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## Coming Events - September 2013

- Fri 6 **KEP** load Armco at Ringwood
- Sat 7 **KEP** erect Armco. 8am
- Sat 7 WAC Twilight Khanacross
- Sun 8 State Hillclimb - Huntley
- Sun 8 State Motorkhana - Nirimba
- Sun 8 State Supersprint - SMP North, Eastern Creek
- Mon 9 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Tue 10 **KEP meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Wed 11 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 13 **Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Tue 17 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 21 **KEP** finish Armco. 8am
- Sun 22 **Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M, TS5, CC19
- Sun 22 WAC Motorkhana
- Tue 24 **KEP meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Thu 26 **KEP** acceptances
- Sat 28 **KEP** sandbags. 8am
- Sat 28 **Natter Night** - Raymond Terrace - see page 16.
- Sun 29 WAC Motorkhana

## Coming Events - October 2013

- Wed 2 **KEP meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Thu 3 **KEP** local scrutineering
- Fri 4 **KEP** setup
- Sat 5 **KEP** setup
- Sun 6 **State Hillclimb** - King Edward Park, Newcastle
- Mon 7 **Tri-Challenge** - King Edward Park, Newcastle. TC4
- Tue 8 **KEP** cleanup
- Tue 8 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Wed 9 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 11 **Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 12 **KEP** sandbags. 8am
- Tue 15 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 19 **KEP** remove Armco. 8am
- Sat 19 WAC rallysprint
- Sat 26 **Young Driver Development Course** - Ringwood - see page 33.
- Sat 26 CSCA Supersprint - Wakefield Park
- Sat 26 State Supersprint - SMP South, Eastern Creek
- Sun 27 CSCA Supersprint - Wakefield Park

### **Legend**

M - Club Member	CC - Club Championship	TA - Touring Assembly
R - Register pointscore	KC - Khanacross	TC - Tri-Challenge
	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,

At the moment I am writing this from the UK as I had to leave at short notice due to a bereavement in the family.

All seems well on the home front. I have seen pictures of our new road into Ringwood, so the work on the heavy earthmoving side of the works should be finished. Roll on the warmer weather so that we can get the tar surface down.

We still haven't heard if our bid for the Australian titles in November 2014 has been accepted yet. We do know that the state panel have given their blessing for us to run the event so now we await the final outcome with bated breath. I will keep you posted as soon as we know.

Hopefully I will be back to take part in helping with the preparations for KEP but I'm sure that there will be many helpers at all the working bees advertised, as it is you the members that make it happen, not just a few of the many, but most of the members for the benefit of the club.

Just a few words about the Old Dart. The weather here has been good so far, temperature about the same as Oz. (Summer here, winter in Oz.) Prices for cars, especially MGs, make you want to cry.

Be back soon,

Cheers, Bryn



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## Welcome New Members

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Daniel McClelland	Associate	Nissan GTR
John Parnham	Associate	Mercedes
Valda Pamham	Associate	Mercedes

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

## EDITORIAL Mike Cole

I usually write this column at the end of putting the magazine together, just after editing the contents and index and cross-referencing events.

Next I will generate the files for the printer and for the website.

Today I am suffering from writer's block more than usual, so I will waffle on about my journey for the past ten days.

I started with the Coming Events. As I added reports and articles to the blank magazine, my computer decided to corrupt a file. So I had to start again. I don't think I did a better job the second time. I am worried that I have missed something.

Photos this month are from Chris Chappell (Leyburn Sprints and Kings School British Day), John Collins (Rocker Cover Racing at the Natter Night) and John Porter (Register Run to Forster).

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 27th September 2013.

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**OCTOBER 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>**

**@ King Edward Park Newcastle**

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If you would like to display your pride and joy please

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## **REGISTER REPORT David Walker**

Is it that fish and chips taste better in an exotic location? A large group of 39 enjoyed lunch at the Paradise Marina, Forster on a beautiful sunny winter day. Our host Jim used to have an MG and now drives a sports car with the number plates MGB 777 and when we took a peek, it was a Nissan 350Z no less - nice!

We travelled from the clubrooms via Karuah and stopped at a new but very friendly coffee shop there, called Footprints. They don't yet have the phone connected, I so couldn't warn them in advance, but they coped admirably, with a kind of dazed smile on both their faces. Both venues are heartedly recommended.

Ava and Mallory travelled up in their Barbie car, with Dad James and Mum Courtney, all the way with the roof down. Also spied on the highway were several Datsuns, including a light blue 1600 (maybe P.H.), obviously on a rally. We checked out the Buladelah Bypass which is 99% complete but still has an 80 km speed limit which certainly slowed progress.

Nice to see Richard and Renee May, giving the lovely MGBGT a run and who joined us for lunch after travelling from further north.

Sadly there will be no Runs in September or October because of the work involved in setting up and pulling down at King Edward Park Hillclimb. Hopefully those able to help will support the working bees (see the calendar).

The next run will be on 24<sup>th</sup> November. I shall keep you informed, and hope to see a great roll up for the last one of the year.

B seeing you,

DAVID

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## LAND PANEL Doug Rae

Our new entry has been opened and it is approximately 100m further down Italia Rd. Hopefully we will have new signage up by the next event on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

The access road has been raised and drainage pipes put in place, and after consolidating will have road base laid and sealed through to the pit area.

A new spectator road has been built with extra pipes and drainage put in place. This is on the perimeter of the new paddock extensions which has doubled the parking area and allowed a more level area. The only sign of the 300mtrs of drainage pipes we have laid are the sumps to take surface water.

More working bees will be required for tyre barriers to be assembled, also spreading of top soil in the paddock and grassing.

The contractors have finished their work and now it is up to the members of the club to tidy up the venue and make it the best in NSW if not Australia. It is up to you. We still have a long way to go before the track is licensed and up and running. Good luck with this as those of us who have been spending from 3 to 5 days a week for the past 6 months are well and truly exhausted.

Doug Rae, Land Panel Chairman

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## **SOCIAL NEWS Rose Cogger**

The August Natter Night (Italian Fare) held at the Clubrooms was a lot of fun, both with the food as well as the Rocker Cover racing. Everyone took part in the racing using all the racers which were on hand. A great night.

Clubnights are a good way of getting to know new members and their family. New members are invited to attend to collect their membership information but to view the clubrooms and observe one part of the clubs activities.

It's a busy time for those working on the different areas for the upcoming King Edward Park Hillclimb. If you have any spare time, please attend pre and post Working Bees and the event days over the October Long Weekend to lend a hand. There is a great deal of work in setting up these events and a huge number needed each day of the competition. By working shoulder to shoulder for this event you really get to know your fellow members.

The next Clubnight is on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2013 at the Cobby Street Clubrooms. If you know of any guest speaker willing to attend please let me know.

The September Natter Night on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2013 will be at Chris Chappell's home at 4 Osterley Close .Raymond Terrace. Phone 0416 907 035

Bring along your barbeque delights, dessert and BYO plus a fold up chair.

Rose Cogger

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### **Presentation Night & Christmas Party**

**Venue: Cardiff RSL Club**

**Cost: \$26.00 per person**

**Date: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013**

## KING EDWARD PARK 2013 WORKING BEE DATES

Please confirm your attendance and check detail with the nominated persons 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.

### 2013 King Edward Park Organising Committee Meeting Dates

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)

<p><b>28<sup>th</sup> Aug starting 6:00pm</b> Nuts and Bolts for Armco at Med-Eng Cardiff Contact <b>Michael Snow 0432 772 044</b></p>	<p><b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8.00am KEP</b> Track setup, erect spectator fencing, marquees, place site sheds, triton barriers, toilets etc. Contact <b>Nicolas Correa 0415 513 872</b></p>
<p><b>Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sept starting 4:00pm</b> Load armco and posts at Ringwood Park Contact <b>Andy Peters 0407 039 495</b></p>	<p><b>Sat 5<sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8.00am</b> Complete track setup, erect spectator fencing, marquees etc. Contact <b>Nicolas Correa 0415 513 872</b></p>
<p><b>Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sept starting 8:00am</b> Erect armco in KEP, bring shovels, gloves and large shifting spanners. Contact <b>Bryn Baverstock 0404 031 137</b> <b>Andy Peters 0407 039 495</b></p>	<p><b>Sun 6<sup>th</sup> Oct starting 6:00am</b> <b>NSW State Championship Rnd 9</b> Setup track, place barriers in position. Officials briefing at Pinch exit area 8am Contact Senior Track Official <b>Nicolas Correa 0415 513 872</b></p>
<p><b>Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Sept starting 7:30pm</b> Officials Information Night at Clubrooms All Officials should attend Contact <b>John Finch 0434 405 782</b> <b>Alan Bates 0412 280 093</b></p>	<p><b>Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Oct starting 6:00am</b> <b>Tri-Challenge Rnd 4</b> Setup track, place barriers in position. Officials briefing at Pinch exit area 8am Contact Senior Track Official <b>Nicolas Correa 0415 513 872</b></p>
<p><b>Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Sept starting 8:00am</b> Fill sandbags and place on track. Contact <b>Nicolas Correa 0415 513 872</b></p>	<p><b>Tues 8<sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8:00am</b> Remove spectator fencing, garbage bins and other KEP equipment return to Ringwood Park. Contact <b>Nicolas Correa 0415 513 872</b></p>
<p><b>Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8:00am Ringwood</b> Collect barriers, spectator fencing, garbage drums and other KEP equipment from Ringwood Park. Collect items from NCC. Contact <b>Michael Snow 0432 772 044</b></p>	<p><b>Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8:00am</b> Remove sandbags. Contact <b>Nicolas Correa 0415 513 872</b></p>
	<p><b>Sat 19<sup>th</sup> Oct starting 8:00am</b> Dismantle and remove Armco, transport back to Ringwood Park. Contact <b>Nicolas Correa 0415 513 872</b></p>







**CLUB CAPTAIN Michael Snow**

Khanacross		8-Jun			13-Jul		
Name	Cat	KX2 cl	KX 2	KX3 cl	KX 3	KX total	KX Events
Paul Martin		3U	12	3U	11	23	2
Peter Houghton		3U	13	-	-	13	1
Michael Snow		5U	12	-	-	12	1
Martin Reeves		3O	11	-	-	11	1
Kenneth Atkins		4WD	11	-	-	11	1
David Atkins		2O	11	-	-	11	1
Alexander Reeves(J)	J	JP	11	-	-	11	1
Kimberley Atkins	L	5U	11	-	-	11	1
Terry Campbell		2U	11	-	-	11	1
Nigel Dobbie		3U	10	-	-	10	1

Club Member	Ranking	Points Total
Michael Snow	1	140
Doug Rae	2	107
Bryn Baverstock	3	92
John Collins	4	86
Rick Vincent	5	80
David Walker	5	80
Rose Collins	7	78
Judith Rae	8	74
Greg Hunter	8	74
Ken McLeod	10	64



## SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent

Attention all hillclimb competitors.

You said you wanted a new circuit upgrade at Ringwood, so a few old men got to work to make it happen.

Now it's up to you competitors to get involved at the working bees to finish the project.

Don't leave it up to the magic dozen to do all the work otherwise the project will just sit there unfinished.

Get involved, it's your club asset.

Check the calendar for working bee dates .

This is what you call a hillclimb. 17 kms!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NvQzv1tQOUs>

<http://www.fia.com/championship/european-hill-climb-championship/2013/italy-trento-bondone>

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Regards

Rick

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**Competition Cars and Bikes Display**



**Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Trophies are up for grabs today in the below categories.

Best Club Display

Best Car at the Show

Crowd Favourite

Best Handmade Car

Best Imported Car

Best MG Race Car

Best Speedway Sedan

Best Speedway Open Wheeler

Best Rally Car

Best Club Car

Best Motor Bike Racer

Best Sidecar Racer

Best Tin Top Racer

Best Open Wheeler Racer

The only trophy that can be double up on is “Best Car at the Show”

*Don't forget to vote for your favourite car at the tent on plateau.*

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Mattara Hillclimb**



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**Car Clubs Display**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013**

Trophies are up for grabs today in the below categories.

Best Club Display

Best Car at the Show

Crowd Favourite

Best Convertible

Best Australian Made Car

Best Imported Car

Best Original Car

Best Ford

Best Holden

Best Chrysler

Best 8 cylinder

Best 6 cylinder

Best 4 cylinder

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**FROM the pages of HISTORY by Judith Rae**

1970 saw Treasurer Ian Faulkner hand in his resignation from Committee owing to a transfer to Melbourne with his job. Kay Lear took over the position. President Alan Barbour advised that the laying of Gravel at Nelsons Plains was almost complete and the only things left to do was to finish the safety fences and complete the Toilet Block and an application for the Licence can be applied for.

The first of the Annual MG Car Club National Meeting hosted by MGCC (NSW- Sydney) saw the sporting activities conducted at Amaroo Park and the Concours at Vaucluse House,

After a very successful trial of providing food and drinks at the January Motorkhana, it was decided to erect a permanent facility at Nelsons Plains. The owner of Stuart Drum Co. who was also a member of the club offered 2000 gallons of waste oil per month for use at Nelsons Plains. This started a roster of a few willing workers to drive to Carrington to pick up the truck, drive to Nelsons Plains and spread the oil to consolidate the track and lay the dust.

Mick Neilson assisted by Peter Houghton directed the MG 300 Rally which was also round 2 of the NSW Rally Championship. It attracted a field of 20 Expert and 43 Clubman entries and was most successful. Treasurer Kay Lear reported that due to some heavy expenditure with the purchase of a duplicator, 12 months supply of paper, and gravel for Nelsons Plains Track, the bank balance had fallen to \$269.56. (Heavens how did we survive.)

The Club's first Lap Dash at Catalina Park Katoomba attracted 36 entries. (We did lots of travelling in those days. I forgot to mention Silverdale Hillclimb last month in our trips away.)

The Track Licence for Nelsons Plains was received from The Chief Secretary's Dept. on 5/11/1970. The first Sprint was held as a Club event, open only to members who had qualified by attending working bees to help build the Track. (Sound familiar?) Our Secretary received a phone call from Pt. Stephens Council that the club had never applied for a DA. An application was quickly submitted and a call to Milton Morris (Minister for Transport) to put in a good word for us and the approval was received on 24/12/70.



# Come & Try HILLCLIMB

Have you ever thought this hillclimbing looks like fun, I would like to have a go, or I would love to be as good as the State Hillclimbers. To be held on **SATURDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2013 AT RINGWOOD PARK HILLCLIMB.**

**You don't have to be a current member of a CAMS approved club, giving you an opportunity to come along and try it out. If you don't have a L2S CAMS licence you can purchase a Come & Try licence for \$25 for a non competitive 1 day event.**

**A coach can be on board if you choose giving you the tips you need to make your run as smooth as possible.**

**Price and details to follow.**

**Check the website [www.mgcarclub.com.au](http://www.mgcarclub.com.au)**

For more information and to register to enter, please contact Doug / Judith RAE  
4944 7356 / 0434 141 501



## A momentous day in the life of a car

### The Liberty reaches Half a Million Kilometres

A momentous day in the life of my wonderful Liberty RS Turbo as it turned over 500,000km today in Beaumont Street Hamilton.

A few fact's below.

- > Purchased from Regal Motors (at their original site Tudor Street Hamilton) on January 22nd (a Wednesday) 1992.
  - > Purchase price around \$45,000. Therefore around 11 cents per km so far.
  - > Stolen and recovered on four separate occasions including once when it was pushed around the corner out of sight and abandoned, and another time when it was involved in a high speed pursuit north of Raymond Terrace.
  - > Driven to Outright 1st place at a MG Car Club Nelsons Plains dirt sprint when it had just 1500km on the clock.
  - > So some relevant stats; Assuming average speed of 65 kph for its life that means either Madelon or I have been in it for 7,936 and a half hours over a period of 7,872 days, a bit over an hour a day give or take, and every day the car has done an average of 63km.
  - > Numerous road trips however probably the most substantial was to the Gulf Country and Daintree in the space of 3 weeks back in 94.
  - > Couple of minor incidents where trucks have tried to mount her from behind but she survived with her dignity intact just fine.
  - > One head on assault by an Australian Marsupial which she also survived and even got us home....the Marsupial was not so lucky!
  - > An errant Mother in Law who attempted murder by backing a Dodge Phoenix into her, she got home from Harvey Bay after that indecent assault from a Yank (referring to the Dodge off course).
  - > Serviced by Subaru Dealers (Regal in Newcastle, Autocare in Coffs Harbour) until 100,000 after which exclusively serviced by John Collins Dyno Tune, now known as Newcastle Dyno Centre. Service interval since 100,000 each 5,000km.
- Service and repairs that I can remember;
- > Two clutches, one forced on her after she was involved in the high speed



pursuit.

- > Gearbox repair after another of the stolen and recovered incidents.
- > One rear tail light
- > Head gasket failure after a water hose let go on the Freeway. My very clever wife shut her down before the Liberty destroyed herself trying to keep up to the speed the cruise control was set at. This was at about 350,000km and the manufacturing hone marks were still visible in the bores.
- > Fuel pump replaced.
- > Front brake pads at 172,500 and again on schedule at 345,000. I guess they will be due again in about 15,000km. Rear Pads at 242,500 and the second set are still going, none of the discs have needed machining yet.

Happy motoring to everyone.

Bernard Corbett



## A Couple of Ideas

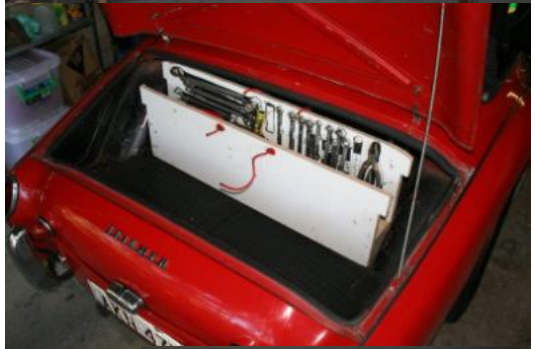
### Toolbox

I've always had a problem with tools when we go touring or racing. I have to strip my shadowboard at home, put them into a bag and then I've usually forgotten the one that's needed. I decided that I need a mobile shadowboard that fits the TR.

So I put this toolkit together: The shadowboards are hinged so they fold out and can either sit on the ground if you're working under the car or on a stand for work under the bonnet. When closed, it can be carried on the handgrips with little effort by one person. It folds up and fits behind the fuel tank, thus taking up minimal boot space - when packed back it only encroaches on the boot by a couple of inches. To stop the tools rattling, a piece of material is needed between the boards - so tuck your overalls in there and they are then ready for use. A colour coding suggested by Geoff Byrne will soon be put in place as well.

Easy to read manuals and wallcharts

It's worth remembering that Officeworks have an excellent printing service which can be very useful to those of us who are optically challenged. They can print enlarged copies of documents for very reasonable prices: I recently got a copy of the TR 2 Part Manual



(over 200 pages) printed in A3 size - much larger and easier to read than normal - for the price of a good bottle of Scotch.

Similarly if a major component rebuild is taking place, Officeworks offer an A0 plan printing service. This can blow a normal A4 page up to over a metre square and can be used as a wall chart. Recently, Doug Brodie rebuild some Weber carbs for me - I was able to give him a wall chart of the complete exploded diagram for easy reference. It works for a cutaway diagram or assembly chart, thus providing a giant drawing for easy reference - and they look good as well. A line drawing such as a cutaway can be printed for less than \$3. A poster with pictures included (see photo) is less than \$10. The photo shows a page of Motor Sport in original size, A3 and A0.

### Toucan Toe-in Gauge

Front ends of TRs are pretty fixed. We can't fiddle with the camber, nor the castor, so all we can do set the toe - in. But setting this needs a gauge to do it right. This one was easy to build - see the photo. Key is one piece of tube that fits in



another, both about a meter long. Weld on two pieces of angle or square to allow the top bolts to be half wheel height above the ground (300 mm). Drill a hole, weld a nut on, stick a bolt in the nut and weld a bit of scrap on top as a handle.

Use is easy - straighten the steering wheel, rest the tubes on the ground and touch the top bolts on the wheel rims - first the front, then the back, measure it up and fiddle the front links as needed. Toucan? That's because you'll drink about two cans in the time it takes to make it!

True story: It takes two people to operate, so Danute, expert wife and mechanic, came to help. We were both lying under the car, only our legs sticking out, when our next door neighbour called. He took one look, said "...oh.... excuse me!..." and just about ran down the drive. I'm not sure what he thought we were doing but I don't think it was setting the toe-in!

Bill Revill

# RINGWOOD PROJECT REPORT

This is the eighth report to the members on the progress.

Well it has finally happened, the major earthworks are complete.

The clearing of the boundary line is complete and so is our new crossing from Italia Road.

The access road has been reworked and we now need to let the road settle and compact for a while before any further work is envisaged.

We will wait for the asphalt to be laid before any sealing work is carried out on the access road.

Those that can remember what the quarry looked like will be shocked to see the new and much enlarged area. Approx. 3000 cubic metres of fill was removed and used in the construction of the extension and rehabilitation of the access road and paddock area.

The paddock area is nearing completion and there is a new access road to the spectator area.

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	80%
	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		60%
New storage facilities		100%
Additional Water Tanks		100%
Earthworks		100%
	New access from Italia Rd	80%

	Tree removal	100%
	Tree planting	100%
	Timing gear	20%
	Safety systems	20%
	Drainage	90%
	Armco railings	10%
	Ripple strips	0%
	Vehicle run off areas Sand & Gravel traps	10%
	Landscaping	70%
	Track approval	30%
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	10%
	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	80%
	Drainage	50%
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](http://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!



## 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.

5/ Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Starting time 10.30 sharp

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, Hillclimb Event with Training.

6/ Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, Starting time 10.30 sharp





**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](mailto:otto_scevak@yahoo.com)**  
**0414 862 088**

**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.  
**Jan 0413 451 986**





# CLASSIFIED ADS



## 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**

## FOR SALE Skyline GTR R32

Professionally built and maintained, has had great success in tarmac rallies across Australia, circuit racing and hillclimbs, engine makes good power and is ultra reliable, 6-pot and 4-pot competition brakes, close ratio competition gearbox, brand new set of semi slick tyres, nothing to spend, laps Eastern Creek 1.08's, Wakefield Park 1.04's, includes near new tilt trailer with mag wheels, price \$30,000 neg.

**Colin Ward csward52@yahoo.com.au  
047717712**

## WANTED MG Midget

Basket case for restoration or race project, 66-74 model, not rubber bumper, anything considered.

**Eric 02 4943 5171**

## FOR SALE

1974 Toyota Celica, seat and cage, no rego, on single axle car trailer with 12 months rego, \$5000.

3XL RPM racing suit, single layer.

Size 9 Sparco shoes.

**Steve 4951 5310, 0438 483 515**



## FOR SALE

English made electronic distributor, suit all MGBs from the 60s, never used, asking just \$100, can post anywhere.

**Tony 0434 966 100**

## WANTED MG TC

Wanted a matching numbers TC restored to original specifications or an almost completed restoration, a documented history appreciated. Also wanted tools for a TC, factory produced/authorised literature (sales brochures, manuals etc.), period printed sales materials, prompt decisions made and outcomes kept in total confidence.

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