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Coming Events - February 2013

- Sat 1 CSCA Supersprint R1 Club Lotus Wakefield Park
- Sun 2 Motorkhana WAC Awaba 10am, CC1 MK1
- Sat 8 Young Driver Development MGCC Newcastle Ringwood M
- Mon 10 Magazine Assembly Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Wed 12 Speed Panel Meeting Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 14 Club Night Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Sat 15 Working Bee Ringwood
- Sun 16 Register Run MGCC Newcastle Paterson M R2
- Sun 16 State Khanacross R1 HDCC, Hampton
- Tue 18 Board Meeting Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Sat 22 Natter Night Christine Waugh
- Sun 23 Hillclimb MGCC Newcastle Ringwood M CC2 TS1 R2
- Sun 23 State Motorkhana WAC Awaba 10am

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.



Coming Events - March 2014

| Sat 1 | State Hillclimb R1 - BLCC - Esses Bathurst |
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| Sun 2 | State Hillclimb R2 - BLCC - Mountain Straight Bathurst |
| Sat 8 | Young Driver Development - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood M |
| Sat 8 | Working Bee - Ringwood |
| Sun 9 | CSCA Hillclimb - Ringwood (NOT CONFIRMED) |
| Mon 10 | Magazine Assembly - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M |
| Wed 12 | Speed Panel Meeting - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M |
| Fri 14 | Club Night - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M |
| Sat 15 | Fluffy Duck Rally - AHRG. CC3 TR1 |
| Sat 15 | Tri Challenge R1 - KSCC - Mt Cooperabung - (practice) |
| Sun 16 | Tri Challenge R1 - KSCC - Mt Cooperabung TC1 |
| Sun 16 | Khanacross - WAC - Awaba 10am CC4 KC1 |
| Tue 18 | Board Meeting - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M |
| Sun 23 | Hillclimb - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood M CC5 TS2 R4 |
| Sun 23 | State Motorkhana - WAC - Awaba 10am |
| Sun 30 | Register Run - MCCC Newcastle - TRA - M R3 |

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PRESIDENT Bryn Baverstock

G'day all,

Once again the New Year comes around again & we all start off with all of the promises & resolutions that we meant to do last year! Well I hope I can at least, the Healey hardly got touched last year & as for the brick wall I am supposed to build don't mention it to the boss lady!

The club has before it a very busy year again so as well as your own activities I hope you can spare a bit of time to help run your club with all the stuff that's planned for the year. The two biggies of course are King Edward park hill climb & this year we get to run the Australian championships at Ringwood. This planning for the latter has kicked off with John Finch kindly agreeing to act as the event coordinators chairman of the panel set up to run the event. I have no doubt John will keep us all informed as to the progress.

Someone asked me the other day what happens at the board meetings and why don't we put out via the magazine what is discussed at the meetings, the reports you see written each month by your elected member on all the various panels are there for you to see & these are read & discussed at board meetings, decisions are made & so on. Other stuff goes on, paying bills, checking the mail in & out etc. etc. I do try & give out any info that does not come from these reports that members should know about & should anyone feel the need the board meetings are always open to visitors.

So with the start of the year all I can ask is that you the member enjoy YOUR club maybe put in a bit of help where you can come & participate in some of the events the club puts on, come to club nights for a natter with old friends, get those cars out & come on club runs, give us on the board any ideas you may have to improve things. Remember an active club is a surviving club.

Well there it is the start of the year & I am on your case already! Cheers Bryn



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Ryan Mc Shane – Associate – Honda

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ARE YOU INTERESTED?

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REGISTER REPORT David Walker

Have great news, subject to ratification by the Board, Ian Fletcher ably assisted by wife Yvonne, have put their collective hands up for the position of Register Captain. Ian will organise the next Register Run on Sunday 16th February to travel to Paterson to the Court House Museum run by the Paterson Historical Society (see page 32). The details haven't been finalised, so a message will be sent as soon as that is done. Anyone wishing to go on the list please contact Ian: firedogdudley@yahoo.com.au Helen and Ross Allen kindly agreed to organise the March Run and will be heading south to the Central Coast. Ian and Yvonne will continue then with a run in May.

Australia Day was a good start to the year with 31 participants travelling to Luskintyre Aerodrome to check out all the beautiful small planes, many of which were painted to represent their era and country of origin. Hamish Semken, Jeff Newey and Ian Fletcher took advantage of the opportunity to

have a bird eye view of the country with a ride in one of the planes. All came back with big smiles on their faces, so it was obviously good fun. Many thanks to the Aeroclub who did a great job keeping up with the coffee orders and great steak and sausage sandwiches and to Alan Bates who organised the day. This will be my last report as lan will take over next month - hope you support him as well as you have supported me over the past 16 years, it's been great and Lesley and I will see you at the next run. "B' seeing you, DAVID.



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LAND PANEL Doug Rae

The following work was completed during the working bees held on 19/12/13, 9/1/14 and 16/1/14.

Two containers were removed from site by George Price and the container area cleared of hay bales, shed, pipes and rubber matting, leaving 2 containers to be dealt with in the New Year.

Fill levelled at turn 5 and tyre buffers moved infield in preparation for guard rail to be installed January 2014.

Maintenance work was carried out on the tractor with a refurbished power steering unit being fitted and welding being done to the front axle.

An end of year luncheon was provided by Alan Bates, cooked by Joy Bower and cake by Louise Clayton - Jones.

Also in 2013 there were 25 recorded private practice netting \$650 along with hiring's to private driving instruction companies of \$6750 a total of \$7400.

Our first hiring for 2014 has been booked and paper work is in hand.

As Rick has required a rundown of maintenance costs for 2013 I shall check my records and determine the difference between major works which have been ongoing with the extensions and maintenance.

CAMS have offered to help in gaining a grant to assist in running the AHC and other grants are being considered.

Work is well under way on the top flag point with wall frames up and decking fitted, wall sheeting and roof will be sourced from available materials on site, all up the cost of this building will be in the vicinity of \$150.

Work has started on the timing system with the cable being purchased and the fitting of control boxes to various pickup points.

The guardrail has been erected with just a couple of areas to be managed by the club and the tyre buffers also need positioning.

Doug Rae

Land Panel Chairman



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SOCIAL NEWS Rose Cogger

The Presentation Night/Christmas Party was a great success with Joy Bower being the compare and giving us a lot of laughs with her witty jokes and sense of humor.

The trophies also seemed to be shared around and one could wonder how all of the events turned out to be so successful. 2013 was a very busy year and it's always good to see some new members turning up to these events



The next club night will be held on Friday 14th February, 2014 at the Cobby Street club rooms to celebrate Valentines Day

On March 14th the club night will have special showing of the movie "RUSH". There will be your favourite at intermission, a choc ice cream and then supper afterwards. Members and friends are very welcome, so come along and enjoy the night. I have mentioned this movie to many and those who have seen it have said that they would like to see it again.

The next NATTER night will be held on Saturday February 22nd at Chris Waugh's home at Raymond Terrace. It will be a barbeque with the usual BYO food, meat and drinks. Bring along a fold up chair just in case.

Please call Chris on 49877457 for directions.

Rose Cogger Social Secretary.

2013 Presentation Night/Christmas Party



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2013 MG Car Club Trophy Winners

Khanacross Series Type 3 Under 2 Itr 1st Place Paul Martin

Touring Assembly Driver 1st Outright Bernard Corbett

Touring Assembly Navigator 1st Outright Madelon Corbett

Tar Speed Series Type 1 Under 2 ltr - 1st Place Simon MacPherson

Tar Speed Series Type 2 Under 2 ltr - 1st Place Graham Orr

Tar Speed Series Type 2 Over 2 ltr - 1st Place Daniel Chandler

Tar Speed Series Type 3 Under 2 ltr - 1st Place Andrew Chandler

Tar Speed Series Type 4 Under 2 ltr - 1st Place Matthew Bates

Tar Speed Series Type 5 Under 2 ltr - 1st Place Lawrence Constable

Tar Speed Series Grp 2A/2C Under 2 ltr - 2nd Place Glenn Parsonage

Tar Speed Series Grp 2A/2C Under 2 ltr - 1st Place Martin Hobbins

Tar Speed Series Marque Sports Under 2 ltr - 3rd Place Lyall Clarke

Tar Speed Series Marque Sports Under 2 ltr - 2nd Place Rick Vincent

Tar Speed Series Marque Sports Under 2 ltr - 1st Place Jeff Newey

Tar Speed Series Special Vehicle Over 3 ltr - 1st Place Bob Millington

Tar Speed Series Junior Production - 1st Place Matthew Birks

Best New Member Michael Potts

Junior Champion - 1st Alexander Reeves

Warners Bay Lions Club - 1st Jeff Newey

David Huck - Register Champion - 1st Jeff Newey

Ladies Champion - 2nd Christine Waugh

Ladies Champion - 1st Louise Reeves

Club Member of the Year - 3rd Doug Rae

Club Member of the Year - 2nd John Collins

Club Member of the Year - 1st Michael Snow

Club Champion - Outright 3rd Martin Reeves

Club Champion - Outright 2nd Rick Vincent

Club Champion - Outright 1st Jeff Newey

Perpetual Trophies 2013

Paul Daley Memorial - Outright Junior Alexander Reeves

Bill Martin Trophy - Best New Member Michael Potts

David Huck - Register Champion Jeff Newey - MG B

Warners Bay Lions Club Jeff Newey

Mick Nielson Memorial - Club Member of the Year Michael Snow

Chris Dodds Memorial - Outright Club Champion Jeff Newey



It's TYme in Canberra again

Following the success of similar events in 2010 and 2012, the MG Car Club Canberra Inc. invites you to celebrate the iconic MG T Types and MG Y Types at a special MG event in Canberra, Friday 10 October to Sunday 12 October 2014

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- *A celebration dinner with a surprise guest speaker

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Ringwood Update

This is where we are and we have a long way to go



Get ready to roll up your sleeves and get into the work, or it won't happen!

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Thanks in advance.
Alan

Make;.....Model;......Model;.....

Year;.....

VIN/Chassis Number;.....

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CLUB CAPTAIN John Roach

Greetings All,

John here taking over the role of Club Captain from Michael Snow. They are big shoes to fill, but I'll do my best!

A little about myself. I joined the MG Car Club in 2009 with an '89 Mx5 and absolutely love grassroots motorsport. I've had a few years off events but am back with a stronger car, new technology

and hopefully a smarter driver. When asked if I could help the club out on the committee, I was glad to be able to help again as my stay last time as the Autotest Coordinator was quite fun and very rewarding.



This year will see me learning quite a lot as I've never really taken an interest in the point scores at all, always having been more focused on times at the track. I look forward to getting the scores to you in a timely fashion. I shall aim to put the scores up on the website at the end of each month and have them for each magazine. This first report one is light on scores as there has only been three events that I could score and nothing really exciting has happened. If you turned up to those events then you are pretty much tied first or second, lucky you!

Take care and have fun!

John



Invitation to MG Car Club Newcastle Members

Would you like to receive notification and / or reminders of the following events by email?

Social

- Club Nights
- Register Runs
- Natter Nights
- Xmas in July

Competition Events

- Hillclimbs
- Motorkhanas
- Khanacross
- Concours
- Supersprints (State, CSCA, FoSC)

If yes, then send an email to mgcarclubnewcastle@gmail.com giving your name and nominating the events from the types listed above or all if you want everything.

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Healeys at Homebush



Jeff Newey's Austin Healey with Fabian Coulthard in driver's parade.

The NSW Austin Healey Club were invited to carry the drivers around the Homebush circuit prior to the last round of the Super V8s Championship on the 8th December last.

We needed to supply 33 cars and achieved this with 29 big Healeys and 4 Sprites on the day. It was necessary to be at the track at 6.30 am to gain access as racing started with Formula Fords before 8 am!! A very early start for Chris and I from Newcastle!

We all enjoyed some interesting racing with V8 Utes, Formula Ford and 2nd Tier V8 Super Cars. At 2pm we set out on a lap of the track at about 40kph with the drivers perched on the back, lead by retiring Russell Ingall and his whole family on the first car. We were told we had 12 minutes to be back off the track!

All went well and the race that followed was quite a blast with 8 or 9 cars locked close together at 250 K plus at times, sounding much louder than they seem on TV.

It was a good win for Shane Van Gisbergen on the day and of course a Championship win for Red Bull's Whincup!

All in all Chris and I had an interesting day, and a very different view of V8 racing from the TV shows!

Jeff Newey and Chris Waugh



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TRIBUTE GREGOR DICKINSON

It's with great regret and sadness that I write this Tribute to our departed member Gregor Dickinson.

Gregor lost his battle with Cancer in the early hours of 9th December, the day before his 63^d birthday.

Gregor was one of the kindest, caring, giving persons I have known. I first became aware of Gregor when he joined the MGCC Newcastle in 2001. Our first contact was at the King Edward Park event on the 13th of October in 2002, the year the Rock fell. He was working as a start line marshal for his first time, when asked do you have any questions,

"No, I am working thru it, thanks", he answered. Gregor had a gift to analyse and develop a work skill, no doubt due to his training as a High School Teacher.

During his many decades as a passionate teacher he had became a walking encyclopedia on all things ancient, his great love was ancient History.

He had two visits to Egypt, then others to Greece and Turkey, on one such occasion he even took part in an archeological "dig" in northern Turkey. In retirement he had a deep longing to return to Turkey for another dig.

Often when in debate Gregor could be cooled down by a subject change to Ephesus, an ancient city in Turkey or the Valley of the Kings in Egypt.

Gregor had many interests during his life, Music was very important to him, he played the trombone with the Toronto High School Band and the West Lakes Concert Band, for several years, performing at concerts and competing in Band Championships.

In early years he played Rugby League, Hockey and Cycling.

He enjoyed working with his hands and wood, building articles for his workshop which contain a range of saws and lathes.

"Quote Matthew Dickinson"

"During the Vietnam war Dad was put into Army Intelligence, which he used to say was an oxymoron. He was taught how to make battle maps and interrogate prisoners: skills that Dad said came in handy later on, when he started teaching" "Dad has always been of a "leftie" politically, another of his passions was the union movement. Both Mum and Dad were active members of the Teachers Federation and Dad was a "Fed Rep" in every school he taught in and he acted as the President or Secretary in each association of which he was a member. They were both made Life Members of their local association in recognition of their



efforts"

Gregor directed much of his spare time to his love of everything cars, he loved tinkering with his Volvo GT 242, Mazda MX5, Renault Clio Sport, the trusty Falcon Station Wagon, and the very neat yellow Buggy for Motorkhana/Khanacross and the most impressive collectors item, the red Volvo P6 1800

On joining the MG Car Club Gregor immediately began to offer himself as an official and competitor.

His organisational and officiating ability and experience became apparent at events not only conducted by the MG Car Club but other local clubs such as Westlakes Auto Club, Australia Historic Rally Group, and the Milbrodale Off Road Club, at Club, Inter Club and State level events.

He was involved in many King Edward Park events, from spectator control level up to the position of Event Director illustrating the respect and admiration he gained from others in the Motorsport Fraternity and fellow club members.

Unfortunately being a competitor came second to Gregor he would sacrifice being a competitor because officials would be required, even when he had a real desire to compete. Many times he would comment, "good officials are harder to get than competitors".

Gregor was a member of the club committee for 6 years, 3 of those years as Club Secretary. During this period time I was Club President, we became very close, working together was very rewarding experience, and we bonded together very well.

Gregor was the quintessential club secretary/ director he displayed a restless energy and a need to be constantly busy.

I remember on one occasion I had been asked to do a presentation to the Maitland Rotary Club of our Young Driver Development Course with just 2 days notice, I turned to Gregor, with out any prompting he worked to produce a full professional Power Point Presentation. I know he worked throughout most of the night to compete the task. It was remarkable, as I recall this happened many times.

Gregor's great passion was with out doubt being a CAMS Steward and having a chat, I remember one funny race meeting at Wakefield Park where he was working with me as Pit Crew. As we arrived at the circuit on race day, he set off for the Stewards room, meanwhile I prepared the car, got dressed, moved onto the dummy grid, completed the race, back into the pits, sitting on the car exhausted, Gregor returned and asked "what time is the first on." then we laughed.



"Quote from Ken Short"

"Gregor and I did our Stewards training early in 2006, (with Mick Nicholls and Dave Ellem). As with everything Gregor tackled this new aspect of Motor Sport with gusto. Over the next 7 years he officiated in all types of events: - Motorkhanas (NSW Series Steward for 2 years), Khanacross, Rallysprints, Rallies. Off road particularly was at his favorite venue, Milbrodale, Hillclimbs, Supersprints and Race meetings, including Easter at Bathurst.

For the last 2 years he was a member of the NSW Stewards Panel, being responsible for reorganising and preparing the Panel Newsletter."

"Quote from Judyth Humpheys, Chair NSW Stewards Panel"

'Gregor was a very valued steward, and a person who I feel privileged to have known. He and Audrey also loved their caravan and their time in the caravan club."

A retirement goal he didn't get to complete was his dream to caravan across the Nullarbor Plain to Perth via the Great Ocean Road.

Gregor was very much a people's person who genuinely liked other people; this was reflected in his countless friends and acquaintances both in and outside of Motor Sport.

I express my sincere condolences to the Audrey, Matthew and Kellie, and Gregor's mother Bessie, still alive at 94.

Written by Greg Hunter on behalf of the Board of MG Car Club Newcastle.

MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION

Audrey, Matthew, Kellie and family sincerely appreciate the support and friendship that was shown to us by the memebers of the Car Club during Greg's illness, particularly by his friends in the *Friday coffee club. We were also very touched by the visits, flowers and messages of condolence we received and the generous donating made by the Club to the Cancer Council at Greg's funeral. We are etenally grateful. signed

The Dickinsons.

*Note: the Friday coffee club is a number of MGCCN members who meet every Friday for social talk and coffee.

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SPEED PANEL Rick Vincent

Hi Guys,

What a start for this year Ringwood is nearing completion for a track licence thanks to Dads Army and those few members who helped out at the working bees, don't become too complacent as there is still lots of work to be done to the track to complete the project.

Some important dates to put in your calendar for Speed Events -

| Ringwood Events |
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| 23 rd February |
| 23 rd March |
| 20 th April |
| 25 th May |
| 21 st & 22 nd June (Tri Challenge) |
| 5 th & 6 th July (State Round) |
| 31 st August |
| 21 st September |
| 6 th October (KEP) |
| 30 th & 31 st October practice AHC |
| 1 st & 2 nd November AHC - Ringwood |

| CSCA events |
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| 1 st Feb |
| 4 th May |
| 1 st June |
| 16 th Aug |
| 25 th & 26 th Oct |

| Tri - Challenge Events |
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| 15 th & 16 th March Kempsey |
| 17 th & 18 th May Tamworth |
| 5 th & 6 th July Ringwood |
| 6 th October KEP |

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| NSW State Hillclimb Championship |
| 1 st & 2 nd March Bathurst |
| 5 th & 6 th April Canberra |
| 17 th & 18 th May Tamworth |
| 7 th & 8 th June Grafton |
| 5 th & 6 th July Ringwood |
| 23 rd & 24 th August Kempsey |
| 13 th & 14 th September Dapto |
| 5 th October KEP |

Club Championship / CSCA & State Rounds for this year.

I require accredited CAMS officials to assist with the running of events, please contact me if you can assist.

Keep your tyres hot.

Regards

Rick

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REGISTER RUN 16th February

Our next registration run is scheduled for 16th February 2014. We will leave the club house at 8.30am and make our way to the beautiful hills of Paterson. There we can have a rest at the CBC Café, which is located on the corner of King St and Paterson Rd. After morning tea we will wander just up the road to the Paterson Court House Museum.

The building ceased to operate as a court house in 1967 and the museum opened in 1974. It is operated by the Paterson Historical Society and holds extensive collections including special displays on Dorothy Mackellar, Rev Rupp (orchids), the Tocal murder of 1874 and the only surviving double-sided Manchester Unity Independent Order of Odd Fellows banner.

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FROM the pages of HISTORY by Judith Rae

History has a way of coming full circle. At a recent clean out at the Rae residence, a newsletter from Newcastle Motor Racing Club dated November 1983 was unearthed. The following exert is from an article written by John Kierath.

"This year has seen a lot of work done for the Club, although that elusive Hillclimb still has not been finished. Dave Wrightson, Doug Rae and Tom Heard are doing their best to get it done by Christmas but the Port Stephens Council is proving a bit difficult, but not impossible".

Here we are full circle 30 years later still finishing off the Hillclimb, but a much longer one this time. Recognise any of the names?

At the conclusion of 1974 profits were down slightly due to a few Motorkhana cancellations. But overall plenty of motorsport events were provided with local sprint events, besides Mattara Hillclimb a State round at Silverdale was held as well as a club event at Amaroo Park. Chris Dodds was busy looking after the Register events, while Margaret Moloney was busy on the Social Scene organising Ten Pin Bowling nights, 3 Cabarets, Wine tastings and a Ferry Cruise.

In 1975 Newcastle Motor Racing Club's President Murray Finlay advised they were looking at property owned by Rutherford Aero Club. A new front boundary fence and "No Trespassing" signs had been erected at Nelsons Plains. It was decided to spread oil on both the Motorkhana and Sprint track before the next event in an effort to reduce the dust and to look into purchasing a Grader to assist with the maintenance.

The MG National Meeting was held this year at Adelaide. The Precinct Performance Clubman Rally was refused a CAMS permit due to late submission of the paperwork by the Director who was not a member of the Club. Club member Malcolm Bailey offered the services of his Earthmoving Company to reconstruct the track at Nelsons Plains.

The offer to purchase an unregistered utility for use at Nelsons Plains for a price of \$50 was accepted. Club Membership at end of 1975 was 317. New locks had been fitted to all gates at Nelsons Plains in an effort to reduce the incidence of vandalism. Carl Steele offered to contact the neighbours to keep an eye out for vandals.

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YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE UPDATES

The YDDC program for 2014 will embrace our normal program of 6 Training days throughout the year.

Further training maybe available at club competition events, but only by request.

The less experienced students will concentrate on loose surface training, grass and gravel, whilst those more experienced will receive training on the Ringwood Hillclimb sealed surface.

Commencing this year participants will be able to obtain regular updates via Club Torque prior to each event. Later in the year the YDDC section of the club's website will also be updated.

Until then for further information on YDDC Dates & Format, please consult the Club Calendar/Coming Events or contact Greg Hunter 0412 493711.

2014 YDDC DATES

- 1. Saturday 8th February, Starting time 9.30 am SHARP, Finish 3.00 pm.
- 2. Saturday 8th March, Starting time 9.30 am SHARP, Finish 3.00 pm.
- 3. Saturday 5th April, Starting time 9.30 am SHARP, Finish 3.00 pm.
- 4. Saturday 7th June, Starting time 9.30 am SHARP, Finish 3.00 pm.

NOTE There is a possibility that the above date may clash with a track hire, if so only loose surface training, grass and gravel, will be conducted.

- 5. Saturday 30th August, Starting time 9.30 am SHARP, Finish 3.00 pm.
- 6. Saturday 20th September, Starting time 9.30 am SHARP, Finish 3.00 pm.

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PRIVATE PRACTICE NOTICE RINGWOOD HILLCLIMB

THE BOARD has decided to resume limited Private Practice on the Ringwood Hillclimb.

An initial "Trial" day will be conducted on Saturday 8th February.

Starting time will be 9.00am till 3.00pm.

The practice day will be conducted in conjunction with the Young Driver Development Course.

Those wishing to use the track will take advantage of being able to complete documentation, pay the fee of \$25 dollars at the track without the problem of picking up keys etc.

You will no longer have the responsibility for the security of the property.

The toilets will be available use

You will be expected to provide your own pit crew to carry out manual timing or any assistance you may need throughout the day.

Please don't expect any assistance from the YDDC team, except in an Emergency, as they will be committed to the training programmed.

The track time will be managed to give both the YDDC and the PP participant's fair and equal access to the hill.

Under NO circumstances will you be granted the use of the new track extension until works are completed, and the Government and CAMS approvals and track licenses are in place.

During Practice days the Crossover and adjoining intersections will be closed with tyre barriers.

Any attendance at Private Practice should be confirmed by a phone call to Greg Hunter on 0412493711.

For those wishing to practice during the week, the only day available is Thursdays.

If you wish to practice you must first contact Doug Rae to confirm the track availability as there could be a conflict with the maintenance programmed.

Greg Hunter

EDITORIAL Michael Potts

Welcome to my first edition as editor of the magazine. Thank you to outgoing editor Mike Cole for all the effort you have put in these last few years, I hope to continue on your good work whilst also putting my own spin on things.

This month we have articles from Jeff Newey/Chris Waugh and Greg Hunter as well as the regular reports. Pictures are from Jeff Newey/Chris Waugh, Alan Bates, Rose Cogger and Ian and Yvonne Fletcher.

For future editions of the magazine I would like to have more members submitting items for inclusion.

Some suggestions are:

- A letter to the Editor
- A bit of trivia
- An original cartoon or piece of art work
- A trip you have done in your MG
- A restoration you have undertaken
- A competition you have entered
- Your ideas for Club activities
- A road test of an MG
- Why you joined the Club

Or anything that may be of interest to club members. It can be as little as a few sentences or as big as a few pages, either could encourage members - new and old - to participate in the next club activity.

Send all submissions to editor@mgcarclub.com.au

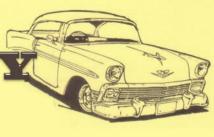
Clubtorque is published monthly (except January) on the Tuesday before the Clubnight (which usually falls on the second Friday of the month). Publication on the website may occur earlier. The deadline for articles is the last Friday of the prior month, or two weeks before the Clubnight.

The deadline for the next magazine is Friday 28thFebruary 2014.

Michael

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Otto Scevak otto_scevak@yahoo.com 0414 862 088



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