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February Ringwood hillclimb

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# Coming Events - March 2014

- Sat 1     **State Hillclimb R1** - BLCC - Esses Bathurst
- Sun 2     **State Hillclimb R2** - BLCC - Mountain Straight Bathurst
- Sat 8     **Young Driver Development** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood M
- Sat 8     **Working Bee** - Ringwood
- Mon 10   **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Tues 11   **Rocker Cover Racing** - MGHR - MGHR Clubrooms Lambton
- 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 R3
- Sun 23     **State Motorkhana** - WAC - Awaba 10am
- Sun 30     **Register Run** - MGCC Newcastle - Lee Rowan's Garden World Ourimbah - M R4

**Legend**

M - Club Member

R - Register pointscore

CC - Club Championship

KC - Khanacross

MK - Motorkhana

TA - Touring Assembly

TC - Tri-Challenge

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 - April 2014

- Sat 5 **Young Driver Development** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood M
- Sat 5 **State Hillclimb R3** - SDMA - Canberra (practice)
- Sun 6 **State Hillclimb R3** - SDMA - Canberra
- Sun 6 **Motorkhana** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood M CC6 MK2
- Mon 7 **Magazine Assembly** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Wed 9 **Speed Panel Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 8pm. M
- Fri 11 **Club Night** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7pm. M
- Sat 12 **Rallysprint** - WAC - Awaba 2pm
- Sun 13 **State Supersprint R1** - MiniCC - Wakefield Park
- Tue 15 **Board Meeting** - Clubrooms, Cobby St, Shortland. 7:30pm. M
- Fri 18 -  
Mon 21 **MG Nationals** - GCMGCC - Ballina M
- Sat 19 **Arthurs Night Owl** - AHRG
- Sat 19 **Practice Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood
- Sat 19 **Hillclimb** - Gemini OC - Ringwood
- Sun 20 **Practice Hillclimb** - MGCC Newcastle - Ringwood
- Sat 26 **Natter Night** - MGCC Newcastle - The Bowers - M

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It's hard to imagine that one year ago the major work at Ringwood was about to start! Looking around today you have to say what an amazing effort this has been. The work done by the heavy machinery at the beginning has been followed up by the very able volunteers and the regular Thursday group of Dads Army which has had a huge impact on the costs of the project.

Although we are getting near the point of getting the track licensed there is still a mile of work to do, some of it is cosmetic stuff to make it look good as well as major work like the pits road surfacing etc. so don't give up on those working bees!

As we get near the pointy end Ringwood Raceway has just got serious with work starting in earnest next door, we might get to race in Newcastle yet! On the subject of next door I had a request from the owner of Ringwood Raceway to please keep off their land as it is private land and while we all want see the progress there are issues with environmental & insurance so keep out unless invited!

It's always good to have someone offer to sit on the board & do a job rather than have their arms twisted so it's with great pleasure I welcome Ian & Yvonne Fletcher who have offered

to take on the role of register captain, they take over from David & Lesley Walker who we thank for the many years in the role. So get those cars out & come on a run, any make of car is welcome & having a good time is all that is required!

Part of our commitment to the council for hiring King Edward Park is to make a donation to charity, you will be pleased to know that the Cancer Council and the Hunter Prostate cancer alliance were the recipients this year.

If you are looking for an evening of rocker cover racing look no further than the 11<sup>th</sup> March our annual invite to the MG Hunter Region is on again , details should be in magazine.

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Cheers Bryn



Bryn in action in his TF at the February Hillclimb





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

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## Trivia Spot

America's first MG owner may well have been Henry Ford's son Edsel, who in 1930 bought an M-type MG (2-812). Edsel drove the car in and around Detroit for three years, by which time it had 27,509 miles on the mileometer.

He subsequently donated it to the Henry Ford Museum at Dearborn, Michigan, which retained it for many years, although it is now displayed in a Pennsylvania museum

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## REGISTER REPORT

We left the clubrooms with 11 starters in all and 5 MG's with a rather humid, but light rain. We travelled up the New England Hwy and stopped off at the Stillwater Café' located in the heritage area of Lorn. Minor adjustments needed to be made to the day as the original stop off at the CBC Café Paterson decided to close for February for annual staff holidays and the Real Café' at Lorn, decided this month not to open anymore on Sundays, but, hey, things happen, the outcome was that the Stillwater Café turned out to be a top little spot.

Some of the members would remember Annmaree Hooker, an ex-club member, Annmaree met us for coffee, as did Ray and Verne Sheather. As we gathered around the outside covered area I was quite taken in watching and listening to the group catching up with each other and having a general relaxed morning natter over a coffee and morning tea. But, before we all got to comfy, it was time to saddle up and head off to Paterson. Although the rain was light, it was quite an enjoyable drive into Paterson, pass



Fletch in his Pug conquering the hill

the Tocal Collage through some very relaxing rolling hills into Paterson.

Upon arriving at the Court House Museum we were warmly greeted by the ladies of the Paterson Historic Society who have spent countless hours over the many years compiling, counting, researching and displaying items and relics of the history of the Paterson area.

The ladies were very interested in the MG Car Club and were very keen to show the group around and to share some of the history of not only the Court House, but the stories of those who pioneered and settled the Paterson area.

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troopers in the barracks upstairs. The officers covered a large area on horseback, keeping law and order and also coping with occasional visits by the bushrangers Thunderbolt and The Governor Brothers.

Other museum attractions include Dorathea MacKellar, the Orchid Man of Paterson, a Les Darcy Display and the Tocal headless murder.

After a very educational hour of wandering through the museum and taking in the many stories and events of the times, we were preparing to leave, when we were given a special importune solo performance by one of the ladies sister who demonstrate for us how the pedal and bellows church organ sounded. It was a very special demonstration for us, as the organ had only just been received by the Society as a donation from the local church. Strange as it may have seemed to hear a church organ

being played inside a Court room, but somehow it just seemed to fit in, in an historic kind of way.



Until our next run,  
Cheers,  
Fletch

**FEBRUARY REGISTER RUN TALLY**

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**TRIVIA SPOT**

The most famous MGC customer was HRH Prince Charles, who took delivery of his GT in 1969. Registered SGY 766F, it was stabled in the Royal Mews in Buckingham Palace and he was often seen in it at Windsor polo matches. It is currently exhibited at the museum at Sandringham.





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There was a good attendance at the February club night, good to see new members turning up to meet other members and learn more about how MG Club Newcastle operates.

With the new track well on its way to being completed this is a good way to find out the latest and what is continuing to be planned for 2014/2015.

THE NEXT CLUB NIGHT IS MOVIE NIGHT with the movie "RUSH" being filmed and there will be some treats provided, so come and see this excellent presentation of Grand Prix Motor Racing and behind the scenes scenarios.

NEXT CLUB NIGHT IS 14<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 at the COBBY STREET CLUBROOMS

A thank you to Chris Waugh for inviting us to her home, it was a very casual enjoyable evening with some fine food delights including Louise

Evans' mango chutney which she said she will bring some along to the next natter night . The weather was fine and there was a lot of "natter and chatter" taking place.

Rose



***THE NEXT NATTER NIGHT on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2014 will be at Joy and Paul Bowers home at East Maitland. Bring along your usual delights for a barbeque night and it's BYO.***

***For details on Joy and Paul's address please phone them on 49332346.***

## 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

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Michael Snow

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## PRIVATE PRACTICE UP-DATE

The first Private Practice Day held in conjunction with an YDDC was on the 8<sup>th</sup> February, those attended had an enjoyable day. Most were sorting their cars in one way or another with plenty of experts around to give advice, all of course with serious head scratching.

A healthy interest was shown in this new concept; twelve drivers took part, with four phone apologies.

Due to circumstances which develop with the beginning of every club year there was little opportunity to promotion/advertise the day. The numbers of participants were great considering the only promotion was word of mouth.

Everybody enjoyed themselves with lots of camaraderie, was nice to have the time to chat to competitors, something that normally would not happen at an event.

By the time you read this another YDDC / Private Practice would have been held on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. There are 4 more YDDC events scheduled this year all of which will be Private Practice Days and are listed in the Club Calendar. The next is on the Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> of April.

Regards,

Greg Hunter

### 2014 YDDC DATES

2. Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Starting time 9.30 am SHARP, Finish 3.00 pm.
3. Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> April, Starting time 9.30 am SHARP, Finish 3.00 pm.
4. Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> August, Starting time 9.30 am SHARP, Finish 3.00 pm.
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## LAND PANEL REPORT

**T**yre buffers have been placed in front of guardrail with bundles of 4 being built to place in front of these. All tyre buffers have been finished by the great rollup of members at the working bee on the 13<sup>th</sup> of February with 20 members attending. A great variety of jobs were carried out.

Timing preparation has been ongoing with start and finish lines being sorted out and plans for level of beam and protection of senders being addressed.

Formwork to turns 6 and 7 were prepared and concrete poured and formwork to turn 4 also in place.

Forty metres of trenching and pipes through the paddock area has been

done to alleviate flooding, this has been backfilled and will be consolidated ready for taring of the road system.

Dave Atkins prepared the motorkhana area for the Junior Driver Development course whilst Eric Chandler spread soil in the paddock area.

The top flag point has a roof and floor. Walls, handrail and steps will follow.

Thanks on behalf of competitors to John Collins who cleared the paddock area of rocks in time for our last hillclimb.

Doug Rae

Land Panel Chairman.

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### Trivia Spot

Before Toyota entered the Sprint Cup Series in 2007 the last foreign (non US) manufacturer to compete in the NASCAR premier division was MG. Smokey Cook in a MG A at Winston-Salem, North Carolina 1963.

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## Vehicles on Club Plates

Will all members who have vehicles on club plates (Historic Registration) fill in the attached form and return to me at the address shown.

REGISTRAR MGCC Newcastle

57 Kula Road

MEDOWIE NSW 2318

This will allow me to update the clubs records.

If you have more than one vehicle on the register, please photo copy the form and remit a separate form for each vehicle.

Thanks in advance.

Alan

Registration Form

Surname;.....

Given Name(s);.....

MGCC Newcastle Membership Number;.....

Address;.....

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Vehicle Details

Plate No;.....

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

Year;.....

VIN/Chassis Number;.....

Engine Number;.....

# CLUB CAPTAIN

## Club Point Score Update

MGCCN Club Championship Points		
Name	Rank	Best
Paul Carroll	1	16
Jeff Newey	2	15
Bob Millington	3	14
Lyllal Clarke	4	13
Graham Orr	4	13
Chris Weir	4	13
Shannon Constable	4	13
Jim Norris	4	13
Darval Thomas	4	13
Rick Vincent	10	12
David Walker	10	12
Simon MacPherson	10	12
Lawrence Constable	10	12
John Collins	10	12
Ryan Bates	10	12
Harry Harris	10	12
Tom Clemens	10	12
Dick Edwards	10	12
Steven Cromack	10	12

Members Point Score		
Name	Rank	Points Total
Bryn Baverstock	1	12
Jeff Newey	2	10
David Walker	2	10
Doug Rae	4	8
Michael Potts	4	8
John Collins	4	8
Mike Cole	4	8
Rose Collins	4	8
Rick Vincent	9	6
Michael Snow	9	6
Alan Bates	9	6
Judith Rae	9	6
Rob Rowe	9	6
Dave Durie	9	6

MG Lions Trophy			
Name	Cat	Rank	Points
Jeff Newey		1	15
Lyll Clarke		2	13
David Walker		3	12
Andy Peters		4	11
Bryn Baverstock		5	9
Michael Potts		6	6
Wayne Lewis		6	6
Paul Abraham		6	6
Bronwyn Lewis	L	6	6
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# 2014 AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP PROGRESS REPORT

In last month's magazine, president Bryn announced the MGCC Newcastle had been awarded the Australian Hillclimb Championship for 2014. As many would already know this event will attract a large number of quality drivers and their vehicles rarely seen in our area. The event will be run over 4 days starting on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> October with practice and concluding with a presentation on Sunday afternoon the 2<sup>nd</sup> November. We are anticipating around 120 competitors and their vehicles with strong competition in many categories. So the challenge for our club is to not only have a 1<sup>st</sup> class facility available and operative, but to also manage a professional event. To enable this event management to be successful, I have selected (conscripted) several club members to form a steering team to oversee the entire event operation. The team and their areas of responsibility are:-

## **John Finch - Event Director.**

Responsible for ensuring the team functions appropriately.

Ensures the team has enough resources available to administer the event.

Ensures event schedule is developed and is progressing to appropriate time frames.

Reports to MG Car Club President and Board.

## **Bryn Baverstock- Club President**

Responsible for ensuring board approval on issues pertaining to the event are carried out.

Ensures the event management team operates in the best interests of the club.

## **Judith Rae - CAMS Liaison Person and Competition Secretary**

Responsible for all CAMS requirements including event permits and regulations.

Ensures that medical teams/facilities are available and ready to function.

Assists in the sending out and gathering of event entries.

## **Dave Atkins - Competition Manager, assisted by Greg Hunter**

Dave has also accepted the responsibility of Clerk of Course.

Ensures that an appropriate Timing System is in place and operating.

Ensures an appropriate

Scrutineering team has been selected and functioning.

Ensures that track officials are available and qualified.

Ensures that recovery vehicles are available and ready to operate.

**Alan Bates - Facilities Manager, assisted by Rick Vincent**

Ensure that the Ringwood Facility / Track is completed and licensed in a given timeframe.

Ensures that an appropriate pit area is constructed and ready for use.

Ensures that site facilities are available and functioning during the event.

Identifies and maps out spectator parking areas for the event.

**Rose Cogger-Collins - Services Manager, assisted by Joy Bower**

Ensures that food and refreshments are available during the entire event.

Identifies competitor and officials accommodation for the event.

Responsible for the sale of merchandise and other products during the event.

**Peter Robinson - Promotion and Marketing Manager, assisted by John Collins**

Responsible for event advertising.

Responsible for event promotion.

Responsible for identifying and

gathering event sponsors.

Responsible for the production of event programs.

**Darval Thomas - Event Treasurer**

Ensure that a working budget has been developed and approved.

Manages all event income and expenditure.

**Ken Mcleod - Event Secretary**

Carries out event secretarial duties.

Produces monthly information bulletins.

Responsible for the gathering of Grants.

Selects and arranges VIP invitations.

As you can see, the above tasks and responsibilities that have been allocated require a rather large amount of work for our team.

Having said that I am confident we can develop and manage an event this club will be proud of.

I would also hope that after reading this article you may consider helping us achieve our goals of running a successful Australian Hillclimb Championship. Feel free to contact one of our team and I am certain a very worthwhile position and be found for you and fellow club members.

Regards

John Finch

# MG RV8 Register Run to Caves Beach, NSW.

Caves Beach Surf Life Saving Club Function Room

\$27.50 for a Scrumshish Brunch

**WHEN.....SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014.....9:00am**

This is a great venue at Cave's Beach Surf Clubhouse overlooking the surf  
And catered by the renowned "revhead" Celso from "il Bolognese" Gladesville.

This is a repeat of the very successful earlier RV8 brunch runs.

Bring your walking shoes and explore the Caves Beach after breakfast.

All MGCC classes welcomed ..... Drive the Old Pacific Hwy...

Invitations extended to Hunter and Newcastle MGCC's.

## HOW?

Leaving from McDonald's car park: 513 Pacific Highway, Mt Colah at 9:00hr

On arrival at Caves Beach (around 10:30am) enter carpark by Mawson Close  
(past the Caves Beachside Hotel).

Park in the Caves Beach carpark in view from the restaurant  
(RV8's on the western side; other classes to the east, beach side)

RSVP Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2014: Alan Heritage 0418 459496 or 9894 5881

or Dominic David 0414 407400

Bookings can be made with Alan or Dom by phone or at the March meeting.

Pre-payment by 23 March 2014 to confirm catering arrangements

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## SPEED PANEL

**A** special thanks to those members who attended the February working bee, their hard work resulted in completion of the tyre barriers. The next working bee is on the 8<sup>th</sup> March, here again we need members to assist with the installation of conveyor belting in front of the tyre barriers, please contact me as we need your help.

I advised competitors at the last Ringwood event regarding the required process of Pre Entries using MEE, for those competitors who didn't attend the process is as follows.

- When the MEE entry form has been completed and you're asked to complete the process via PayPal (keeping in mind all Pre Entries MUST be paid) there is a section beside the Payee referred to as either Merchants Reference or Instructions from Buyer, you are now required to place in this section your Ringwood Competition Registered Number and your initials. (Again all Ringwood Competitors must have a Ringwood Competition

number to compete)

- Why we require this, is there is no competitor relationship between MEE and PayPal if a non competitor is paying for the Pre Entry, so if all competitors use this section within PayPal completes the process.

Seeing we are talking about PayPal, there is some scam going around imitating they require a handling fee for the use of PayPal, please ignore this email as PayPal does not issue emails, to anyone. If



Rick about to do some landscaping

you require any details from the company use their website.

Last Ringwood event on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February was a well supported event with 52 entrants, the rain stirred a few competitors namely myself, doing a bit of landscaping



on the first run, it was great to see John Collins brilliantly presented JWS competing and nearly gaining first place with a 31.58 although Darval Thomas kept him at bay, with a blistering 31.15 to gain outright first place for the day. It was Darval's day of accomplishments as he also gained first place in the economy run that he was running, apparently to save on petrol, didn't quite make it though.

Please be advised to those CSCA members that MG Car Club Sydney and our club will be hosting an event on the 14<sup>th</sup> June, at SMSP South Circuit, we will require officials so please contact me if you

can assist.

Just a reminder, round two of the Ringwood Hillclimb Championship will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March, unfortunately I cannot attend so Christine Waugh and Jeff Newey, will be filling in so please assist them by pre entering.

Keep your tyres hot.

Regards,

Rick.



Fastest outright at the February Ringwood Hillclimb Darval Thomas

## MG TALE

An MG-ZR pulled alongside a Rolls-Royce at a traffic light. "Do you have a car phone?" its driver asked the man in the Rolls. "Of course I do," was the haughty reply. "Do you have a fax machine?" The Rolls driver sighed, "I have that too." "Do you have a double bed in the back?" the MG-ZR driver wanted to know. Ashen-faced, the Rolls driver sped off. That afternoon, he had a mechanic install a double bed in his car. A week later, the Rolls driver passed the same MG-ZR, parked on the side of the road with its back windows fogged up and steam pouring out. The arrogant driver pulled over, got out of the Rolls and banged on the MG-ZR's rear window. "I want you to know that I've had a double bed installed," bragged the Rolls driver. The MG-ZR driver rolled his window down and frowned at the Rolls driver. "You got me out of the shower to tell me that?"

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# PUBLICITY OFFICER'S REPORT

## 2014 TRI-CHALLENGE CHAMPIONSHIP

ATTENTION ALL NEW MEMBERS!!

If you have joined the Club in the last 12 months, you may have heard or know about the Tri-Challenge Series. The Series has been going for 13 years and is a challenge between MG Car Club, Newcastle, Kempsey Sporting Car Club, and Tamworth Sporting Car Club. It was originally started with the idea of helping the two smaller clubs and also giving MG members the chance to do a four-event series with two pleasant weekends away.

Over the last year or two, we have seen many new competitors move from Club competition through the Tri-Challenge Series and on to the State or CSCA Super Sprints and

State Hillclimbs. We try and encourage younger ones coming through or new (older) members with not much time (or money!) that the Tri-Challenge is a cheap and enjoyable niche for many.

For those club members who are planning to compete in the Tri-Challenge Series, don't forget the first round is at Kempsey on the 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> March. This will follow the usual format of practice on Saturday and racing on Sunday.

Those of you who haven't been to Kempsey - give it a go - it's fun! It has a long (almost) straight from the start including a chicane. A series of climbing corners follow; the last one a bit tricky, before a run to the finish line.

The track is actually an old section of the Pacific Highway just south of the town in a State Forest. The surface is mostly OK but slippery if damp.

Kempsey is similar or even quicker travelling time-wise to Tamworth - about three hours towing up the Pacific Highway. There is a selection of motels to stay at: from "cheap" up. If anyone wants information on the event, give me a call or contact the Kempsey Club, Chris Seam [mrkiffer@bigpond.com](mailto:mrkiffer@bigpond.com) or mobile 0428 654 828.

The Series only has 4 events; at Kempsey, Ringwood, Tamworth and King Edward Park in Newcastle. Each away event has

practice the day before to familiarise yourself with a new venue. These events are handy to gain more experience so that if you go to a circuit like Eastern Creek or Wakefield Park, you are more familiar with your car's reactions at speeds faster than Ringwood.

Anyone who would like some information on the Tri-Challenge, I can be contacted on 0411 487 640.

Peter Robinson

Publicity Officer.

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### Trivia Spot

A MG has won the Australian Grand Prix on four occasions.

1935 - Les Murphy in a MG PB at Phillip Island

1937 - Les Murphy in a MG PB at Victor Harbour

1939 - Alan Tomlinson in a supercharged MG TC at Lobethal

1947 - Bill Murray in a MG TC at Bathurst

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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.

Greg Hunter

# EDITORIAL

**A**fter the Christmas/New Year break it is good to be back into the full compliment of events for 2014. In the last month we have had a Clubnight, Register run, Natter night and the first Ringwood hillclimb of the year. Many of these you can read about in this months magazine.

I am always on the lookout for fresh ideas and new articles for the magazine. It would be a good problem to have too many articles to choose from, than just enough.

Even if you just have an idea for an article that I can run with, let me know.

Some stories and pictures I would like to see for next months magazine include:

- How MG Newcastle members went at the state hillclimb round at Bathurst
- Somebody's excursion to the tri challenge round at Kempsey
- A participant in our young driver development course to provide an article
- Your car (new or old) on why you purchased it and what you like / dislike about it and what plans you have for it

Or anything else that may be of interest



My MG F in the line up ready for another run up the hill

to club members. It can be as little as a few sentences/pictures 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](mailto: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 the next magazine is Friday 28th March 2014.

Enjoy the mag

Michael

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