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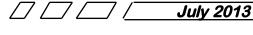
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## **Coming Events - July 2013**

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 Young Driver Development Course - Ringwood - see page 39 Sat 13 Khanacross - WAC - Awaba. 2pm. KC3, CC16 Sat 13 Sun 14 Working Bee - Tyre barriers - Ringwood. 8:30am. See page 8. M 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 25. Sun 28 State Motorkhana - Nirimba Sun 28 State Supersprint - SMP South, Eastern Creek



## **Coming Events - August 2013**

- Sat 3 State Hilldimb practice MGCC Newcastle Ringwood
- Sun 4 State Hillclimb MGCC Newcastle Ringwood. See page 15.
- Mon 5 Magazine Assembly Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Fri 9 Clubnight Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sun 11 Register Run
- Tue 13 KEP meeting Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Wed 14 Speed Panel Meeting Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Sat 17 CSCA Supersprint SMP, Eastern Creek
- Sat 17 Touring Assembly AHRG Heart of the Hunter
- Sun 18 Khanacross MGCC Newcastle Ringwood. KC4, CC18
- Sun 18 State Supersprint Wakefield Park
- Tue 20 Board Meeting Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 24 Young Driver Development Course Ringwood see page 39
- Sat 24 Natter Night
- Sun 25 State Khanacross Awaba
- Tue 27 **KEP meeting** Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Wed 28 KEP nuts and bolts Med Eng Cardiff. 6pm. M

#### Legend

CC - Club Championship TA - Touring assembly

M - Club Member KC - Khanacross TC - Tri-challenge
R - Register pointscore MK - Motorkhana TS - Tar Speed Series

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

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## **PRESIDENT Bryn Baverstock**

G'day all,

Well the club has had a very busy time of it over the past month or so. There seems to be something going on every time I look at the calendar. It certainly doesn't make for a quiet life.

You may remember back in the May magazine I put in an ad for someone to take over the webmaster role of running the web page. I'm happy to say we had a result and Michael Potts has taken over the role of webmaster. Michael drives a MGF so he must be a nice bloke. Welcome and thank you.

The social scene seems to be alive and well with good attendances at the events. For those who may not have been to any of the these events and would like to, don't be shy. If you are not sure what it's all about feel free to ring me or anyone on the board and we would be more than pleased to give you any info and look out for you at any of the events. That's why they are called social events. Speaking of which, don't forget Xmas in July.

Ringwood seems to be attracting lots of attention outside of the club members. We have had very positive feedback from many people including the senior track inspector for CAMS, also the chairman of the hillclimb panel has given it the thumbs up. So much so that I'm pleased to announce that people in high places suggest we apply for the running of the National Hillclimb Championship in November 2014. This if it comes off would be a great event and a pat on the back for all those people who had the faith in the concept and pushed to get this extension up and running. Nothing as they say is set in concrete and we would have to work on the detail but at least now we have a track worthy of at least putting in the application.

As to the current situation at Ringwood, if it would only stop raining. Others will have more detail but work goes on with the new road access organised, and then the paddock area will receive a makeover. Please try and get to working bees. They are very important in helping to get the extension up and running. Thanks to the many who put their time and effort into participating in the club's wellbeing in whatever field. Without you ladies and gentleman nothing would get done.

I thought it might be an idea seeing the focus and amount of investment the club has in Ringwood, to coincide the opening of the extension with a history of Ringwood. So if you have any photos or bits of info please let me know, and between us we might be able to create something. There was some stuff in the fifty year book we can use but this would be just about Ringwood. I await your comments.

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## Welcome New Members

Mark Richards Full MGB Mk11

Richard May Full MGB GT

Liam Sullivan Associate Leyland Mini

Matthew Smith Associate Leyland Mini

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

## Working Bee at Ringwood

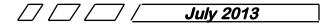
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## **REGISTER REPORT David Walker**

The June Vineyard trip. A cold and clear start to the day and those with removable tops kept them on. We left the clubrooms with self nominated leader, Darren Hodgson, whose "I know the way" proved prophetic. Travelled via Cameron Park, Mulbring and Kurri (I'm sure I haven't travelled on all of those very nicely tarred roads before) and arrived at Hunter Valley Gardens perfectly in time for our appointment. Well done team Hodgson - maybe Luke helped? Chocolate and wine at 10am in the morning - not for me. I don't eat chocolate. However those who did indulge met us later for coffee with big smiles on their faces after taking their loot back to their car. Shopping was also partaken as I observed a few people with bags of sweets. There was still a cold wind blowing. but James, Ava and Mallory went roofless in the bright pink Golf (Fran was not impressed with the colour, but the girls think it's just right for a Barbie Car). We ventured back to the Hotel Potters Brewery Resort for lunch. It must be very popular, going by the long line to order lunch, but excellent service once ordered. The table assigned to uswas made from one piece of wood, at least 12 foot long. and beautifully made. Good food and great company.

Xmas in July, Sunday 28th July 2013. Elsewhere in the magazine is an advert for our Xmas in July trip, a 6 1/2 hour day trip, 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. I've checked with the management and credit cards are welcome to pay for the trip and any drinks you may want on board the Lady Kendall. We will need to leave the clubrooms at 7.30am for the trip down via the F3. 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.

Next month's Xmas in July clashes again this year with the Jaguar Club Display Day at Newcastle Foreshore. If anyone is interested in attending please contact me for more information.

B seeing you,

DAVID

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## **LAND PANEL Doug Rae**

Various jobs have been attended to over the last month. Rick has organized some working bees and has bundled together some 40 tyre buffers, with more required. A CAMS track inspection has been conducted with Bruce Keys and Steve Preece from CAMS, and Bryn Baverstock, Dave Atkins, Alan Bates and myself representing the club. This was well received by all concerned with the way forward towards an Australian Championship being suggested for the future.

Another holdup with the hot mix laying was encountered, by the laying machine being damaged during loading for our job. So here's hoping it's repaired and the weather holds out.

The shed has had the new gates clad in mesh and is now locked up, a pad was prepared at the rear and a 22,770 litre water tank installed. This is still to be connected to the downpipes. Also levelling of internal gravel floors is underway. Paul Bower has installed a bench and lockable cabinet.

Work is underway to move all our equipment from the container area with a pad being built behind the shed to store our grader and water truck (when Daryl gets it going).

The weather has held up a great deal of work around the edges of the track extensions as we have not been able to get machinery in.

The panel will be suggesting to the board that those members who assist in the preparation of the new trackwill be given first preference in the opening events of the extensions, so please check our website and magazine for working bee dates.

Doug Rae

Panel Chairman

Thursday Working Bees

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## **CLUB CAPTAIN Michael Snow**

Pointscores as of 25-June-2013 not including Touring Assembly.

Khanacross		25	-May	8-Jı	ın		
Name	Cat	KX1 c	I KX 1	KX2 cl	KX 2	KX total	<b>KX Events</b>
Peter Houghton		-	-	3U	13	13	1
Michael Snow		-	-	5U	12	12	1
Paul Martin		-	-	3U	12	12	1
Kimberley Atkins	L	-	-	5U	11	11	1
Martin Reeves		-	-	30	11	11	1
Alexander Reeves (J)	J	-	-	JP	11	11	1
David Atkins		-	-	20	11	11	1
Kenneth Atkins		-	-	4WD	11	11	1
Terry Campbell		-	-	2U	11	11	1
Nigel Dobbie		-	-	3U	10	10	1
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MG Motorkhana			10-Mar		9-Jun		
Name	Cat	MK2 cl	MK2	MK4 cl	MK4	MK total	Evs
Michael Snow		G	13	G	12	25	2
Peter Houghton		С	13	С	11	24	2
Kimberley Atkins	L	G	12	G	11	23	2
Martin Reeves		В	11	D	11	22	2
Alexander Reeves (J)	J	JP	12	JP	10	22	2
Simon MacPherson		С	16	-	-	16	1
Heather Wightman	L	С	15	-	-	15	1
Keith Hammond (J)	J	-	-	JP	13	13	1
Melanie Wightman (J)	JL	JP	13	-	-	13	1
David Atkins		-	-	В	12	12	1
Nigel Dobbie		-	-	С	12	12	1
Reece Hammond (J)	J	-	-	JP	12	12	1

MGCCN Junior Club Championship points

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Name	Cat	Rank	Best 12		
Alexander Reeves (J)	J	1	55		
Keith Hammond (J)	J	2	47		
Matthew Birks (J)	J	3	23		
Melanie Wightman (J)	JL	4	13		
Reece Hammond (J)	J	5	12		
Kaylah Martin (J)	JL	6	11		
Camryn Edwards (J)	J	6	11		
Jarrod Woollard (J)	J	8	10		

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## MGCCN Club Championship points

Name	Cat	Rank	Best 12
Jeff Newey		1	87
Martin Reeves		2	68
Andy Peters		3	59
Rick Vincent		4	56
David Atkins		5	53
David Walker		6	46
Kimberley Atkins	L	7	45
Lyall Clarke		8	42
Martin Hobbins		9	40
Simon MacPherson		10	39
Andrew Chandler		10	39
Fran Hodgson	L	10	39

Club Member	Ranking	Points Total
Michael Snow	1	98
Doug Rae	2	80
Bryn Baverstock	3	72
John Collins	4	70
Rose Collins	5	62
Rick Vincent	6	60
David Walker	6	60
Judith Rae	8	58
Greg Hunter	9	50
Andy Peters	10	45

## **MG Lions Trophy**

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Name	Cat	<b>Events Contested</b>	Score Best 10	Rank
Jeff Newey		7	87	1
Andy Peters		5	59	2
David Walker		4	46	3
Martin Reeves		5	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
John Collins		4	34	11



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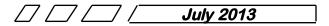
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Register Series

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



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#### KING EDWARD PARK 2013 WORKING BEE DATES

Please confirm your attendance and check detail with the nominated person mentioned below. Arrangements can alter depending on weather and working conditions. Remember the more Working Bees attended the better your chances of having your entry accepted.

28 <sup>th</sup> Aug starting 6:00pm	Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8.00am
Nuts and Bolts for Armco at Med-Eng	Track setup, erect spectator fencing, mar-
Cardiff	quees, place site sheds, triton barriers,
Contact Michael Snow 0432 772 044	toilets etc. Contact TBA
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept starting 4:00pm	Sat 5 <sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8.00am
Load armco and posts at Ringwood Park	Complete track setup, erect spectator
Contact TBA	fencing, marquees etc. Contact TBA
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup> Sept starting 8:00am	Sun 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct starting 6:00am
Erect arm co in KEP, bring shovels, gloves	NSW State Championship Rnd 9
and large shifting spanners.	Setup track, place barriers in position.
Contact TBA	Officials briefing at Pinch exit area
	8:00am.
	Contact Senior Track Official TBA
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept starting 7:00pm	Mon 7 <sup>th</sup> Oct starting 6:00am
Officials Information Night at Clubrooms	Tri-Challenge Rnd 4
All Officials should attend	Setup track, place barriers in position.
Contact TBA	Officials briefing at Pinch exit area
	8:00am
	Contact Senior Track Official TBA
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept starting 8:00am	Tues 8 <sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8:00am
Finish armco levelling and tighten	Remove spectator fencing, garbage bins
Contact TBA	and other KEP equipment return to Ring-
	wood Park. Contact TBA
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Sept starting 8:00am	Sat 12 <sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8:00am
Fill sandbags and place on track.	Remove sandbags. Contact TBA
Contact TBA	
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8:00pm	Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8:00am
Collect barriers, spectator fencing, gar-	Dismantle and remove Armco, transport
bage drums and other KEP equipment	back to Ringwood Park. Contact TBA
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NCC. Contact TBA	

## 2013 King Edward Park Organising Committee Meeting Dates

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> July Tues 13<sup>th</sup> August Tues 27<sup>th</sup> August

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> September Tues 24<sup>th</sup> September

Thurs 26<sup>th</sup> September (Acceptance Night)

## CLUBTORQUE / // //

## **PUBLICITY Peter Robinson**

Although I didn't get to compete at the Ringwood Tri-Challenge round, 45 hardy souls braved the weather and did run, 39 from MG Newcastle.

Amy Mrcela's return after nearly a year off showed that she has lost none of her considerable skills with my spies quoting 29.2 and a 28.9 after a couple of runs in practice at least.

James Pearson almost showed the 4WD brigade up, only being beaten by two open wheelers and Kevin Edwards in the Evo.

Rick Vincent, Keith Hammond and Andy Peters certainly had a very close battle in Marque Sports, with Rick less than a tenth of a second in front of Keith, although not as close as the Presland boys, only separated by 2 one hundredths.

The next round is at Oakburn Park, Tamworth on the  $20^{th}$  and  $21^{st}$  July. Last year, 30 MG members competed with Amy Mrcela  $3^{rd}$  outright and fastest MG

member.

It might be a good chance to get away from the rain too!

After some adjustments, an up-to-date (after Ringwood) Tri-Challenge pointscore follows.

Peter Robinson

**Publicity Officer** 

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KSCC	78			
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CLUB	COMPETITOR	POINTS
KSCC	Dave Morrow	23
KSCC	Kim VonHoldt	16
KSCC	Allan Hindes	14
KSCC	Darren Read	12
MGCC	Amy Mrcela	11
MGCC	Kevin Edwards	10
MGCC	James Pearson	9
MGCC	Peter Robinson	8
MGCC	Kendall O'Connor	8
MGCC	Adam Ford	8
MGCC	Brian Ford	7
TSCC	Craig Albertson	6
KSCC	Glenn Torrens	5
MGCC	Peter Dickson	4
MGCC	Tim Blake	4
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Ringwood Tri-Challenge outright results 23 June 2013

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1	51	Dave Morrow	KSCC	Krygger Suzuki	Tp 5 u 2 ltr	29.64
2	177	Amy Mrcela	MGCCN	Elfin	Tp 5 u 2 ltr	31.46
3	102	Kevin Edwards	MGCCN	Mitsubishi EVO	SV T4WD/4WS o 3ltr	31.89
4	5	James Pearson	MGCCN	Mazda RX7	M/Spt o 3 Itr	32.92
5	899	Adam Ford	MGCCN	Castrol Celica GT4	SV T4WD/4WS o 3ltr	33.16
6	399	Brian Ford	MGCCN	Castrol Celica GT4	SV T4WD/4WS o 3ltr	33.31
7	668	Kym Vonholdt	KSCC	Gladiator Superkart	Tp 5 u 2 ltr	33.37
8	198	Alan Hindes	KSCC	Piranha	Tp 5 u 2 ltr	33.72
9	771	Tim Blake	MGCCN	Subaru WRX	SV T4WD/4WS o 3ltr	34.19
10	178	Jason Gregory	MGCCN	Mazda RX7	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	34.22
11	31	Martin Hobbins	MGCCN	Farrell Clubman	Sports Grp 2A/2C u 2 Itr	34.49
12	35	Kendall O'Connor	MGCCN	Mazda RX7	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	34.69
13	25	Glenn Torrens	MGCCN	VW Beetle	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	34.73
14	166	Craig Albertson	TSCC	Ford Falcon BA	SV T4WD/4WS o 3ltr	34.86
15	871	Will Parsonage	MGCCN	GRP Terrapin	Sports Grp 2A/2C u 2 Itr	34.99
16	99	Rick Vincent	MGCCN	MG F	M/Spt u 2 Itr	35.13
17	138	Chris Weir	MGCCN	Subaru Forester	SV T4WD/4WS o 3ltr	35.17
18	130	Keith Hammond (J)	MGCCN	Mazda MX5	Jun Prod / M/Spt u 2 Itr	35.21
19	444	Mitch Craig	MGCCN	Suzuki Swift GTI	Tp 4 u 2 ltr	35.24
20	101	Shannon Constable	MGCCN	Nissan 180SX	Tp 4 o 2 ltr	35.39
21	136	Andy Peters	MGCCN	MG B	M/Spt u 2 Itr	35.74
22	271	Larry Presland	MGCCN	Nissan 180SX	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	36.13
23	571	Reece Presland	MGCCN	Nissan 180SX	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	36.15
24	17	Dick Edwards	MGCCN	Locost Clubman	Sports Grp 2A/2C u 2 Itr	36.20
25	190	Darren Hodgson	MGCCN	MG ZT	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	36.28
25	157	Ben Hall	MGCCN	Nissan Skyline R33	Tp 4 o 2 ltr	36.28
27	194	Andrew Chandler	MGCCN	Toyota Corolla	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	36.56
28	61	Graham Orr	MGCCN	Honda Civic	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	36.59
29	89	Richard Ashton	MGCCN	BMC Cooper S	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	36.78
30	125	Nat Hails	MGCCN	Toyota Sprinter	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	36.82
31	13	Howard Maclean	MGCCN	JB Clubman	Sports Grp 2A/2C u 2 Itr	37.15
32	191	Shannon Bames	KSCC	Toyota MR2	M/Spt u 2 Itr	37.34
33	90	Ken Moffett	TSCC	BSN Special	Sports Grp 2A/2C o 2 Itr	38.57
34	38	Laurie Gallagher		Mazda MX5	M/Spt u 2 Itr	38.58
35	290	David Walker	MGCCN	MG ZT	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	39.20
36	20	Martin Reeves	MGCCN	MG B GT	M/Spt u 2 Itr	39.24
37	79	Wayne Lewis	MGCCN	MG B	M/Spt u 2 Itr	39.49
38	65	Bill Rowe	MGCCN	BMW E30	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	40.05
39	187	Matthew Holt	MGCCN	Datsun 1200	Tp 4 o 2 ltr	41.10
40	93	Georgia Holt	MGCCN	Commodore VR	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	41.17
41	306	lan Fletcher	MGCCN	Peugeot 306	Tp 1 u 2 ltr	41.39
42	179	Bronwyn Lewis	MGCCN	MG B	M/Spt u 2 Itr	41.61
43	94	Paul Abraham	MGCCN	MG B	M/Spt u 2 Itr	42.80
44	24	Alex ander Reeves (J)	MGCCN	MG B GT	Jun Prod / M/Spt u 2 ltr	42.86
45	193	William Holt (J)	MGCCN	Commodore VR	Jun Prod / Tp 1 o 2 ltr	43.58
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## XMAS IN JULY CELEBRATION 2013



Starship Cruises offers the trip that history is made of. This cruise is approximately 6½ hour's worth of fun, food and friendship.

As you join the crew of the M V Lady Kendall II, the last of the mini liners, you commence the journey of a lifetime. The Lady Kendall cruises through the Brisbane Waters where you will observe a blend of residential areas and hinterland. The fast currents at the Rip Bridge caused by the change of tide do not even sway the Lady Kendall. We next view the only place in the world where five independent waterways meet. Those of you that have an eye for quality real estate will marvel at some of our breathtaking waterfront homes.

We head into Broken Bay. The first recorded sighting of Broken Bay was in 1770 when Captain Cook grandly dismissed it as "some broken land that appeared to form a bay". Look for beautiful Lion Island named because the silhouette formed by its distinctive shape. Barrenjoey Head rises from the water; its sheer cliffs are a spectacular sight.

As we enter Pittwater on the one side you will look at stately waterfront homes, calm beaches and luxurious yacht clubs. On the other side is the magnificent bushland of Kuring-gai Chase National Park.

Heading to the Lower Hawkesbury, you will discover the only true fiords in the world outside Scandinavia. The great river is the largest river on the east coast of Australia. We will pass beautiful sandstone cliffs as we approach the township of Brooklyn, the unique Dangar Island, and Sydney's northern beach suburbs.

Morning tea, buffet lunch, dessert and afternoon tea will be served whilst cruising, plenty of time to take photos and maybe enjoy a light beverage from our licensed bar.

Cost to MGCC members is \$64. Please email LWA04958@bigpond.net.au asap.

Lady Kendall is fully licensed. Credit cards welcome, 1.5% surcharge WE LEAVE THE CLUBROOMS AT 7:30AM SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2013.

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## SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent

Hi Guys,

Well the Tri-Challenge event was a very wet affair, with 45 competitors trying to avoid the mud and slush. Bring on the asphalt, let's hope sooner than later.

Dave Morrow was his usual with best time of the day at 29.64, the wet conditions obviously not worrying him. Other competitors from Kempsey Car Club including Kym Vonholdt in his Gladiator Superkart, whose wheels only touched the ground a few times, a good time at  $33.37~3^{rd}$  in class 7~O/R, fellow members Alan Hindes  $4^{th}$  in class 8~O/R and Shannon Barnes in his MR2 enjoyed the slippery track conditions. I guess it made them all feel at home.

The two entrants from Tamworth Club, Craig Albertson in the big BA Falcon and Ken Moffett in his BSN Special 1<sup>st</sup> in class 33 O/R both managed a good result. I hope MGCC Newcastle members will support the Tamworth round of the Tri-Challenge scheduled for the 21<sup>st</sup> July.

Don't forget we have another club event at Ringwood on the 7<sup>th</sup> July, followed by a working bee on the 14<sup>th</sup> July. Yes this is a Sunday. We are trying to make it easier for members to attend rather than the Saturday, which may clash with other sporting activities. I would like to thank those members who assisted at the Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June working bee. It was most appreciated. Let's hope we get a similar crew for the 14<sup>th</sup> July.

Just a reminder to all Ringwood competitors. There are two tasks that must be carried out prior to an event. The first is to obtain your own registered competition number. Just visit the club website, go to Entries / MGCC Reserved Numbers, select a non-allocated number, send me an email at mgccnspeedevent@hotmail.com.au requesting your number, confirmation by return, then purchase two 450 x 300 black numbers on a white background magnetic signs.

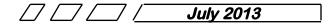
Secondly register for the event via Motor Event Entry (MEE). This is a simple system and greatly assists with the running of the event. Also you must pay if you pre-enter. This is either online via credit card or using your PayPal account. The other option is a cheque to PO Box 632, Hamilton 2303 indicating competitor details.

The CSCA boys will be competing at Wakefield Park on the 29<sup>th</sup> June. I hope the floodwaters have receded by then. Those who attend always have a great time in chilly Goulburn. The results will be in the next magazine.

That's all from me.

Keep your tyres hot.

Rick



## DO OLD RACE TRACKS REALLY DIE?

I was reading the article in last month's Clubtorque. I know this place well - Catalina Park in Katoomba.

I raced there a couple on times, the last being a lap dash in 1991.

I believe this must have been one of the last times the track was used for a supersprint before it was closed down. I was in the Manly Waringah Sporting CC at the time.

Below is a picture taken of me and my near new 1989 Nissan Pulsar (on which I still had 3 years to go on the repayments).

Richard Ashton



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## 2014

# MG National Meeting Ballina NSW

Friday April 18th - Tuesday April 22<sup>nd</sup>

Bulletin #1

Dear Fellow MG Enthusiast.

The 2014 National Meeting is being hosted by the Gold Coast MG Car Club and is being held in the Northern NSW town of Ballina. You've probably heard that the 2014 National Meeting is not going to be the same as National Meetings as we've come to know them, and this is quite correct.



As a small club based in what is now a large city, the Gold Coast MG Car Club like many others smaller MG Car Clubs, does not have the resources or manpower to run what we know to be the traditional style of National Meeting. At the Delegate's Meeting following the 2012 National Meeting in Hobart the go ahead was given to trial a different style of National Meeting without the Motorsport Component usually included in National Meetings. As such the Gold Coast MG Car Club has put their hand up to run the first of these new format meetings and we sincerely hope that you will lend your support by attending in 2014. Before moving on however we'd like to assure members that National Meetings as we know them will continue into the future, with our friends from the MGCC Victoria hosting the 2015 event in the Yarra Valley.

2014 Program

Friday: Noggin & Natter c/w Rocker Cover Racing

Saturday: Concours

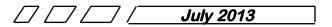
Theme Night

Sunday: Touring Assembly through Byron Hinterland

Free Night (a good chance to take in the Byron BluesFest)

Monday: Touring Assembly through Ballina / Lismore Hinterland

Presentation Dinner



We can assure MG Enthusiast of two sure things, the first is that this will be a different, less intense National Meeting than you've experienced in the past. It will be a laid back event in keeping with the feel of the region. The second thing is that we can positively guarantee you some of the best touring roads and scenery in the country. Both Touring Events will give competitors the option of two levels of Navigation, Novice for those who are only looking for a relaxing couple of days of touring, or Masters for those who thrive on the challenge of a good Navigation trial.

#### Accommodation

Accommodation in Ballina and surrounding areas is always very tight, and 2014 will not be an exception. Apart from being a generally popular destination for tourists, Ballina is also extremely popular with people attending the Byron Bay BluesFest held every Faster.

The local Tourism Authority and Motel Operators have all told us that accommodation goes very quickly once tickets for the BluesFest are released. This usually occurs in September. We've visited pretty much all of the motels in the Ballina region and as of the publication of this Bulletin there is still plenty of accommodation available for Easter. However we must again stress that every motel we visited were emphatic that within days of BluesFest tickets being released accommodation is snapped up. So the simple message is:- Book Early, don't leave it until September.

On the website is a list of motels known to have accommodation for Easter. There may be others not on this list, but all of these establishments have been contacted by us and know about the MG National Meeting being held in Ballina next Easter.

Please direct all booking enquiries direct with the accommodation houses. Gold Coast MG Car Club is not handling or co-ordinating accommodation bookings for the National Meeting.

For any other enquires relating to the 2014 MG National Meeting in Ballina please write to:-

The Nat-Meet Secretary Gold Coast MG Car Club Post Office Box 1018 Southport Qld 4215

 $gold coast mg carclub @\ hot mail.com$ 

Please keep an eye on our website for further Bulletins and information.

www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au

## FROM the pages of HISTORY

On the 8th October 1957 committee meeting Gordon Nichol reported that at a recent CAMS meeting it was stressed of the necessity to obtain a CAMS Permit for all future events (Sound familiar and it still happens today).

Representatives from the club were called to a meeting at Raymond Terrace Council regarding possible construction of a Race track in the Shire (The boot is certainly on the other foot now.) The result was the purchase of Nelsons Plains in 1965 for a price of \$720.

The ramifications of the "Speedways Act" in 1957 resulted in a conclusion that all forms of Motor Sport was impractical until the Act was clarified. The King Edward Park Hillclimb was not held for another 6 years.

It was not until 1963 that with an invitation from the newly formed Mattara Festival Committee that the club was invited to hold a Hillclimb at King Edward Park. After much negotiations with Authorities a Motorcycle Hillclimb was scheduled for September 7th and the next weekend the cars were back. It was a steep learning curve for Officials, very few of those involved in organising the event were around when last held in 1956.

The February 1962 committee meeting decided to encourage ladies to become Associate members of the club and to form a Social Committee with a view to running the Club's Cabarets.

The current venue for monthly meetings (the GUOOF Hall in Laman Street) was to be booked for a further 6 months.

Peter Houghton advised that a favourable response had been received from Mr Tony Easton to run a Gymkhana (Motorkhana) on his Gloucester property. The first of many Gloucester Gymkhanas was run on 12th August 1962.

MANY OF THE OLDER MEMBERS WILL REMEMBER WITH FONDNESS THESE 3 IMPORTANT EVENTS THAT TOOK PLACE IN THOSE EARLY YEARS. THE MANY WONDERFUL CABARETS AT DISTRICT PARK TENNIS CLUB. THE MONTHLY MEETINGS AT THE GUOOF HALL AND THE GYMKHANA'S AT GLOUCESTER. THEY WERE ALL VERY WELL PATRONISED.

On 26th May 1963 a round of the STATE Gymkhana Championships directed by Jeff Newey was successfully held in the parking area of the Metro Drive In Gateshead. Net proceeds from spectator admissions of 44 pounds was donated to the Driver Training Range. Entries totalled 100 cars from all parts of NSW.

On 9th December 1966 the first meeting and Film Night was held at the Driver Training Range at Adamstown, previously held at the GUOOF Hall, and marked the beginning of a long association with this venue.



## MG CENTRE OF SYDNEY

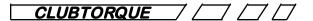
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## LARGEST GATHERING OF PRE-WAR MGS IN BATHURST

The largest ever gathering in Australia of MG sports, touring and saloon cars built before 1940 will be at Bathurst, 200 miles west of Sydney, from 25 - 27 October 2013.

At least 75 of these cars from all mainland States and the ACT will be participating in this year's biennial National Weekend Rally of The Pre-war MG Register, previously held very successfully at Beechworth in Victoria.

As a highlight of the Rally, owners will be able to drive their MGs around the Mt Panorama Circuit as it is made up of public roads. This in itself will be a remarkable experience of sight and sound that enthusiasts will cherish for many years to come.

In the morning of Saturday 26 October, the cars will be displayed in front of the historic Courthouse in Russell Street, which divides the city's central park, and in the early afternoon they will proceed to circulate around the Mt Panorama track.

The Rally celebrates the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first race at Bathurst in 1938 for which an ex-MG factory racing NE was imported by John Sherwood. This very car is being brought over from Perth by Peter Briggs who is eager to drive it again around Mt Panorama.

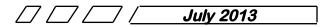
His participation with his NE has acted as an encouragement for the owners of all the surviving pre-war MGs that raced at Bathurst in the 1930s- and later in the 1940s - to join him.

Among those who have responded are the current owners of the P-types raced by Les Murphy, the K3s driven by John Fagan and Colin Dunne, the Q-type entered by Hope Bartlett, the N-Type in the hands of Len Golding/Fred Elbourne and the L-Types campaigned by Gordon Stewart and John Summers - all of which are confirmed entries.

Many other pre-war MGs that raced elsewhere in Australia are also coming including a C-Type, two or three J3s, other P and N-Types as well as F and L-type Magnas and a replica of Alan Tomlinson's TA that won the 1939 Australian GP.

These competition machines will be supported by many examples of their types as road going open two and four seaters that have been beautifully restored over the years.

In addition to these over head cam MGs there will be examples of the pushrod



TAs and TBs from 1936-9, as the pre-war members of the T-Series, with the probable appearance of a rare TA Airline coupe.

Pre-war MGs stretch back to the vintage era before 1930 and two models from that period will be lined up with their younger stable mates.

The Rally is also celebrating the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the K3's class win and team prize in the 1933 Mille Miglia and one of the team's cars will be present to uphold the MG marque's honour.

Also participating will be at least four K3 replicas which display amazing feats of remanufacturing and engineering skills to closely match the originals. They certainly look and sound like the real thing.

Already 10 owners of the elegant four seat tourers and saloons of the SA, VA and WA range are confirmed to attend and, as more have indicated their desire to be in Bathurst, the number could reach a new Australian record.

They were billed in their day to represent "Pace, Grace and Space" and nothing has changed in the last 75 years as will be evident at the Rally as they add these qualities to the ever present enjoyment of a healthy dose of nostalgia and excitement.

On both Saturday and Sunday owners can stretch the legs of their cars on leisurely touring routes through the local scenic farming landscape and visit several historic villages.

Further information is available on the Register's website prewar.mgcc.info Or from Rob Dunsterville 02 6557 6400 robertanddenny@gmail.com



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## RINGWOOD PROJECT REPORT

This is the sixth report to the members. As you can see not a lot has happened. I don't think I need to remind everyone that we have had more than our share of rain. To start with, we were lucky to get the tar seal down.

Everything was on track for the asphalt when Sod's law intervened, and the paving machine was damaged when it was being loaded onto the transporter. It was the last piece of equipment to be brought out to Ringwood. As a result the asphalting was cancelled and they had to come out on the Saturday morning and retrieve the rest of the equipment. I have been advised by Boral that we will be the first cab off the rank when the paver has been repaired.

In the interim I have been working with the construction company on enlarging the quarry and improving the pit/paddock area. Guess what? The bloody rain has come back with a vengeance and stopped that work for the moment. The good news is that there was an interim track inspection by CAMS and they indicated they were impressed with our new design, especially the concept of being able to offer a variety of courses, thus injecting new life and interest in our facility. I suppose most members would have heard that we have been invited to make an application to host the 2014 Australian Hillclimb Championship. If we are successful, the work being done at the moment and in the current programme of works will hold us in good stead for our application. By the end of the project significant change will be obvious, not only in the track,

but in the pit/paddock area. Stay tuned and watch the development happen.

Better still, become part of the development by attending the advertised working bees.

Alan

Phase 1	Project  Subdivision Survey Plan developed Council approval Sale of land Realignment of fences/boundaries Resurface of current Hillclimb	Status % Complete 100% 100% 100% 100% 40% 100%
Phase 2	Extension of Hillclimb Plans drawn Survey Council approvals Movement of containers and materials off IRH land New storage facilities Additional Water Tanks Earthworks New access from Italia Rd	100% 100% 100% 50% 100% 100% 90%

		July 2013	
	Tree removal Tree planting Timing gear Safety systems Drainage Armco railings Ripple strips Vehicle run off areas Sand & Gravel traps Landscaping Track approval	100% 100% 20% 15% 80% 0% 0% 10% 70%	
Phase 3	Development of tar car park used for motorkhana area Plans drawn Inc. roads Survey Council approvals if required Earthworks Drainage Armco railings as required Tar application	0% 0% 0% 10% 0% 0%	
Phase 4	Upgrade to Ringwood Facilities Improved timing equipment (will be done in phase 2) Increase hardstand areas around pits Improve scrutineering and under cover areas Installation of mains power Provision of pit garages for hire Improved canteen area Improved administration area	0% 0% 80% 0% 0% 0%	
Phase 5	New Dirt Facilities Developed Plans drawn Inc. roads for sprints, Khanacross Survey Council approvals if required Earthworks Drainage	0% 0% 0% 20% 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 adrenal in rush!



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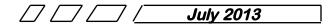












#### YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE DATES 2013

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 13<sup>th</sup> July, Starting time 10.30 sharp Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> August, Khanacross Event with Training.
- 4/ Saturday 24th August, Starting time 10.30 sharp
- 5/ Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Starting time 10.30 sharp Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Hillclimb Eventwith Training.
- 6/ Saturday 23rd November, Starting time 10.30 sharp



### **EDITORIAL Mike Cole**

This month there is quite a selection of future events being promoted in the magazine. Club events are the Working Bee for tyre barriers, Xmas in July, the State Hillclimb in August and dates for King Edward Park. For MGs, there is the first bulletin on the National Meeting, news of a pre-war MG event at Bathurst and a MG racing event in NSW. Also there are flyers for a car show in Gloucester and a Holden 50th anniversary day in Silverwater.

If you missed any, start reading from the front of the magazine again.

Photos this month are from David Atkins, Ian Fletcher 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.

The deadline for the next magazine is Friday 26th July 2013.



## **CLASSIFIED ADS**



#### FOR SALE Skyline GTR R32

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Colin Ward csward52@vahoo.com.au 047717712

#### FOR SALE

MGB GT V8 1973 factory chrome bumper, original specification unit, excellent white paint with cast exhaust manifolds and factory wheels, excellent condition, \$25000.

MG ZR 2005 160hp 3 door hatchback, 1800cc engine with air conditioning. ABS, airbags, great car, economical, goes well and looks good, \$10500.





## **CLASSIFIED ADS**



#### FOR SALE MGB mark 11

Compliance 1971, owned since purchased brand new in Jan 1972, has had 2 total rebuilds in that time, for the past 5 odd years has seen not a great deal of the road, still has the original number plate - DWI 315, spare has the original tyre, basically original and in excellent condition, sits under covers in the garage, has just been registered to April 2014, has been a part of my life for the past forty odd years, only just recently it has occurred to me that maybe somebody else would get as much pleasure out of the car as I have had, seeking a good home where it will be looked after, original 155 odd thousand miles, serviced and maintained by my brother a mechanic. now at Regal Motors.

Otto Scevak otto\_scevak@yahoo.com

#### FOR SALE

1966 MG 1100 sedan, 2 tone paint green and cream, on club plates not transferable, \$4250 ono 1968 MG Midget, white 1275 cc, cam, extractors, 5 speed gearbox, motor balanced, one owner last 23 years, full rego to March 2014, \$9750 ono. Both cars in good condition, no longer required.

Dale 4947 7766 or 0429 450 548

#### FOR SALE BMW 318i

1992 E36 manual, November rego, owned since 1993, completely unmolested, would make a great club car, good handling, rear wheel drive, 213,000 km on clock and well maintained, very good condition, \$3600.

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## **CLASSIFIED ADS**



#### FOR SALE MGF

Volcano red, in immaculate condition, all services and belt replacements done, service record books and workshop manuals included, previously owned by President of the MGCC Sunshine Coast, \$10,000 one

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#### FOR SALE MGC

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#### FOR SALE 2005 MG ZR 160 two door

Good condition, recently had new timing belt, tensioner and water pump, VVC motor, new tyres, \$12000.

Doug 4944 7356



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