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Waugh A H Sprite (9) at Ringwood

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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 **Hillclimb** - Gemini OC - Ringwood

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 - May 2014

- Sat 03 **Natter Night** MGCCN J + P Bower
- Sun 04 **Euro Day** MG HR Lambton Park 8:30am
- Sun 04 **STATE Motorkhana** Rnd 3 Mini CC Nirimba
- Mon 05 **Magazine Assembly** MGCCN Cobby Street 7pm M
- Fri 09 **Club Night** MGCCN Cobby Street 8pm M
- Sat 10 **Rallysprint** WAC Awaba 2pm
- Sat 10 **STATE Supersprint** Rnd 2 ARDC SMSP GP
- Wed 14 **Speed Panel** MGCCN Cobby Street 8pm M
- Sat 17 **STATE Hillclimb** Rnd 4 Pract TSCC Tamworth
- Sun 18 **Register Run** MGCCN TBA M R8
- Sun 18 **STATE Hillclimb** Rnd 4 TSCC Tamworth
- Sun 18 **STATE Khanacross** Rnd 2 HDCC Hampton
- Tues 20 **Board Meeting** MGCCN Cobby Street 7:30p M
- Sat 24 **Motorkhana** WAC Awaba 12pm MK3 CC7
- Sat 24 **Khanacross** WAC Awaba 6pm KC2 CC8
- Sun 25 **Hillclimb** MGCCN Ringwood M TS3 CC9 R9

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Looking through the last magazine to see what I could write about this month as I seem to have run out of words, I know some of you might find this hard to believe but it's true!

What did strike me is the amount of various things going on all the time within the club, just have a think about it & you will see what I mean. We have a active social scene with regular natter nights, club runs etc. The competitive side is always busy with our regular Ringwood events & there is usually twenty or so on average competing in CSCA events plus there are competitors doing other events that perhaps don't even get a mention. The dirt stuff gets under way this month with a motorkhana & unfortunately we don't run as many dirt events as we used to I am hopeful we can revisit them once the construction work at Ringwood is finished. Rallying within the club is not huge but we manage to put on at least one event a year & Col Bray might even be persuaded to run a "Rat Dog " event if we ask him nicely! Plus we do our bit to help the young drivers with Greg Hunters Young

Drivers Training course. I think you would have to agree a busy club! So let's not forget all those people who make it happen & maybe even get involved yourself.

Speaking of all club things I know the editor Michael would love to have any reports that members may have been doing regardless of how obscure they may seem. If it involves wheels I'm sure he would like to hear about it!

If you missed the club film night last month I recommend anyone who hasn't seen the film Rush to see it if you can, thanks Rose for putting on a good night.

Ringwood is progressing towards licensing & I'm sure there will be a report in the magazine, things seem to be rolling along for the moment but sure there will be a drama or two before we are finished.

Last but not least to all those going to the national meeting from all over Australia we wish you all a great meeting & lots of fun with good weather thrown in!

Cheers Bryn



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Darryl Walker - Associate - Sprite

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



Ben Hall at the Bathurst State Hillclimb

Thursday Working Bees

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FROM THE PAGES OF HISTORY

By Judith Rae

Rising costs including CAMS permit fees dictated an increase in Sprint entry fees to \$8 (an increase of \$2.50). The club opened negotiations with 2HD to once again sponsor the Mattara Hillclimb for 1976.

The committee accepted the proposal by Doug Rae and Howard MacLean to have the track at Nelsons Plains rebuilt before the next sprint. The overall cost would be \$2000 including additional gravel. The work was carried out by member Malcolm Bailey. The MG National Meeting was hosted by MGCC Tasmania over Easter, The mid year Cabaret was held at Kahibah Bowling Club as a benefit night, portion of the proceeds was donated to "House with No Steps". Club membership at the end of June was 313.

The Driver Training Range was once again the venue for an advanced driving course with lectures held over 5 evenings. As in previous years the course culminated with practical lessons at the Sprint Track at Nelsons Plains. Negotiations with 2HD

broke down and WD & HO Wills accepted an offer to sponsor the Mattara Hillclimb.

Following representation from the Club, Newcastle City Council expended \$6000 for hotmix sealing of large areas of King Edward Park. The result being one of the smoothest events held at this venue with only minor delays. The most notable was when Ian Best smashed his Fiat 600 through the safety fence dropping 50ft down the cliff with only the lantana stopping him from dropping onto the rocks below.

To wind the year up Doug Rae was presented with Life membership for his service to the club over many years (and many more to come), The David Huck Perpetual Trophy was awarded to Chris Dodds. Speed events during the year averaged around 40 competitors. On the social scene the theatre parties continued to be popular including several live performances at the Civic Theatre. The Mid Year Cabaret at Kahibah Bowling Club was the best attended for some time.

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With the emphasis on touring the green hills of the beautiful northern river country of the Qld/NSW border there will be so much to enjoy!

<http://www.goldcoastmgcarclub.com.au/registration-for-nm14/>

Friday April 18

Noggin N' Natter, Rocker Cover Racing and Finger food.

Saturday April 19

Concours - Free night to visit Byron Bay Blues Festival

Sunday April 20

Navigation Challenge Part I / Touring Assembly Part I
Theme Night Dinner -The Age of Aquarius

Monday April 21

Navigation Challenge Part II / Touring Assembly Part II
Dinner with presentation of trophies - Concours winners;
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SOCIAL NEWS

The movie **RUSH** seemed to be enjoyed by all who attended the last club night. Interesting story of two of the world's best Formula 1 drivers James Hunt and Niki Lauda, if you haven't seen this movie its worth a look. There

was a variety of ice creams provided at interval with a light supper served after the movie.

The next club night will be on Friday 11th April, 2014 at the Cobby Street clubrooms.

THE NEXT NATTER NIGHT Saturday 3rd May 2014

BARBEQUE at Joy and Paul Bowers home

Nathan Close. Metford. Phone H 49332346

Bring your barbeque food and BYO drinks and chair.

2014 YDDC DATES

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.

AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB CHAMPIOPNSHIP NOVEMBER 2014

**Calling ALL members.
This is YOUR opportunity to assist your Club.**

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REGISTER SECRETARY REPORT

Thanks to all those that have returned the information sheet from the magazine.

So far 23 members have responded. If I was to count the vehicles on our register it will far exceed this number. Those that have not responded, please do so. (See form Page 23)

It might be worth remembering that the Club has a responsibility to ensure correct information is kept, as we are answerable to the RMS.

Progress at Ringwood.

An inspection on the 3rd March resulted in a few issues being raised with regard to track safety.

A couple of weeks of research, proposals and much debate, has resulted in a resolution to the new requirements.

Materials have been arranged and work has continued with a firm direction now on the table.

The inspection outcome was not what was initially expected, however the outcome will result in a much safer track and environment, not only for the competitors but for the spectators as well.

The comment made by the track inspector of "It's too late to build the

barrier after the accident" has been taken on board and we are getting on with the suggestions.

By the time the next event is run at Ringwood, those that attend will see the improvements made for the benefit of the membership in general.

I, and the Board believe that we are building a first class venue that will not only be enjoyable to competitors but spectators as well.

At the moment there are a couple of groups (committees) that have been put in place by the Board.

One is to bring about the efficient running of the AHCC in November while the other group operating independently of the AHCC Committee is to ensure the track and facilities are in place to allow the running of this event. At the moment a large portion of this work is being carried out by DAD's Army on their usual Thursday working bees. If you have the time to attend any of these days, or any of the extra working bees advertised on the web site or in the club magazine, please contact myself, Doug Rae, Bryn Baverstock or Rick Vincent. I'm sure we can find a place for you at the lunch table.

Alan



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Mark your diaries and keep an eye on the club website for details

www.mgccc Canberra.org.au





Above: Denis Russell Below: Darval Thomas





Above: Cooper Calman Below: Steve Cromac



LAND PANEL REPORT

On the plus side all our containers are off IRH's property with one being resited with a new roof, some roofing sheets need to be brought onto our side and then the road needs closing with our temporary fencing.

The pit/paddock area has been graded and some rocks removed this will be ongoing until grassed and prepared for the access roads to be sealed.

The top flag point construction is ongoing with consideration to protecting the officials from inclement weather being put in place and steps constructed.

Six lengths of guardrail were removed from exit turn 3 to be repositioned drivers left turn 6.

Our last working bee concentrated on tyre bundles which are nearly finished with the next project being to fix belting to the face of the bundles and anchor the lot to the guardrail.

Some changes to the area approaching the finish chute is to be attended to and a safety wall at the end of the finish straight will be constructed.

Doug Rae

Land Panel Chairman.

Trivia Spot

The height of the MGB windscreen was dictated by International Racing rules for the class it was to compete in, without those rules and MG's competition aspirations' the MGB might have been easier to see out of for taller drivers...

FOR THE INFORMATION OF MEMBERS

We have received the 2014 MG Accessories magazine from the UK listing accessories and spare parts for classic and modern MG's.

This catalogue is available from the Club library for viewing but it is to remain on the club premises.

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	32
Jeff Newey	2	30
Graham Orr	3	27
Bob Millington	4	26
Steven Woods	4	26
Kenneth Atkins	6	25
Harry Harris	6	25
Simon MacPherson	8	24
Ryan Bates	8	24
Chris Weir	8	24

Members Point Score		
Name	Rank	Points Total
Michael Snow	1	26
Rose Cogger Collins	2	22
Bryn Baverstock	3	20
Judith Rae	3	20
David Walker	5	18
Doug Rae	5	18
John Collins	7	16
Rick Vincent	8	14
Michael Potts	8	14
Ken Short	8	14



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Lyall Clarke		2	15
Bryn Baverstock		3	13
David Walker		4	12
Andy Peters		5	11
Christine Waugh	L	6	6
Michael Potts		6	6
Bruce Fraser		6	6
John Collins		6	6
Mike Cole		6	6
Wayne Lewis		6	6
Doug Rae		6	6
Ken Short		6	6
Eric Chandler		6	6
Bronwyn Lewis	L	6	6
Judith Rae	L	6	6
Lesley Walker	L	6	6
Jan Clarke	L	6	6
Robyn Short	L	6	6
Helen Baverstock	L	6	6
Rose Collins	L	6	6
Beth Fraser	L	6	6
Zara Potts	L	6	6

2014 TRI CHALLENGE POINTSCORE

CLUB	COMPETITOR	POINTS
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TYPE 1 U/2000

KSCC	Jeff Hawkins	12
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TYPE 1 O/2000

KSCC	Peter Anderson	12
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TYPE 2 U/2000

TSCC	Cameron Bell	14
MGCC	Graham Orr	12
KSCC	John Kelly	10
KSCC	Harley Kelly	9
KSCC	Wayne Shore	8
MGCC	Nat Hails	7
MGCC	William Holt	6

TYPE 2 O/2000

KSCC	Anthony Patter- son	13
KSCC	Craig Doyle	11
MGCC	Simon Gray	10

TYPE 3 U/2000

TSCC	Colin Mayman	14
KSCC	Ron Swanson	12
KSCC	Bernie Keast	10
KSCC	Peter Leight	9

CLUB	COMPETITOR	POINTS
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TYPE 3 O/2000

MGCC	Reece Presland	14
KSCC	Jarrad Oram	12
KSCC	Jamie Oram	10
MGCC	Steve Cromack	9
MGCC	Larry Presland	8
MGCC	Kendall O'Connor	7
KSCC	John Fenner	6

TYPE 4 U/2000

KSCC	Brian Comer	12
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TYPE 4 O/2000

TSCC	Matt Halpin	14
MGCC	Mark Constable	12
MGCC	Shannon Constable	10
TSCC	Allan Barnes	9
MGCC	Ben Hall	8

TYPE 5 U/2000

KSCC	Alan Hinds	14
MGCC	Amy Mrcela	12
MGCC	Darval Thomas	10
KSCC	Tom Hackett	9

GROUP 2A/2C SPORTS CARS U/2000

KSCC	Darren Read	12
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GROUP 2A/2C SPORTS CARS O/2000

MGCC	John Collins	12
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TYPE SV, TURBO, 4WD & 4WS O/2

MGCC	Kevin Edwards	12
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MARQUE SPORTS U/1400

KSCC	Vaughan Thomas	12
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MARQUE SPORTS O/1.4 - U/2000

KSCC	Shannon Barnes	14
MGCC	Paul Carroll	12
MGCC	Graeme Semken	10
MGCC	Marea Semken	9
MGCC	Wayne Lewis	8
MGCC	Laurie Gallagher	7
MGCC	Paul Abraham	6

CLUB POINTSCORE 2014
After 1 Round

KSCC	41
MGCC	38
TSCC	32

MARQUE SPORTS O/3000

MGCC	Jim Norris	12
MGCC	Matthew Holt	10

JUNIORS - PRODUCTION VEHICLE

KSCC	Harley Kelly	9
MGCC	William Holt	6

LADIES

MGCC	Amy Mrcela	12
MGCC	Marea Semken	9

OUTRIGHT 2014
After 1 Round

CLUB	COMPETITOR	POINTS
KSCC	Darren Read	12
KSCC	Alan Hindes	11
MGCC	Amy Mrcela	10
MGCC	Kevin Edwards	9
TSCC	Matt Halpin	8
MGCC	John Collins	7
TSCC	Cameron Bell	6
KSCC	Anthony Patterson	5
TSCC	Colin Mayman	4
KSCC	Shannon Barnes	3
MGCC	Mark Constable	2
MGCC	Reece Presland	1

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REGISTER REPORT

We left the club-rooms with 22 starters in all and 4 MG's with a warm over cast but generally sunny day. We travelled to and then down the M1 (F3 for us oldies). It was really great to see those who were lucky enough to have the tops down and enjoy the pleasant weather on offer.

Upon arriving at Lee Rowan's we all gathered in the car Park, ensuring that no-one was left behind, before wandering around the gardens into the Gardenia Café for a well-earned morning tea. After some chit chat and rest, the ladies headed off to further investigate the garden trimmings, while the boys sat back and talked garage stuff.

A big thank you must be given to Helen and Ross for the organising of the day. Well done, and

thank you. Also thank you to all who turned out and helped make for a great morning.

Our next run will be subject to Easter and MG National meeting. At this stage there is a strong chance that April may not be available for a Register Run. Stay tuned.

For those of you and in particular our new members, if you haven't been on a register run it is a great way of breaking the ice and met your club members, none of them bite, we are all like-minded people sharing the same interest, isn't that one of the reasons why you joined?? (apart from the smell of burning tyres on a tarmac and the screeching of tyres over the top of the hill??)

Until our next run,

Cheers,

Fletch & Yvonne

Trivia Spot

The headlights for the MG RV8 came from a Porsche 911 (964 series)

SPEED PANEL

Sorry I wasn't at the Ringwood Round Two, from all accounts it was a good event, particularly with an aggressive approach by John Collins in the new yellow machine, it appears he wanted some extra black racing stripes down the passengers side well done John, I must thank Chris Waugh for her excellent Secretary duties in my absence, with assistance from Jeff Newey and Andy Peters and of course where would be without Judith.

I would like to ask members if they could verify if their CAMS Official Accreditation is current, if they are not sure could they check with CAMS, I can supply a renewal form, if they have their Officials Pass Book up to date.

We are desperate for Officials, so please check your current accreditation, also we intend to arrange Training Courses this year, so if you can assist please contact me, as we need extra officials for the new Ringwood track.

I was lucky to attend this years Grand Prix with my sons, very expensive few days, but it was worth it, three days of Motor Sport with an AFL match thrown in just to confuse all of us.

We were fortune enough to gain grandstand seats on corner 16 prior to pit straight, with supplied earphones an audio of the commentary and large video screens we gained knowledge of the new specification for the Formula 1 cars.

Most of you Formula 1 fans will know most of the following information, but for those select few that don't ,I thought I may supply the following.

Comparing last years V8 with 800 BHP with this years 600 BHP, its hard to really compare, except to say they have changed every thing, from the V8 down to a 1.6 litre V6 and a single turbo with around 50 PSI boost, sounds like Kevin Edwards Evo, an upgrade to the KERS system now known as ERS has considerably assisted in

gaining power, controlling it is another matter.

All these changes including the aerodynamics of the new body makes the car extremely hard to control, as Vettel found out during the practice sessions, and of course there is the new rule relating to the amount of fuel each car can consume during the whole race, set at 100 kg this means that the more fuel efficient the car or team can be, the greater the chances of winning a podium position.

Anyway its all good fun, as it

places a lot more effort on the drivers skill to handle these God Dam Rockets.

See you at the next working bee guys, so we can finish this God Dam Hillclimb.

Keep your tyres hot.

Rick



Steven Woods' Renault Clio at the wet Bathurst State Hillclimb round

MG TALE

With a very seductive voice the woman asked her husband, "Have you ever seen Twenty Dollars all crumpled up?"

"No," said her husband.

She gave him a sexy little smile, unbuttoned the top 3 or 4 buttons of her blouse, and slowly reached down into her cleavage created by a soft, silky push-up bra, and pulled out a crumpled Twenty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Twenty Dollar bill from her and smiled approvingly.

She then asked him, "Have you ever seen Fifty Dollars all crumpled up?"

"Uh... no, I haven't," he said, with an anxious tone in his voice.

She gave him another sexy little smile, pulled up her skirt, and seductively reached into her tight, sheer panties... and pulled out a crumpled Fifty Dollar bill.

He took the crumpled Fifty Dollar bill, and started breathing a little quicker with anticipation.

"Now," she said, "have you ever seen \$50,000 Dollars all crumpled up?"

"No way!" he said, while obviously becoming even more aroused and excited, to which she replied.....

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STATE HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP - BATHURST

The opening two rounds of the NSW State Hillclimb Championship were held at Bathurst on Saturday, 1st March (The Esses) and Sunday, 2nd (Mountain Straight).

The extreme wet weather was a big factor for the weekend, with Saturday's event on a streaming track favouring the 4wd cars and those who had the right "wets".

The outright winner was Victorian Kevin Mackrell in his Datsun 260Z

(actually a fibreglass body over a Nissan GTR 4WD drive train and powered by a 7 litre V8 methanol injected sprintcar engine) - it's called interpretation of the rules!

The best placed MGCC(N) members were Darval Thomas (JWS-Toyota) on his new Avon "wets" (36.75) followed by Mitch Craig (Suzuki GTi) 36.80 and Steven Woods (Renault Clio) 37.18. The rest of us floundered around for a lap, gave up



Peter Robinson and John Collins inspect Peter's PRS

or decided not to compete.

Sunday dawned - still damp but drying so the open wheelers came out to play at the front of the field, followed by the quick AWDs.

Our star junior, Cooper Calman used his RX7's turbo power to be the quickest from the MGCC(N) entries (49.79) followed by the ancient open wheelers of Peter Robinson (PRS) 54.63 and Darval Thomas (JWS-Toyota) 57.55.

Steve Cromack debuted his "Craven Mild" Torana Hatch replica and apart from teething problems had a

successful weekend.

Steven Woods (Renault Clio) came an excellent 3rd in the 0-2500cc non reg. class.

Darval Thomas finished the weekend justified by his decision to fit new "wets" leaving him leading Formula Libre 1301-2000 in the State Hillclimb Championship Pointscore.

The next round is at Canberra on 13th April on their newly re-surfaced track.

Peter Robinson

Trivia Spot

The telephone number of Abingdon (251) provided the starting point for most MG's chassis VINs (Vehicle Identification Numbers). Production TF and Magnette ZAs use a 101 VIN start code. In keeping with tradition, this number came from the Birmingham headquarters telephone number.

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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

This month we have pictures of the state hillclimb held at a very wet Bathurst provided by Eileen Barlow and also some from John Porter of the March Hillclimb at Ringwood. I appreciate all submissions so if you are at an event and take some happy snaps then why not send them in so everyone can enjoy them. Any that aren't published in the magazine can still be put on the website.

Speaking of the website, Ken McLeod has gathered a great deal of information for the Australian Hillclimb Championship page so as soon as I finish this edition of the magazine I will start on updating that and hopefully provide a page that is informative and something the club can be proud of.

I have been around pestering people for stories of late and that is going to continue. Some stories and pictures I would like to see for next months magazine include:

- The adventures of our members at the MG nation meeting in Ballina
- A wrap up of the motorkhana
- The trials of the night owl

Or anything else that may be of interest 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@mgsclub.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 27th April 2014.

Enjoy the mag

Michael

Trivia Spot

MGF was one of the first volume production cars in the world to be fitted with Electric Power Assisted Steering (EPAS), over a decade before the general adoption of a system which has been heralded as one of the "new" important eco-based developments. So MG was there at least 10 years before the masses!

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