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running of both KEP and the AHC

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Coming Events - November 2014

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| Sat 01 | MGCCN | Aust Hillclimb Champ Ringwood M |
| Sun 02 | MGCCN | Aust Hillclimb Champ Ringwood M |
| Thurs 06 | MGCCN | Working Bee Ringwood |
| Sat 08 | AHRG | Evan Green Memorial TR Upper Hunter TR4 CC17 |
| Sun 09 | AHRG | Evan Green Memorial TR Upper Hunter TR4 CC17 |
| Sun 09 | MGCCN | Register Run TBA M R18 |
| Sun 09 | MGCCN | MG HR + MGCCN Concours Elder St Park M CC19 R19 |
| Mon 10 | MGCCN | Magazine Assembly Cobby Street 7pm M |
| Tues 11 | MGCCN | KEP Review Cobby Street 7:30p |
| Wed 12 | MGCCN | Speed panel Cobby Street 8pm M |
| Thurs 13 | MGCCN | Working Bee Ringwood |
| Fri 14 | MGCCN | Club Night AGM Cobby Street 8pm M |
| Sun 16 | MGCCN | Khanacross Ringwood M KC4 CC18 |
| Tues 18 | MGCCN | Board Meeting Cobby Street 7:30p M |
| Thurs 20 | MGCCN | Working Bee Ringwood |
| Sun 23 | MGCCN | Hillclimb Ringwood M CC16 R17 TS6 |
| Thurs 27 | MGCCN | Working Bee Ringwood |
| Sat 29 | MGCCN | YDDC Ringwood M |
| Sat 29 | HDCC | STATE Khanacross Rnd 8 Hampton |

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| Mon 01 | MGCCN | Magazine Assembly Cobby Street 7pm M |
| Wed 03 | MGCCN | Speed panel Cobby Street 8pm M |
| Thurs 04 | MGCCN | Working Bee Ringwood |
| Tues 09 | MGCCN | Board Meeting Cobby Street 7:30p |
| Thurs 11 | MGCCN | Working Bee Ringwood |
| Fri 12 | MGCCN | Presentation/Xmas Party Cardiff RSL |
| Sun 14 | TBA | CSCA Supersprint SMSPP |
| Fri 19 | | School Term Finish |
| Thurs 25 | | Christmas Day |
| Fri 26 | | Boxing Day |

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.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day all,
Well we have done it!
 Run an Australian
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 Championship at

Ringwood! Everyone involved can give themselves a huge pat on the back for a job well done. I can't tell you how impressed I was to see so many club members turn up on the Saturday & Sunday, around fifty to sixty each day to help run the event.

The overall feedback has been very positive including the stewards report which is very satisfying Also the president of CAMS Andrew Papadopoulos was there for most of the day & was most complimentary on the event & the Ringwood complex. He kindly stayed on to present some of the trophies.

Because the editor has a deadline & has held it up just to get this bit in, next month we should get a full report & pictures out for you. The conditions on Sunday were near perfect for racing & produced some really fast times & broke just about every record in the book. So once again a great event & thank you one & all for your participation.

The next social event is the

Christmas party so don't forget to get your tickets from Rose & join in the festivities on the 12th of December

Friday the 14th November is the club night & when we have the AGM, please make the effort to come along & support the elections of your club officials, for without them there is no one to run the club, no board members no club, it's your choice! You also get to hear the yearly report & maybe an insight as to the future plans of the club, Also I will be able to give the latest report on the future of King Edward Park as far as the running of the event & how it will be impacted by the Newcastle Council Bathers Way project. All in all a fun night BE THERE!

Thanks again to all who helped with the running of the AHC a great weekend.

Cheers Bryn



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Colin Heales - Associate - Austin Healey Sprite
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Reece Attwood - Associate- Datsun 1600
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A husband and wife went to the fairgrounds. The wife wanted to go on the Ferris wheel, but the husband wasn't comfortable with that. So the wife went on the ride by herself.

The wheel went round and round and suddenly the wife was thrown out and landed in a heap at her husband's feet.

"Are you hurt?" he asked.

"Of course I'm hurt!" she replied. "Three times around and you didn't wave once!"

Two men who haven't seen each other for many years meet on the street. One asks the other how things have been.

"Wonderful, for a while," the other says. "I had it all: money, a magnificent house, a fast car, the love of a beautiful woman. Then, one day, poof! It was all gone."

"What a shame," the friend says. "What on Earth happened?"

Says the other man: "My wife found out."

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AUSTRALIAN HILLCLIMB CHAMPION MURRAY BINGHAM

Murray Bingham is an Ex President of MG Car Club Newcastle and he is in fact the first NSW Australian Hillclimb Champion (AHC)

The year, 1972, in which he won, the AHC was determined by a series and continued in that from till 1975. It was only the third time the event was won by a Sports Car and the only time won by a builder/driver of a sports car. The first time was in 1966. Then the AHC was won by a Porsche Spider 904, in 1971 it was won by a Porsche 906 and in 1972 it was won by the Bingham Porsche Cobra PAC3 using the vastly modified car which won in 1966, it was the ex Tom Sulman Porsche Cobra which he purchased from local Malcolm Bailey who had

bought it from Tom's deceased estate.

Previously to this Murray raced his Bingham Renault PAC1, which had 18 wins from its last 19 starts. In 1970 in the pits Tom used to say his car needed a young bloke like him to tame it. Little did he know at the time, he would be killed in an accident, in his Lotus, at Bathurst and that Bingham would buy his Porsche Cobra and tame it.

After a total engine rebuild and a new Bingham body and other modifications John Collins, (the same competitor here on the track today in his yellow JWS) was able to tame the power of the engine by modifying the 4 double downdraft Weber Carbys and linkages. Then John

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was working at Precision Auto Conversions in Wickham.

Murray set new outright records in NSW and VIC winning the 3rd round competition, beating the more fancied open wheelers. Competition was strong from interstate drivers, Paul England in his twin engine, supercharged All Wheel Drive Ausca (a 3 times AHC) from Vic, Jim Abbot's Brabham/Traco from Vic and Stan Keen in his Elfin Formula 5000 from SA plus many other regulars.

Bingham won the first round at King Edward Park in Newcastle, by over a second. He received help from his opposition, Stan Keen, to repair the rear suspension, damaged in The Pinch, during practice. "They were a great bunch of guys" Murray said.

In the second event he came 2nd to Paul England's 4WD Ausca, in the wet, in Collingrove SA. He missed a

gear on the vital run. He won the third round at Lakeland Vic, beating Paul England at his home track.

Now Murray is in full time ministry. In 1988 he was in Churches & Highway and from 2005 in the Church Ministry. He has been travelling around Australia in various mobile homes for the last 9 years and at the moment is based in Yeppoon, Qld.

He sends this message: "We wish you all a safe, fast record breaking and enjoyable 2014 AHC on the new track.

Yours faithfully

Ps Murray Bingham
(murrayb777@yahoo.com.au)"







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 14th 2014, commencing at 8pm.

Agenda:

- Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held Friday, 8th November, 2013.
- 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 2015 (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 2015 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.
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President the leader, chairs committee meetings, and has the casting vote in case of a deadlock decision. Delegates jobs to committee persons, encourages members at events, and always acts with the best interests of the Club and its members.

Vice President assists the President, stands in for him/her when the President is absent. Helps other committee members with any special projects.

Honorary Secretary takes the minutes, deals with the incoming and outgoing correspondence, circulates information to members, via the magazine, and passes on information to the various panels. Answers enquiries about the club and its activities. Is in touch with CAMS a lot.

Honorary Treasurer handles the Club's accounts, receives the money, deals with banking and investments. Is responsible for paying the accounts, keeping records and making sure that the books are audited at the end of the financial year.

Publicity Officer inform members and the general public of our activities. Always striving to keep a high profile of the Club whenever possible. Extra promotion for large events such as State Hillclimb events at Ringwood, King Edward Park, etc. Endeavour to get Club information into newspapers, radios or magazines. May assist the Register Captain with displays and parades, and the Editor with advertisers for the magazine.

Club Captain organises the Club Championship structure and maintains the Club member pointscore, assists with the calendar. Receives results and working bee records and attendance sheets for the pointscore. Co-ordinates with panels to organise trophies for distribution after the events.

Social Secretary provides supper for Clubnights each month, does not have to cook, can be purchased. Organise other social outings as well as Christmas/Presentation Dinner and Natter Nights. Can form a social committee of helpers if necessary. Help with catering at events if required.

Magazine Editor does not write the magazine, but receives articles written by others to edit and produce the magazine. Ensures the magazine is delivered to and from the printer. Organises the Magazine Assemblies and posting. Handles gathering of advertisers, artwork and invoices.

MG Register Captain an MG owner, someone who is likely to attend most of the Club runs. Organises the monthly Register Runs, also the annual Concours. Keeps the register pointscore for MG owners, contacts MG members for promotional parades or displays.

MG Register Secretary assists the Register Captain to plan and conduct MG events. Ensures enquires and correspondence specifically relating to MGs are considered and answered. May act as National Meeting Co-ordinator organising

accommodation and travel arrangements. Looks after the Club's Historic Registration Scheme. Keeps abreast of MG information in Australia and overseas.

Event Co-Ordinator is an important part of setting up the year's calendar along with the Club Captain to construct the Club Championship pointscore. Helps other panel members to promote their events. Is responsible for keeping the calendar current with event changes that often happen, and supply to Editor a list of coming events for the current magazine. Ideally a NAMS delegate as well.

Chairman of Rally Panel organise Rallies/ Rallysprints/ Touring Road Events for the year. Can use other Directors, organise checkers, officials, liaise with local authorities, Police, Forestry etc., paperwork to CAMS. Bring rally matters to committee for attention.

Chairman of Speed Event Panel organises Tar Speed events such as Ringwood Hillclimbs, Supersprints etc. This persons does not have to direct all these events, but is responsible for making them happen and can assist. Make sure event permits from CAMS are in place and supp regs are distributed to invited clubs. Make sure enough officials are organised and the venue is ready. Results to go to the Club Captain. Might keep mailing list of competitors.

Chairman of Autotest Panel organises the Motorkhana/ Khanacross events for the year. Locate suitable venues. Once again does not have to organise all events, but responsible to organise officials, timekeepers, paperwork to CAMS etc. Send results to Club Captain.

Chairman of Equipment Maintenance Panel responsible for the maintenance of mechanical equipment at Ringwood Complex. Does not have to fix it personally, organises necessary work to be done by others, so that equipment is fully functionally. Makes recommendations to Committee re equipment needed.

Membership Secretary processes new members and keeps a database of club members up to date. Ensures new members receive relevant information on joining.

Chairman Land Panel is responsible for the maintenance of the Track and surrounding area at Ringwood. Organises any work to be done by other parties or organises and advertises working bees of club members for general maintenance of the Complex. Works closely with the Speed Event and Equipment Maintenance Co-ordinators.

Member No.1 This person has no direct responsibilities, helps other committee members with projects, and may have previously been on Committee.

Member No.2 Must be first appointment to the Committee, assists other committee members. Is a good introduction to the running of the Club and its business and activities.

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SPEED PANEL REPORT

Well the AHC was sure a successful event, many competitors found the new circuit quite a challenge, with a few coming to grief at corner seven, I'm writing this article as the event proceeds, the unofficial outright fastest time of the day went to Malcolm Oastler at 32.86 following in second place Brett Hayward at 33.46 and third place Greg Ackland with 34.36, the whole event was watched by a large enthusiastic spectators, and an excellent TV coverage by NBN, so a very special thanks goes to John Finch, who chaired the organizing committee, and the large number of club members, who made this event such a huge success.

Full AHC race results will be available via the website.

The Speed Panel has proposed to the board that the following changes to the Class Structures for all Ringwood Tar Speed Events be adopted commencing for the first event in 2015.

VEHICLE CATEGORIES & CLASSES: Please refer to Entry Form Tar Series Speed Event Rules - 2015

If entering via www.meecamsau.com classes can be selected via Hill Climb Classes > MGCCN.

TYPE 1 - Unmodified Road registered cars as per Entry Form & Tar Series Speed Event Rules under 2000cc & over 2000cc.

TYPE 2 - Modified Road registered modified cars as per Entry Form & Tar Series Speed Event Rules under 2000cc & over 2000cc.

TYPE 3 - Modified cars incl. Improved Production Cars as per Entry Form, Tar Series Speed Event Rules & CAMS Manual under 2000cc & over 2000cc.

TYPE 4 - 3D Sports Sedans as per the CAMS Manual & Tar Speed Event Rules under 2000cc & over 2000cc.

TYPE 5 Prod - Purpose built vehicle, which cannot be classed as type 1, 2, 3, 4, SV or MS, using Car Production type engine block under 2000cc & over 2000cc.

TYPE 5 Special - Purpose built vehicle, which cannot be classed as type 1, 2, 3, 4, SV or MS, using Motor Cycle/ Special type engine block under 2000cc & over 2000cc.

SV - Road registered kit cars, Limited Compliance, Production Turbo 4W/D and/or 4W/S under 3000cc & over 3000cc.

Open OR Closed Sports Car 2A/2C & Clubman type cars, as per CAMS Manual Motorsport under 2000cc & over 2000cc.

SAE - FORMULA SAE UNI VEHICLES. (NOTE: Vehicles must comply with the Speed Event Standing Regulations as well as these Regulations)

MARQUE SPORTS - CLASSIC (pre 1/01/1986) - under 2000ccs; 2001-3000ccs; over 3000ccs using Road Registerable Tyres.

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JUNIORS - Special Vehicle.

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A minimum of 3 vehicles are required to make a competition class on the day for trophies to be awarded. If there are less than 3 vehicles in a class, then they move up to the higher capacity class to try to make up 3 vehicles in that class. If there are no entrants in a higher class, then trophies are awarded as per clause 13 below.

In the case of a vehicle having been moved up to a higher capacity class, and that driver sets a "class/capacity record" he will be recognised for historical purposes and a "trophy" be awarded to recognise the new record.

Amalgamated classes will be scored in the Club Competition point scoring system as if the cars were entered in their normal scoring class.

The organisers may reclassify an entry if they believe it is not "fairly" placed in the class in which it has been entered.

13. RESULTS, PRIZES/AWARDS:

Results shall be determined by the fastest time of the day. Results will be available during the following week. Trophies will be available at the next Ringwood Park MGCC N Hillclimb.

They will be awarded for:

- a) Combined First in Class & Outright FTD -Trophy
- b) New Class Record - Trophy.
- c) 1st in Class (3 competitors) - Trophy
- d) 1st & 2nd in Class (4 competitors) - Trophies.
- e) 1st, 2nd & 3rd in Class (5 competitors) -Trophies.

Club members who compete at Ringwood will be sent an e mail in the near future, detailing their required involvement in assisting with the running of next years events, details will be provided on planned CAMS training seminars, this will be a requirement for future competition events.

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During the month of August and September, I visited European and British sports car manufacturers, including automotive museums, I intend to make a short video of these interesting plants which include Lamborghini , Pagani, Ferrari drive, Mercedes, and four laps of the Nurburgring finishing off with Jag , Lotus and good old Morgan.

The video will be shown on a club night to be advised.

Look forward to seeing you all at the AGM meeting, on the 14th November, also there is one round left to go with the Ringwood Hillclimb Championship on the 23rd November (Round 6) please enter via www.mecamsau.com

That's all from me, again thanks to all who assisted with the running of the AHC, job well done.

Keep your tyres hot .

Regards,

Rick.

CLUB POINTSCORE

Accurate up to and including the 19th of October 2014

| Mick Nielson (Club Member of the year) | |
|---|---------------|
| Member Name | Points |
| Rick Vincent | 50 |
| Michael Snow | 48 |
| Bryn Baverstock | 42 |
| John Collins | 40 |
| Graham Orr | 36 |
| Brian Sutton | 36 |
| David Atkins | 35 |
| Paul Bower | 34 |
| Ken Short | 33 |
| Doug Rae | 33 |
| Ryan Bates | 32 |
| Rose Collins | 32 |
| Greg Hunter | 28 |
| Alan Bates | 26 |
| Lyall Clarke | 26 |
| Joy Bower | 24 |
| Darrell Gregory | 24 |
| Gregg Noonan | 24 |
| Marea Semken | 22 |
| Ian Fletcher | 22 |

| Chris Dodds (Club Champion) | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------|--|
| Member Name | Points | Events contested (Minimum 8 to qualify) |
| Steven Woods | 75 | 6 |
| Bob Millington | 71 | 5 |
| Chris Weir | 64 | 5 |
| Harry Harris | 64 | 5 |
| Paul Carroll | 63 | 4 |
| Keith Hammond | 61 | 5 |
| Jeff Newey | 58 | 4 |
| Graham Orr | 57 | 4 |
| John Finch | 57 | 5 |
| John Collins | 56 | 5 |
| Ian Fletcher | 52 | 5 |
| Kenneth Atkins | 49 | 4 |
| Lawrence Constable | 48 | 4 |
| Tom Clemens | 47 | 4 |
| Ryan Bates | 46 | 4 |
| Mitchell Potts | 45 | 4 |
| Paul Abraham | 42 | 5 |
| Andy Peters | 40 | 4 |
| Darval Thomas | 39 | 3 |
| Garry Christopherson | 37 | 3 |

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