sun 21 **Tri-Challenge** - Tamworth SCC - Oakburn Park. TC3
- Sun 28 **Xmas in July** - MGCC Newcastle - boat cruise, see pages 10 and 32.
- Sun 28 **State Motorkhana** - Nirimba
- Sun 28 **State Supersprint** - SMP South, Eastern Creek

Legend

M - Club Member

R - Register pointscore

CC - Club Championship

KC - Khanacross

MK - Motorkhana

TA - Touring assembly

TC - Tri-challenge

TS - Tar Speed Series

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REGISTER REPORT David Walker

“Road runners” for the month of May. It was really cold on the morning of the 19th May when we gathered at the clubrooms, but remained fine and sunny all day (I still kept the roof on the MGB). 36 people went to “Lost in the 50s” at Cameron Park and for those of you who didn’t make it, you missed a really good day. There were lots of beautiful old American cars, hundreds of vintage posters on the walls and enough memorabilia to keep your attention for hours. I thought it would be a small car collection, as it is privately owned, but turned out to be 80 to 100 cars and the Batmobile and the Delorean cars were a bonus, particularly for the young at heart. Several other car clubs were present some wearing 50s gear and everything was extremely well organized. Don’t tell anyone but even Lesley enjoyed herself! The museum only opens 10 times a year so if you would like to see it, the next opening is on 23rd June from 9.30 to 2.30. They take bookings on 4955 2445. Well worth the \$15 admission fee.

June Register Run. It’s been several years since we have taken a run to the vineyards so on 16th June we have arranged a chocolate and wine tasting at The Garden Cellars, Shop 21, Hunter Valley Gardens. We will leave the clubrooms at 8.45am, that way the first group of 15 can taste at 10am and the second at 10.30. The fee is \$5.00 per person, but if you make a purchase at the end of the tasting the \$5.00 comes off the price. Those who aren’t interested in tasting can have coffee at one of the numerous shops in the Village. We can spend a leisurely time enjoying the atmosphere as we are booked in for lunch at Potters Brewery Resort on Wine Country Road at 1.30pm. As always, I would appreciate knowing numbers in advance as I need to confirm with the venues. Just an email when you receive this on LWA04958@bigpond.net.au or phone 49584941.

Elsewhere in the magazine is an advert for our Xmas in July trip on Sunday 28th July, a 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 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 M3. Please email LWA04958@bigpond.net.au if you’re interested. We have decided to forgo the reciprocal present this year so you just have to bring yourselves.

B seeing you,

DAVID



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LAND PANEL Doug Rae

We are well under way with achieving our goal of extending the hillclimb thanks to the efforts of Allan Bates and his dedicated team of workers.

The final 100mm of gravel has been laid and a sealing surface of tar and gravel applied, which needs to be left for a fortnight to settle before the hotmix is laid early in June.

Work has been halted on the paddock areas due to the unseasonal inclement weather but hopefully this will clear up so the area can be consolidated and grassed.

Preparation for our hillclimb on 26th May was disrupted by the weather and only cleaning of toilets and such type of work was attempted along with work on the extensions. I remind you that 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. Some of these working bees have been held with quite a number of tyre buffers being built.

Our new shed is well under way to being fitted out with Glenn Parsonage building gates for the open section and a team under the direction of Paul Bower fitting out the workshop. An area is being levelled ready to place a 25000lt water tank and a power supply will be needed.

As at this time we have had 18 private practices and 6 track hires with interest in our new track extensions being expressed.

Doug Rae

Land Panel Chairman

Thursday Working Bees

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| MG Tar Speed | | 20-Jan | 21-Apr | 26-May | | CC | Best |
|---------------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|-------------|
| Name | Cat | TS 1 | TS 2 | TS 3 | TS total | Events | 4 |
| Jeff Newey | | 13 | 14 | 16 | 43 | 3 | 43 |
| Rick Vincent | | 16 | 15 | 12 | 43 | 3 | 43 |
| Lyall Clarke | | 15 | 12 | 15 | 42 | 3 | 42 |
| Martin Hobbins | | 12 | 15 | 13 | 40 | 3 | 40 |
| Andrew Chandler | | 16 | 12 | 11 | 39 | 3 | 39 |
| Keith Hammond (J) | J | 12 | 11 | 11 | 34 | 3 | 34 |
| Lawrence Constable | | 11 | 11 | 12 | 34 | 3 | 34 |
| David Atkins | | 10 | 9 | 11 | 30 | 3 | 30 |
| Graham Orr | | - | 13 | 16 | 29 | 2 | 29 |
| Daniel Chandler | | - | 14 | 14 | 28 | 2 | 28 |
| Kevin Edwards | | 14 | 14 | - | 28 | 2 | 28 |

| MG Motorkhana | | | 2-Feb | | 10-Mar | | MK |
|----------------------|------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Name | Cat | MK1 cl | MK 1 | MK2 cl | MK 2 | MK total | Events |
| Simon MacPherson | | - | | C | 16 | 16 | 1 |
| Heather Wightman | L | - | | C | 15 | 15 | 1 |
| Melanie Wightman (J) | JL | - | | JP | 13 | 13 | 1 |
| Michael Snow | | - | | G | 13 | 13 | 1 |
| Peter Houghton | | - | | C | 13 | 13 | 1 |
| Kimberley Atkins | L | - | | G | 12 | 12 | 1 |
| Alexander Reeves (J) | J | - | | JP | 12 | 12 | 1 |
| Kenneth Atkins | | - | | E | 11 | 11 | 1 |
| Aaron Wightman | | - | | C | 11 | 11 | 1 |
| Martin Reeves | | - | | B | 11 | 11 | 1 |

MGCCN Junior Club Championship points

| Name | Cat | Rank | Best 12 |
|----------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Keith Hammond (J) | J | 1 | 34 |
| Alexander Reeves (J) | J | 1 | 34 |
| Matthew Birks (J) | J | 3 | 23 |
| Melanie Wightman (J) | JL | 4 | 13 |
| Kaylah Martin (J) | JL | 5 | 11 |
| Camryn Edwards (J) | J | 5 | 11 |
| Jarrold Woollard (J) | J | 7 | 10 |

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| 37H8285 | SWITCH WASHER WIPERS LS MINI + LATE MOKE | 72.60 EA |
| 080359 | HORN PUSH MGA TF OVAL TYPE | 29.70 EA |
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| Name | Cat | Rank | Best 12 |
|------------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| Jeff Newey | | 1 | 76 |
| Andy Peters | | 2 | 59 |
| Rick Vincent | | 3 | 56 |
| David Walker | | 4 | 46 |
| Martin Reeves | | 4 | 46 |
| Lyall Clarke | | 6 | 42 |
| Martin Hobbins | | 7 | 40 |
| Fran Hodgson | L | 8 | 39 |
| Andrew Chandler | | 8 | 39 |
| Simon MacPherson | | 8 | 39 |

| Club Member | Ranking | Points Total |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Michael Snow | 1 | 76 |
| Doug Rae | 2 | 60 |
| Greg Hunter | 3 | 50 |
| Rose Collins | 4 | 48 |
| David Walker | 5 | 46 |
| Judith Rae | 5 | 46 |
| Rick Vincent | 7 | 42 |
| John Collins | 7 | 42 |
| Bryn Baverstock | 7 | 42 |
| Ken McLeod | 10 | 36 |

MG Lions Trophy

| Name | Cat | Events Contested | Score Best 10 | Rank |
|----------------|------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Jeff Newey | | 6 | 76 | 1 |
| Andy Peters | | 5 | 59 | 2 |
| David Walker | | 4 | 46 | 3 |
| Martin Reeves | | 4 | 46 | 3 |
| Rick Vincent | | 3 | 44 | 5 |
| Lyall Clarke | | 3 | 42 | 6 |
| Fran Hodgson | L | 3 | 39 | 7 |
| Louise Reeves | L | 3 | 36 | 8 |
| Bruce Fraser | | 3 | 35 | 9 |
| Michael Fraser | | 3 | 35 | 9 |



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Register Series

| Name | Cat | Ranking | Score | Best 10 events |
|----------------|------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Jeff Newey | | 1 | 81 | |
| Andy Peters | | 2 | 71 | |
| David Walker | | 3 | 53 | |
| Fran Hodgson | L | 4 | 51 | |
| Doug Rae | | 5 | 48 | |
| John Collins | | 6 | 46 | |
| Lyall Clarke | | 7 | 45 | |
| Darren Hodgson | | 7 | 45 | |
| Louise Reeves | L | 9 | 36 | |
| Martin Reeves | | 10 | 35 | |
| Bruce Fraser | | 10 | 35 | |
| Michael Fraser | | 10 | 35 | |
| Ken Short | | 10 | 35 | |

Lake Macquarie Classic Rally
Touring Assembly
29 June 2013

Event starts from 418 The Esplanade, Warners Bay

Scrutineering and sausage sizzle 3.00 pm

Competitors Briefing 4.30 pm

First car away 5:00 pm

All tar 250 km except approximately 8 km of good gravel

All route charted

Entry cost \$50 per car

Entries and Supp Regs on the MG website

Night touring assembly covering approximately 250 km

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SOCIAL NEWS Rose Cogger

Fran and Darren Hodgson and Alexander Reeves seemed to win a truck load of trophies at the recent National Meeting of MG Car Clubs held in Toowoomba recently at Easter. Most of our members were able to win a trophy for some part of the weekend competitions.

At our April clubnight it was Brag Time as the above members came along and gave us a report on their activities. There was also an update on the extension to the hillclimb at Ringwood. Those who have visited Ringwood in recent times will see the transformation with a new modern shed in keeping with the environment and the extension on its way to being completed in the near future. There will be updates in the magazine on a regular basis.

The Natter Night at Ken and Louise McLeod's home was quite a special event. Those who turned up were privileged to see a quick moving slide of their trip to south east Asia.

After the inspection of their garage and garden cottage we were able to watch the qualifying sessions for the Bahrain Grand Prix.

The rain during the day had cleared up and they are convinced that if there is a drought anywhere, they could organise a natter night there and the drought would be broken.

The May clubnight had a good attendance, mainly to hear the guest speaker Kenneth Atkins who presented information on the various pieces of Vision car lighting equipment that GENR8 company supplies.

His company is also supplying (at mates rates) ducting and cable for the new timing set up at the extended Ringwood Park hillclimb track. We thank him and his company very much.

The next clubnight will be on Friday 14th June 2013 commencing at 7.30pm. The nights are getting cooler but don't forget the clubrooms are air conditioned and are very warm and a light supper is always available.

The next **Natter Night** is on Saturday 15th June 2013 at Martin and Louise Reeves' waterfront home at Wamers Bay, commencing at 6.00pm. Bring along your BYO everything for a great night and yes there will be a garage inspection. We wonder which cars of their fleet will be at home that night.

Rose Cogger Collins

Social Secretary



National Meeting



National Meeting



Euro Motorfest



Euro Motorfest

PUBLICITY Peter Robinson

We are coming up to our Inter Club hillclimbing season with the second Tri-Challenge round to be held on 23rd June at Ringwood.

This will be one of the last events on the current “old” track at Ringwood, so if nostalgia is your bag, come along. I have a feeling that I am the only one currently competing who ran at the inaugural event in 1986 - the “Twin Rivers Festival Hillclimb” I think it was called.

If you have a look at the MG website, you will see the incredible amount of work done by (mostly) the Club’s construction team members who have carved out a very impressive facility for the future use of the club members and others.

I am sure any Tamworth and Kempsey members would be interested in the new Ringwood.

After the first round of the 2013 Tri-Challenge, the Kempsey Sporting Car Club looks like repeating last year’s pointscore for the Champion Club.

| | | |
|------|-------|----|
| 2013 | KSCC | 48 |
| | MGCCN | 33 |
| | TSCC | 6 |

Unfortunately, the Tri-Challenge has almost become the “Duo-Challenge” with only one competitor from Tamworth at most events now, although Kempsey supports the series very well.

The next event after Ringwood is the Tri-Challenge round on 21st July at Oakbum Park where we usually get a good contingent from MGCC going up for the weekend.

Following this event, we have the State Championship Hillclimb at Ringwood on 4th August, and although the new track won’t be used, the State Competitors will certainly be able to have a good look at the track layout.

Peter Robinson

Publicity Officer



2013 TRI-CHALLENGE POINTSCORE - AFTER 1 ROUND

| CLUB | COMPETITOR | PTS |
|------|------------|-----|
|------|------------|-----|

TYPE 2 U/2000

| | | |
|------|----------------|----|
| KSCC | Peter Leicht | 14 |
| MGCC | Georgia Austin | 12 |
| KSCC | Ben Richards | 10 |
| MGCC | William Holt | 9 |

TYPE 2 O/2000

| | | |
|------|---------------|----|
| MGCC | Steve Cromack | 13 |
| KSCC | Ben Hall | 11 |
| KSCC | Craig Doyle | 10 |

TYPE 3 U/2000

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| KSCC | Glen Torrins | 14 |
| MGCC | Peter Dickson | 12 |
| KSCC | Ron Swanson | 10 |
| MGCC | Andrew Chandler | 9 |
| MGCC | Jacob Robinson | 8 |
| MGCC | Dan Robertson | 7 |

TYPE 3 O/2000

| | | |
|------|------------------|----|
| MGCC | Kendall O'Connor | 13 |
| KSCC | Bernie Keast | 11 |
| MGCC | Terry Hartman | 10 |

TYPE 4 O/2000

| | | |
|------|-------------|----|
| MGCC | Jack Holt | 13 |
| KSCC | John Fenner | 11 |

TYPE 5 U/2000

| | | |
|------|----------------|----|
| KSCC | Dave Morrow | 14 |
| KSCC | Kim VonHolt | 12 |
| KSCC | Allan Hindes | 10 |
| MGCC | Peter Robinson | 9 |

GROUP 2A/2C SPORTS CARS U/2000

| | | |
|------|-------------|----|
| KSCC | Darren Read | 12 |
|------|-------------|----|

TYPE SV, TURBO, 4WD & 4WS U/2

| | | |
|------|--------------|----|
| KSCC | Rogan Dallas | 12 |
|------|--------------|----|

TYPE SV, TURBO, 4WD & 4WS O/2

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| TSCC | Craig Albertson | 12 |
| MGCC | Reece Presland | 12 |
| MGCC | Larry Presland | 10 |
| MGCC | Brian Ford | 9 |

MARQUE SPORTS U/1400

| | | |
|------|----------------|----|
| KSCC | Vaughan Thomas | 12 |
|------|----------------|----|

MARQUE SPORTS O/1.4 - U/2000

| | | |
|------|----------------|----|
| KSCC | Shannan Barnes | 14 |
| MGCC | Willaim Potts | 12 |
| MGCC | Wayne Lewis | 10 |
| MGCC | Paul Abraham | 9 |

MARQUE SPORTS O/2000

| | | |
|------|--------------|----|
| MGCC | Matthew Holt | 12 |
|------|--------------|----|

LADIES

| | | |
|------|----------------|----|
| MGCC | Georgia Austin | 10 |
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OUTRIGHT

After 1 Round

| CLUB | COMPETITOR | PTS |
|------|------------|-----|
|------|------------|-----|

| | | |
|------|-----------------|----|
| KSCC | Darren Read | 12 |
| KSCC | Dave Morrow | 11 |
| KSCC | Kim VonHolt | 10 |
| KSCC | Allan Hindes | 9 |
| MGCC | Peter Robinson | 8 |
| MGCC | Kendal O'Connor | 7 |
| TSCC | Craig Albertson | 6 |
| KSCC | Glen Torrens | 5 |
| MGCC | Peter Dickson | 4 |
| MGCC | Reece Presland | 3 |
| KSCC | Shannon Barnes | 2 |
| MGCC | Larry Presland | 1 |

SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent

Hi Guys,

For those competitors who were complaining about a slow start with Speed Events for this year, mainly due to the Ringwood upgrade of course, then get yourself ready for some action as its full on, commencing with the May hillclimb, held with a good field. It must have been very tempting for competitors to leave the track at the top loop, and carry onto the new partially sealed surface of the extension. It sure looks good. By the time you receive this article the top asphalt should be applied, after which the real work commences. The deal is, if you want to race on the new track, then help out at the working bees and don't leave it up to the magic dozen.

Right back to racing. Our club was host to the third round of the CSCA Supersprint at Sydney Motor Sport Park, North Circuit, on the 1st June. It commenced with a full field. A special thanks to John Garraway, John Finch and Gregg Noonan for running the event. It was most appreciated. Results will be available via our website.

The next hillclimb will be the second round of the Tri-Challenge to be held at Ringwood on the 23rd June, with practice on the 22nd of course. We would appreciate all competitors to pre enter as this should be a full field.

Following on and still in June, the fourth round of the CSCA Supersprint will be held at Wakefield Park on the 29th June, so as you can see its full on racing. Hopefully you guys have a leave pass as most weekends are pretty full, and wives do understand that we need speed?

By the way should any member wish to come along to our Speed Panel meeting please feel free as we do appreciate your input.

Last but not least, sorry to keep on going about Working Bees. However we do require members to assist with the final phase of construction, which is building Armco and tyre barriers. The scheduled dates will be the 8th and 22nd June. These are subject to weather so please visit the website to confirm.

Keep your tyres hot.

Regards,

Rick

DO OLD RACE TRACKS REALLY DIE?

I was reading about an old race track that some of us may remember. I may leave the name out and just see if you can place a name to it. If you can I will buy you a beer at the next working bee at Ringwood.

So just let's start with a few clues. It's situated 90 minutes from Sydney in a landscape environment, yes you could say it was a park. You can still walk around the park, although the eucalyptus now dominate some of the sweeping corners in competition with the rusty Armco. You could appreciate being in some of the open wheelers trying to navigate around the sandstone barriers, something that CAMS wouldn't allow now of course, but the atmosphere is still there, together with the Cinzano and cigarette advertising.

Today's lap times may be a bit slow unless your into 4WD type racing, keeping in mind that most of the keen drivers were achieving speeds of around the 150kph in the 2.1 kilometre tight bitumen course. If you look through the mountain ranges you can still hear the sound of racing engines, only if you're a revhead, of course.

Due to its proximity to the urban sprawl, its life was numbered. From the humble name of The Gully it was operated for ten years by a group of volunteers, actually very similar to our Dad's Army. The khandcross guys tried to make it work, but unfortunately they too had to find alternative grounds.

So with the trees and grasses together with the local Aboriginal Community this once racing park was returned to nature and the ghosts that still linger there, following a few fatal accidents.

So if you can place a name to my ramblings let me know at Ringwood. By the way this would be a good register run.

Rick Vincent

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A GRAND HISTORY

THE FIRST AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX WINNER

To continue from the article of last month which established the true story of the first AGP which took place in Goulburn NSW on 15th January 1927. This month you will read of the mystery of the driver.

Who was Geoffrey Charles Edwin Meredith, winner of the first Australian Grand Prix?

Initially all that was known of the man was from an obituary in the Goulburn Penny Post dated June 29, 1928. From this it was gleaned that he was born about 1901/02.

Extensive research in Australian records failed to find a birth for Geoffrey Meredith. Was he born overseas? No one knew.

That was until a researcher checking the Queensland records came up with a Geoffrey Charles Edwin Cox, born September 16, 1901 at Beenleigh.

The parents were listed on the birth certificate as Henry James Cox and Marie nee McKay but it was found from their 1889 marriage that their surname was spelt Cocks.

The first records of Geoffrey appear in the Gehan (near Toowoomba) School attendance books with entries for Geoffrey Cocks from 1907 to 1912. He is next found in the admission register for Fifth Class at Brisbane Central Boys State School. Entry is dated Geoffrey Cox (with 'Cocks' written above it), date of birth 16.9.1901 and father noted as Henry Cocks of Salisbury (near Brisbane), Grazier.

If Geoffrey's birth certificate had needed to be produced for his admission, that would explain the use of the "Cox" spelling.

On November 9, 1922 Geoffrey Charles Edwin Cox signed a Change of Name Deed Poll renouncing the use of the surname and stating that he would henceforth use the surname Meredith.

His residence is given as "of Mitchell Plains near Cunnamulla". The Deed Poll was drawn up by solicitor EP Valley of Cunnamulla and registered at the Qld Supreme Court on December 6, 1922. No reason has been found for why Geoffrey changed his surname, or for why the particular surname Meredith was chosen.

Nearly 3000 people attended the Goulburn Grand Prix races on January 15, 1927 which saw Meredith in the Bugatti T 30 as winner of the second heat, with Hope Bartlett placing second. Meredith then went on to win the Grand Prix, with Jack O'Rourke in second place.

In 1928, Meredith competed in six speedway races in Glasgow as well as an exhibition race at Celtic Park and he then left the group to travel to the Isle of Man to see the TT races.

There he succumbed to pneumonia and died in Nobels General Hospital. He was buried in the Borough Cemetery at Douglas, Isle of Man (located just behind the tower at the TT start line). In his Will, Meredith left everything to Vi McKay.

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RINGWOOD PROJECT REPORT

This is the fifth report to the members. As you can see by the figures and the pictures on the website, there has been significant improvement in the last month.

If everything goes to plan the asphalt will be done on the 11th June.

The work in the quarry was programmed to be finished by the end of the month. However the weather gods have intervened so we might have to add a few days to that.

Work will commence on improving the access road when the quarry work has finished.

Please remember that many hands make light work, so no matter what your skills or abilities are, you are welcome to contribute to this one off event.

Please assist in the assembly of the tyre bundles for the tyre barriers. Rick and the crew have managed to put together a significant number of bundles at the last two working bees. Many more are needed to complete the job.

Regards,

Alan.

| | Project | Status % Complete |
|---------------------------|---|----------------------|
| 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 | 35% |
| | New storage facilities | 100% |
| | Additional Water Tanks | 20% |
| | Earthworks | 90% |
| New access from Italia Rd | 10% | |



| | | |
|---------|--|------|
| | Tree removal | 100% |
| | Tree planting | 100% |
| | Timing gear | 20% |
| | Safety systems | 15% |
| | Drainage | 80% |
| | Armco railings | 0% |
| | Ripple strips | 0% |
| | Vehicle run off areas Sand & Gravel traps | 10% |
| | Landscaping | 70% |
| | 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% |



Victorian MG Road Racing Championship Round 5.

15th September 2013 at Wakefield Park, Goulburn

This is a fantastic MG event. The Victorian MGCC fields an almost full MG grid with a number of models represented.

If you are interested in attending to compete or spectate please see our website mgracing.mgcc.com.au and contact a committee member.

This is a great opportunity to race with your mates in a safe and enjoyable environment where the most important aspect of the racing is to have fun at high speed in the close company of our fellow MG racers.

Most importantly, MG Racing provides spirited competition on the race track between a group of dedicated enthusiasts who have great respect for each other and their cars. We represent the MG motto of "Safety Fast" ... we also passionately believe that racing improves the breed.

For most of us there is a narrow window of opportunity to go racing: be bold, you owe it to yourself to get on the track and experience the adrenalin rush!



FROM the pages of HISTORY

In January 1955 a sub centre of MG Car Club (Sydney) was formed in Newcastle. Membership cost was one pound 10 shillings which included a Club Lapel Badge.

By the end of that year membership had reached 96. Of those original members 3 are today currently members of the club.

Dick Edwards Original No. 17

Howard Mac Lean No. 24

Jack Mc Laughlin No 25

In 1965 with the option to purchase land at RAYMOND TERRACE (Nelsons Plains) it became evident that MG Newcastle as a sub centre could not own land in its own name. A delegation was sent to MG Sydney to discuss our club becoming a full centre.

As Club Member Jim Sullivan was overseas at the time, having won the "Driver to Europe" Scholarship, he was asked to approach MG Head Office in UK with support from MGCC Sydney, to pave the way for our application to become a full centre. It was granted.

The first committee elected as **MG Car Club NEWCASTLE** was

PRESIDENT John Collins

SECRETARY Noel Saunders

TREASURER Greg Newey

CLUB CAPTAIN Greg Hunter

These people are also current members of the club.

(in acknowledgment of the work done by Brian Lear for our
50th Anniversary booklet)

EARLY MEMBERS OF MG NEWCASTLE SUB CENTRE from 1955 to 1960 CURRENTLY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

| | | | |
|------------------|-----|----------------|-----|
| DICK EDWARDS | 17 | JIM SULLIVAN | 167 |
| HOWARD Mac LEAN | 24 | MALCOLM BAILEY | 186 |
| JACK Mc LAUGHLIN | 25 | PETER HOUGHTON | 207 |
| PETER MULLIN | 91 | JOHN KIERATH | 216 |
| DOUG RAE | 132 | JOHN COLLINS | 221 |
| JEFF NEWEY | 163 | GREG NEWEY | 250 |

We thank these people and many more that came after them that have put a lot of time and effort into building this club into what it is today. Your dedication is remarkable to still have an interest in the Club after all these years.

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Some people did not answer the question re receiving their magazine - if you wish to change the way you receive it please contact me so i can adjust the details.

There have been some changes to the credit card system from the bank. Please make sure that you have funds available in the account you nominate as the bank charges \$30 if it is declined and this cost will be passed on to you.

Judith Rae Membership Secretary 4944 7356



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The YDDC program for 2013 will embrace our normal program of 6 Training days throughout the year.

Further training in 3 club events will provide further education at the nominated Competition Events as listed below.

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.

- 3/ Saturday 13th July, Starting time 10.30 sharp
Sunday 18th August, Khanacross Event with Training.
- 4/ Saturday 24th August, Starting time 10.30 sharp
- 5/ Saturday 26th October, Starting time 10.30 sharp
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- 6/ Saturday 23rd November, Starting time 10.30 sharp



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EDITORIAL Mike Cole

A busy magazine this month after a longer than usual break between issues. Perhaps the onset of colder weather drives us indoors to the computer.

At a concours, it is a requirement to open the bonnet, which is closed by the judges after judging. Usually it is left to the owner to close properly, which can leave the bonnet ajar for a period of time. Which makes photographing at a concours difficult at a time when cars are looking their best. See page 38.

Photos this month are from Chris Chappell, Darren Hodgson, Ian Fletcher, John Porter, Ken McLeod and Michael Snow..

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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