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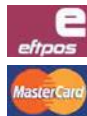
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Cover: Finish line at the Mattara Hillclimb,
King Edward Park (Jeff Newey).

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Coming Events - November 2013

- Sat 2 **Come and Try Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. See page 27.
- Sun 3 **Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. M, TS6, CC20, R14
- Mon 4 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Fri 8 **AGM and Clubnight** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm.
See page 17. M
- Sat 9 **Working Bee** - Tyre barriers - Ringwood. 8:30am. M
- Sat 9 **CSCA Supersprint** - SMP South
- Sun 10 **Concours** - MGCC Hunter Region. See page 28.
- Sun 10 **State Motorkhana** - Ansell Park
- Tue 12 **KEP review** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. M
- Wed 13 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Sat 16 **Touring Assembly** - AHRG - Evan Green Memorial. TR4, CC21
Event Secretary - Karen Piggott, phone 4970 5557 or 0415 498 931
- Sun 17 **Khanacross** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood. KC4, CC18
- Tue 19 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 23 **Young Driver Development Course** - Ringwood - see page 33
- Sun 24 **Register Run** - Wollombi. See page 12. R15
- Sat 30 **Working Bee** - Tyre barriers - Ringwood. 8:30am. M
- Sat 30 **State Khanacross** - Hampton

Coming Events - December 2013

Sun 1 **Annual Concours** - MGCC Newcastle - KEP. See page 10. M, R16

Mon 2 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M

Wed 4 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M

Fri 6 **Club Presentation and Christmas Party** - Cardiff RSL Club. 6:30pm.
See page 16.

Tue 10 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M

Sun 15 **State Khanacross** - Ansell Park

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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HIRING OF

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Suspended until further notice.

PRESIDENT Bryn Baverstock

G'day all,

It's AGM time again. I can't believe that another year has rolled around already, so don't forget to turn up on Friday 8th November. I know some of the present members are happy to run again for next year but there are a few positions open to anyone who would like to be part of the board for 2014. Please ring or email either myself or anyone on the board if you would like more information.

The weather gods were once again kind to us at King Edward Park and we managed to put on two good days of hillclimbing. The crowds came in similar numbers to last year, the static displays looked good, all in all apart from a few glitches a very successful event. My thanks to all who helped make this a great event not only for our club but for Newcastle as well.

Congratulations to Ringwood Raceway for finally getting their approval to go ahead with the track next door. I'm sure all the racers will be queuing up for a run on a track that's close to home.

Now back to the old problem of people to help to run the events that the club holds each year. At the moment I am keeping a difference between working bee participants and the members who help run events, although I am well aware there are many who do both which is great. But we need new blood to run events. In particular Ringwood, as this is where we hold most of our events. Out of over four hundred members I am sure we can come up with more people than the usual few we have at the moment. The most pressing issue is the timing hut where we are in dire need of people to operate the system. It's not rocket science to work and could mean typing in data to the system before the event, or actually pressing the timing buttons. We could even spread the day into shifts given we get enough people, so what I propose is that over the next month or two we contact all club members to see if they would be available to help out even if it is for only one event a year. We hold approximately twenty events a year and with four hundred members that works out at twenty members at each event, if only. From this we will create a register of names that we can call on and if available would help at a meeting or two. For example, partners of competitors, would anyone be interested in helping out? We will be in touch.

Cheers, Bryn



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Lincoln Haynes	Associate	Morris 850
Michael Castleman	Associate	Nissan Skyline

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

TIMERS WANTED

Non-competitors who can help out with the timing at Ringwood.
We will train you, feed you and even supply cool or hot drinks!

Our timing man Mike Snow is stepping down and we need a few people trained up and willing to assist. People will not need to be technical. Data entry and a few keyboard skills would be an advantage although we will take anyone.

Mike is taking a break after doing two committee positions, the timing, young driver training and the working bees. So please help.
We need some people to step up and help make the events happen.

Please contact Bryn Baverstock or Mike Snow for details.

Thursday Working Bees

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REGISTER REPORT David Walker

The team who organised the car display both days at the King Edward Park Mattara Hillclimb should be well pleased, as although I was busy in the pits most of the weekend, I had plenty of reports commending the excellence of the display with our Club well represented.

The contact list looks like it will continue to grow as it seems to be effective at getting the message out at the right time for each Register Run. Do let us know if you would like to be included.

The next **Register Run** / meanderings, is Sunday 24th November, when we will travel to Mulla Villa just outside Wollombi for morning tea. We will leave the club rooms at 8.30am and enjoy a drive via Shortland, Cessnock, Broke and Wollombi (about 110km and 1hr 45mins). For those unfamiliar with this beautiful guesthouse on the Great North Road, it is an original 1840 convict built sandstone home with a surrounding veranda where we will have morning tea of fresh baked scones with homemade jams and fresh cream. We may even be lucky enough to tour the convict holding cells under the house. To get there, we follow the convict built old North Road and where you will see the original stone culverts and some 1860s walling. Of course Wollombi itself is where the old North Road split with one branch continuing north and the other east to Cessnock. After morning tea Lesley wants to wander around Wollombi again and especially check out the cemetery. Anyone is welcome to join us if they don't need to get back to town. Please advise if you are coming on the run, as the family who own Mulla Villa need to have everything ready for us. I will have map of the route ready at the clubrooms for all participants.

For those who may have missed the advertisement, this year our Club Concours is on 1st December, at the Plateau, King Edward Park. Entries open at 8.30am, please be in place by 9.30am and judging commences at 10am. There are a variety of classes to suit all club members. Great for all cars on historic registration, so come along and join in the fun. Sausage Sizzle and drinks available. Entry is \$10 which includes a sausage sandwich and drink. For more information please phone Fran Hodgson on 4946 9989 after hours.

Don't forget, the Register Captain appreciates your ideas for Register Runs in 2014 - if you have somewhere you would like to visit, I am happy to hand the information on to the next Register Captain. Good luck to all standing for positions at the AGM in November.

B seeing you,

DAVID

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LAND PANEL Doug Rae

Well it has finally happened. The hot mix has been laid on the extensions and it looks great. There is now the job of putting in place the requirements of the police and CAMS to license the track before we can run on it.

During the last month and working in conjunction with Duncan Constructions, pipes were laid at the entry from Italia Rd and also some 200 metres along our access road, complete with head walls and rock buttresses.

As the road had been raised, our gates also were raised. This was carried out by Glenn Parsonage. A new sign has been erected near the gate. Further up drainage pipes have been laid under the new spectator road with a sump under construction. Also the sign has been repositioned.

Top soil is being spread as time permits in the paddock area. The lifting frame has been removed from the new shed to alongside the Secretaries' office and a section will be used for a base at the top flag point. Also a start has been made on painting.

The drainage pipe left of turn 1 has been extended to remove a ditch that was a hazard.

Due to the ongoing work and preparation for licensing, all private practice is cancelled till further notice.

There have been two Saturday working bees to assemble tyre barriers but more will be scheduled. The barriers will be placed in front of the guardrail.

Power points have been fitted to the maintenance shed and power connected. The Junior Driver Development room is being raised and levelled with an area behind it being backfilled ready for parking of the grader and water truck. The water truck has now been moved.

The main shed water tank has had an overflow pipe fitted and run into a rubble drain as per HDWB regulations.

Steps have been constructed for access into the Junior Driver Development shed.

Measurements have been taken of required guardrail and quotes are being sought to complete this job in the quickest possible time.

Now the major construction stage has finished there is a great deal of work to be done to bring the venue up to the standard we can be proud of and capable of running on.

Doug Rae, Land Panel Chairman



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SOCIAL NEWS Rose Cogger

The October clubnight was quite well attended:

Several members gave updates on the new Ringwood Hillclimb track which is progressing well with a lot of hard work being undertaken. 250 tonnes of hotmix was used on the track extension.

Grant Liddell, Club member, informed us about the previous Tuesday night's Port Stephens Council Meeting which approved the Development Application by Italia Road Holdings for a Race Circuit on land adjacent to Ringwood Park. This approval was given with almost 50 conditions. Congratulations to their team.

He reported that Mayor, Bruce McKenzie, remembered events that were held on the Ringwood Airstrip as well as racing on the old Tomago Air Strip. He said that Motor Sport had always been a feature in the Port Stephens area. When those councilors, who supported the granting of consent, were asked to stand, he was the first one up followed by all of the other councilors.

"Ringwood local" as a motor racing venue will certainly put Raymond Terrace and the Port Stephens area on the map for future tourism. Those people who have been to the Morgan Park Race Circuit in Warwick, Queensland and the Wakefield Park Circuit in Goulburn will attest to the fact that it can be difficult to obtain accommodation in these towns due to the high demand for accommodation when race events are held.

The next Clubnight will be the Annual General Meeting at the Cobby Street Clubrooms. A sausage sizzle will be provided for those attending.

If you would like a Natter Night at your home or have any ideas for Guest Speakers at Clubnights please let me know.

Please let me know if you are attending the Presentation Night and Christmas Party.

Rose Cogger Collins 0413 222 828

Presentation Night & Christmas Party

Venue: Cardiff RSL Club

Cost: \$26.00 per person

Date: Friday 6th December 2013

Annual General Meeting

Notice to all members of MG Car Club Newcastle Inc

The Annual General Meeting and Election of Board of Directors of MG Car Club Newcastle Incorporated will be held at the Clubrooms, Cobby Street, Shortland, on Friday November 8th 2013, commencing at 8pm.

Agenda:

- Apologies.
- Confirmation of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held Friday, 9th November, 2012.
- Summary of the Club's activities over the past 12 months.
- Treasurer's Report and Report from the Auditor.
- Election of the Board of Directors for 2014 (all positions become vacant).
- Any other business as submitted in accordance with the Club's Rules. Members are reminded that Special Business needs to be submitted to the Board before the Meeting.

Rules: members are reminded of the following:-

- Only Full Members are eligible to vote.
- Both Full and Associate Members can accept a nomination for a position on the Board of Directors.
- Both Full and Associate Members can nominate any club member for a position on the Board of Directors.
- Associate Members will be granted Full Membership if elected to the Board of Directors.
- Members must be Financial to 28th February 2014 to be able to vote. Current Financial Membership Cards should be produced in order to obtain Voting papers.
- Voting papers will not be issued after the current Board positions are declared vacant.
- Nominations should be completed and posted or handed to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the Meeting.
- Associate members are permitted to cast Proxy votes for a full member who is absent, only if the Proxy form is completed and posted to or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- All Proxy Forms must be signed by the member appointing the proxy and must comply with our Constitution.





CLUB CAPTAIN Michael Snow

Series Pointscores

There are 6 events remaining where points can be accrued toward the various series.

Come and Try Hillclimb - 2nd Nov

CC20, TS 6, R14 - Last Hillclimb for the year - 3rd Nov

CC21, TR4 - Evan Green Memorial Touring Assembly - 16th Nov

CC18, KC4 - Khanacross - Ringwood - 17th Nov

R15 - Register Run to Wollombi - 24th Nov

CC22, R16 - MG Concoors - KEP - 1st Dec

Tar Speed

For the 3rd Nov Hillclimb the points are close enough between Jeff Newey 74 and Rick Vincent 71 that the 1st and 2nd Outright could change.

A number of drivers will need to compete in particular classes to have 4 events in the same class to be eligible for trophies.

Motorkhana

Due to the cancellation of a number of events during the year, no-one has completed enough events to be eligible for trophies.

Khanacross

Due to the cancellation of a number of events during the year, if Paul Martin competes in the final khanacross, he is only one eligible for a trophy.

Club Champion

Jeff Newey has an uncatchable lead, however Martin Reeves 77 points and Paul Martin 76 points need to compete in at least one more event to be eligible for trophies.

Junior Champion

Keith Hammond and Alexander Reeves both need to compete in 2 more events to be eligible for trophies.

Ladies Champion

Christine Waugh needs to do one more event and Kimberley Atkins two more events to be eligible for trophies

Touring Assemblies

Bernard and Madelon Corbett are eligible for trophies.

Perpetual trophies

Can the following people bring the perpetual trophy to the next hillclimb or the AGM.

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| Keith Hammond | Paul Daley Memorial - Outright Junior |
| Martin Reeves | Chris Dodds Memorial - Outright Club Champion |
| Michael Snow | Mick Nielson Memorial - Club Member of the Year |
| Rick Nevile | Bill Martin Trophy - Best New Member |
| Louise Reeves MG ZR | David Huck - Register Champion |
| Martin Reeves | Warners Bay Lions Club Trophy |

Michael Snow

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MGCCN Ladies Championship points

Name	Cat	No of Events	Rank	Best 12
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Fran Hodgson	L	3	2	39
Louise Reeves	L	3	3	36
Madelon Corbett	L	3	3	36
Christine Chappell	L	5	5	33
Raechel Fraser	L	2	6	22
Heather Wightman	L	1	7	15
Amy Mrcela	L	1	8	13
Maruecha Wightman	L	1	9	9
Tahalia MacPherson	L	1	10	7
Bronwyn Lewis	L	1	11	6

Club Member Ranking Points Total

Michael Snow	1	204
Doug Rae	2	137
John Collins	3	134
David Walker	4	122
Rick Vincent	5	118
Bryn Baverstock	5	118
Rose Collins	7	108
Andy Peters	8	97
Ken McLeod	9	90
Judith Rae	10	86

T A Drivers	10-Mar	29-Jun	17-Aug	16-Nov	Best 3	Event Cnt	Rank
Name	TA1	TA2	TA3	TA4			
Bernard Corbett	11	15	37	-	37	3	1
Paul Martin	-	14	25	-	25	2	2
Bryn Baverstock	-	12	12	-	12	1	3
Colin Skelton	11	-	11	-	11	1	4
Ronald Fraser	-	10	10	-	10	1	5
Bill Rowe	-	8	8	-	8	1	6

T A Navigators	10-Mar	29-Jun	17-Aug	16-Nov	Best 3	Rank
Name	TA1	TA2	TA3	TA4		
Madelon Corbett	12	13	11	-	36	1
Doug Rae	-	12	-	-	12	2
Gregor Dickinson	11	-	-	-	11	3
Paul Martin	11	-	-	-	11	3
David Walker	-	10	-	-	10	5

GEORGIA

Just a little about myself before I launch into my history with automotives. I graduated Merewether High back in 2011 and spent a year overseas in Spain on Rotary Exchange. This year I've started full time University, studying to be an environmental engineer, and amongst other hobbies I've taken up motor racing with my family - The Holts.

My love affair with motor racing started at a very early age - from when I could steer a go kart down the steep driveway at my Dad's house and race against my two brothers. I was always the kamikaze pilot of the three, risking life and limb to cut that corner a little shorter and cross the finish line first. Things only ramped up when my Dad (Mathew Holt) invested in a mustard yellow pee wee 50 motorcycle. I'd spend my weekends at his house hooning along the nature reserve at Bolton Point and taking the mounds and potholes as extreme jumps. Often times I'd double dink with my cousin or little brother and inevitably they'd plead with me to slow down, or not take that corner so fast. The first time I got on the motorbike I was tracing circles around our driveway when I forgot which was throttle and which was the brakes, and accelerated past Dad's office into the shed to a resounding crash and Dad running in asking if the bike was ok.

The next step up was Dad buying a small red Suzuki buzz box which I learnt the gears on and drove (calmly) around Dad's truss plant. He taught me hill starts, how to drop the clutch, how to double shuffle (I haven't got the hang of the last one however). My brother and Dad had been motor racing ever since age permitted it, with Jack in the Datsun at the age of 15 racing up the hillclimb at Ringwood. Eventually they'd race the tracks at Tamworth, Oran Park, Wakefield and Eastern Creek. I'd be hauled on these road trips as camera man, supporter, and mechanic's assistant. Dad had wanted me to compete in motor racing since I was 14, and I have attended the ladies and training days at Ringwood. But I didn't get serious about competing until this year when I decided I'd join the boys (Dad and the two brothers) at racing hell for leather up a hill.

Cue to the Tri-Challenge of Ringwood, Kempsey, Tamworth, and yet to come the final race at King Edward Park. Race 1 at Kempsey saw Will and I racing his beastly Suzuki GTi - which decided to cark it on the second run much to Will's dismay. Next we passed the tow vehicle (VR Holden Commodore - Harry Holden) through scrutineering and I went on to finish ahead of Will and Dad and wind up just behind Jack and his Datsun 1200.

The next event was Ringwood, and I'd been on this track only once before at a training day but had seen years of Dad and Jack racing on it. I thought I had a fair idea of the lines - wrong! I ended up out on the gravel in the far turn, and had

a near miss every run afterwards. It had been raining and the track dried out slightly throughout the day only to have it pour down in the afternoon. By the time Dad said to pack up and call it quits I had run a faster time than Will and was only 0.07 seconds off beating Dad's time. I think it was a wise tactical move of his to call it a day before the tow vehicle showed him up.

The most recent event was at Tamworth. Dad, Will and I baded up the tow vehicle and the Datsun Coupe for a weekend of racing. Dad had a few troubles getting a good time out of the Datsun due to engine troubles, but Harry Holden ran like a dream for Will and I. It was only towards the end of the day after 80 or so hot laps and a long road trip towing the Datsun that the Commie started to give out and overheat on the track. It would stall and die, we'd have to slow it to a stop. Restart and go again, still trying to get fast laps. After this had happened several times with frustratingly slow results we packed up and called it a day. The next day of actual racing, the Commie was a cool cucumber and with a fresh pair of slicks stuck to the track like white on rice. It was only towards the end of the day that I took the chicane too quickly and overcorrected with the result of a 180 degree spin. I was shocked that it happened so quickly, even more shocking was the 4 second recovery and getting off the track to find my brother had filmed the whole fiasco. He thought it'd scare me into driving slower, but Dad knew better - it only made me more determined. I finished Tamworth only slightly faster than Dad and Will.

So now the final race day on our home turf of King Edward Park. It's probably the most challenging, yet the most familiar track of the four, and my brothers have faith in the likelihood of me putting Harry Holden through the sandbags. Let's hope that's not the case. There will be all four of the Holt family competing in this event, and we'll all have four separate cars (yes I get to haul ass up that hill in the trusty tow vehicle). Dad in his Nissan Fairlady, Jack in the Datsun 1200 Coupe, Will in the Suzuki GTi, and me in old reliable - the VR Holden Commodore. I am currently winning my class of Type 1 over two litres, and the ladies class - more through participation than skill, but I have surprised myself with my times and am proud of the achievements to date. More than anything, it's the fun and the thrill of getting to race against your family and the wonderful bunch of people that are part of this sport. I'm grateful to the entire team of competitors, volunteers, organisers, and supporters that make motor racing so amazing. And as for this race on Monday, folks keep your fingers crossed for the underdog and her tow vehicle.

POSTSCRIPT by Peter Robinson

This article was written by Georgia Holt, a graduate of the Junior Training Program, and was to go into the King Edward Park Mattara Hillclimb Programme.

Unfortunately, it missed out but as it is an entertaining and well written article, we suggested it be submitted to Clubtorque for November.

Georgia succeeded in keeping Harry Holden off the sandbags, starting with a 56.87 then 52.71, 51.69 and 51.74.

As Georgia modestly says, she was leading the Ladies and Type 1/Over in the Tri-Challenge, by participation only - but the tow car is not a 'racing car' and apart from a tow bar, is standard - probably the only one that was. So well done Georgia, and congratulations on winning the Type 1/Over and the Ladies Class for the 2013 Tri-Challenge Series.



Georgia and Will Holt at Tamworth

SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent

Hi Guys,

Well KEP is over for another year. Many thanks to the organising committee for the running of this major event. It really is a credit to the club and the members who support the annual event. What about its future? Who knows. It's getting to a stage that the younger club members will have to get more involved and let us old guys have a rest.

There certainly were new records set, in particular the effort from Doug Barry, who was the first car to start the 9th round of the State Hillclimb Championship. Doug gave the 4.5 litre V8 a blast and immediately destroyed first gear. You would think that his run for the day was over, but Doug set to work to remove the damaged first gear, set the car up to start in second gear, and ripped through the course to break the current record held by Neil Farr by 0.11 with a 33.52. What a result for 1st outright.

Malcolm Oastler set a new record in his class and 2nd outright with a 33.99, taking the title from Dave Morrow.

Similar results for 3rd outright with Dean Tighe. His time at 35.07. Current holder Amy Mrcela with 38.13. Amy even beat her personal best with a 37.50 in 5th place and second in her class.

The second day was the Tri Challenge Championship. Many competitors who took advantage of competing in the State Round improved their time during the Monday event. Peter Robinson reduced his time to gain 3rd place outright with a 37.61, it still wasn't fast enough, first outright going to Alan Hinds from the Kempsey club with a 36.51.

Triumph Sporting Car Club will host their round of the CSCA event at Wakefield Park on the 26th October. A strong contingent from our club will compete, hopefully with no major surprises.

Our last speed event for the year will be held on the 3rd November at Ringwood Park, hopefully the last on the current circuit.

Again I ask all competitors and members to attend the working bees scheduled for the 9th and 30th November. Please contact me if you can attend for catering purposes.

Keep your tyres hot.

Regards

Rick

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FROM the pages of HISTORY by Judith Rae

At previous hillclimbs at King Edward Park, the task of filling the many thousand sandbags and transporting and placing them alongside the track was usually spread over a number of weekends. This year the committee decided to examine the feasibility of purchasing sufficient ARMCO fencing which could be erected temporarily and disassembled after the hillclimb and stored until the following year. After seeking approval from Police and NCC this proposal was undertaken saving considerable time and manpower and was erected in one weekend.

The first round of the 1972 Australian Hillclimb Championships at King Edward Park called for a 2 day event attracting the cream of local and interstate competitors. Local hope Murray Bingham in the Bingham Cobra re-arranged the rear suspension when he clipped a rock in a practice run. After an all night repair job, he overwhelmed 2 other State Champions and a former National Champion besides taking 2 seconds off his best time to claim the outright prize. Bingham 2 months later clinched the ultimate prize winning the final round at Collingrove in South Australia.

At the 1973 January meeting the Speed Event Panel recommended that additional ARMCO be purchased for erection at King Edward Park for the second round of the 1973 Australian Hillclimb Championships (**PLEASE NOTE ALL THIS ARMCO IS NOW 40 YEARS OLD**). Murray Bingham was not so successful this year as he struggled to control his new Chev 5000 powered car and Errol Richardson took out the honours. Brian and Kay Lear were awarded Life Membership in recognition for their years of service. A sub committee was formed headed by Peter Houghton to discuss the planning of conducting an advanced driving course for club members. Consisting a series of lectures by experienced club members on all aspects of car control, car preparation for road and competition, traffic law and driving to city and suburban conditions. **PLEASE NOTE:** Most of this history about KING EDWARD PARK is to remind you of how long all this work has been going on. The work started by Peter Houghton is now being carried on by Greg Hunter in our **YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE**.

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EDITORIAL Mike Cole

Most months someone writes for the magazine suggesting that their information is not current. They know there is an important event coming up that will have concluded by the time the magazine is available. Some guess the likely outcome and pretend it has already happened.

The magazine usually reaches the website before the printed copy reaches the letterboxes, though there have been problems recently. I find that if I release the website version too early, there is pressure to change the printed copy. Over time this should diminish, and the magazine become more topical.

Photos this month are from Alan Bates (KEP lunches) and Jeff Newey (KEP hillclimb and display).

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 22nd November 2013. This is early as most December events have been moved forward a week.

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