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Coming Events - December 2014

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.

Coming Events - January 2014

Thurs 01		New Years Day	
Wed 07	MGCCN	Speed Panel	Cobby Street 8pm M
Fri 09	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7:30p M
Thurs 15	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Tues 20	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30p M
Thurs 22	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Mon 26	MGCCN	Australia Day Register Run	TBA M R1
Tues 27	MGCCN	Australia Day Pub Hol	
Wed 28		School Term Start	
Thurs 29	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood

Coming Events - February 2014

Sun 01	WAC	Motorkhana	Awaba 10am MK1 CC1
Thurs 05	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 07		State HC 1 pract	Marulan
Sun 08		State Hillclimb Rnd 1	Marulan
Mon 09	MGCCN	Magazine Assembly	Cobby Street M
Wed 11	MGCCN	Speed Panel	Cobby Street 8pm M
Thurs 12	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 13	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7:30p M Ringwood M CC2 R2
Sun 15	MGCCN	Hillclimb	TS1
Tues 17	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30p M
Thurs 19	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 21	MGCCN	Natter Night	Ken McLeod
Sun 22	WAC	STATE Motorkhana 1	Awaba 10am
Thurs 26	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood

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PRESIDENT SUMMARY FOR 2014

Well here we are again another year gone in the life of the MGCC, a very busy year I think you will agree! Most of you in this room will know what a year we have had concerning our major asset Ringwood. Apart from the building programme over the last couple of years we were then offered the running of the Australian Hillclimb Championships what an effort has been put in to go from running our first event in June on a very raw new extension, to the AHC in November, the transformation has truly been remarkable & a credit to all concerned. The feedback so far has been very positive & Andrew Papadopoulos the President of CAMS who paid us a visit was very complimentary. I think the club can feel very proud in what was achieved.

King Edward Park came & went this year overshadowed I think by the AHC. It was a successful event all round with no big problems just the usual minor dramas; however crowd numbers were down on the Monday which is a bit of a concern. After fifty seven years of running the event we seem to be able to do it ok, but the last working bee was very poorly attended.

While on the subject of KEP I might as well tell you what we know of its future & the new Bathers Way that the council are building through the park. The future for the hillclimb is very much up in the air from the clubs view of things.

The new pathway will certainly do away with the pinch as we know it & it remains to be seen whether we can negotiate with council as to how keen they are to keep the hillclimb going but whatever happens there will be major changes. When the work is due to start is the bit we don't know & I have a meeting planned with the council next month to see what time frame they are working to & where we might fit into their plans so hopefully we will know more then.

We had a come & see what you own day at Ringwood in August which seemed to go well, people liked the idea of being able to drive the track & generally see what was happening.

The Young Driver course continues to do well & my very very good new friend Andrew Papadopoulos seemed impressed with the concept!

Club nights, I would like to see more club members enjoying the facilities, we have great a/c clubrooms & Rose puts on a supper for us. Ideas are more than welcome I really would like to have some input as to what you would like to see at club nights, nothing is sacred if change is needed let's do it but you have to tell us!

Club life in particular rallies, motorkhanas, dirt, & MG runs all seem down a bit whether overshadowed by Ringwood I'm not sure but let's hope that next year we can spend some time on these events, I would like to see this



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year a big comeback in the dirt events at Ringwood & I know some of you out there are keen to get involved. The club has a commitment that when the land was sold dirt facilities would also benefit & perhaps now is the time for us to think about honouring that pledge. Ken Atkins has nominated to be the Autotest man again next year, let's get a panel going to promote these events.

Our next door neighbour is well advanced with his plans & when I spoke to him at the AHC he was confident that construction would start in the New Year.

Whats for Ringwood next year? A slower year I hope! While most of the large jobs are done there is always maintenance & we hope to get our track licence to be able to run different configurations of the track layout

As we have found out over the last year or so Ringwood also is a venue that is in demand by other people, driving schools, clubs that are outside the cams network & the like. We already have three bookings to date for next year Plans are being made to produce a brochure detailing the hiring & facilities available at Ringwood, This could well be a financial win for the club

& if KEP were to go a replacement earner for the club.

Officials are always in short supply although I have to say both for the AHC & KEP club members at these the two major events rose to the occasion & numbers were excellent. It is at the club level more help is needed particularly in administration, timing etc. so think about helping out if you can.

The MG nationals are in Victoria next year & Fran Hodgson is our coordinator again so give Fran a call if you need any info, I believe there is already a fair bit of interest being shown.

Lastly I would like to thank the board who work all year for the benefit of the club, Dads Army for their great work & you the members, we all know this has been one heck of a year!

Thank you all for your support & now I will hand you over to the treasurer Darval Thomas

Thursday Working Bees

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JOKE CORNER

Woman in a brand new Cadillac Doing 65 mph with her face up next to her rear view mirror putting on her eyeliner. I looked away for a couple seconds... to continue shaving and when I looked back she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a man, I don't scare easily. But she scared me so much; I had to put on my seat belt and I dropped my electric shaver which knocked the donut out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my Cell Phone away from my ear which fell into the coffee between my legs! Splashed, and burned Big Jim and the Twins, ruined the damn phone, soaked my trousers, and disconnected an important call. Damn women drivers!

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RINGWOOD REPORT

Would you believe that it has been twenty months since the gate was opened to begin construction on the track extension to the closing of the gate after the Australian Hillclimb Championship.

If you say it quickly, it doesn't seem too long, if you were to sit down and analyse the processes involved and the work accomplished by a bunch of retired/semi-retired people, it's truly amazing.

In itself the end result is testimony to what can be achieved if the mind is willing and the body doesn't give up.

Well people, we are here. It's all over bar the shouting, by the way that took place during the construc-

tion!!!

Once again, without trying to sound like a broken record, I would like to thank everyone for their support and contributions throughout the project, and hopefully into the future to continually improve the facility for the betterment of the members and visitors.

Next year is when DAD's ARMY returns to facility maintenance mode.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to All

Cheers.

Alan.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALAN BATES
ON BEING GIVEN LIFE MEMBERSHIP
OF THE MGCC NEWCASTLE**

**BY A UNANIMOUS DECISION OF THE BOARD FOR HIS WORK
& DEDICATION TO THE CLUB
BRYN BAVERSTOCK PRESIDENT**

LAND PANEL REPORT

I would like to thank the members who assisted in manning the gate and parking area over the 4 days of the event, Neville Lambert, Daryl Walker, Robert Evans, Peter Stringer, Pat Goulding, Andrew Chandler, Graham Semken, Lindsay Chaff and Ern Parson.

Over the 4 days of the event officials and competitors accounted for over 600 trips in and out of the complex, in the initial first days they were instructed to wear their wrist bands, this allowed quicker access as they needed only to wave their arm out of the window to proceed.

Spectator access was handled by 2 officials at a point set up approx 300m from Italia road so as not to cause congestion at the entry. Signs advertising the prices were also set up at the entry and the pay point and no complaints were received through the 4 days of the event. With approx 470 paying customers and various VIP's including complimentary, photographers

and such I estimate 1,000 cars in and out over the 4 days.

Parking was handled quite successfully with the system working well, it was noted that as at KEP a lot of cars stayed for about 4 hrs and at no time was the allotted parking full. The provisions made for disabled parking at the lower end of the spectator bank were used on 3 occasions. The overflow of competitor trailers, camping and tender vehicle parking did not impinge on the spectator area.

On the Land Panel side of things I will be handing over to Alan Bates for the coming year and take this opportunity to thank and congratulate Alan on the time and effort he put in to the venue for the AHC.

So in closing I would like on the clubs behalf to thank the members who have turned up to the many working bees over the past year and worked so hard to make it all happen.

Doug Rae Retiring Land Panel
Chairman





TREASURER'S REPORT

It is with pleasure that I submit this Summary Report of your Association's financial activities in respect to the 2013/14 financial year, being the 12 months ended 30th June 2014.

The year has been absolutely manic; with major events being run including our usual Ringwood Park State Hill climb round, The KEP State and Tri-series rounds over 2 days.

All this plus the HUGE effort by Dad's Army and helpers to construct and prepare the Ringwood Track for Licencing, and ultimately to be the Host venue for the 2014 Australian Hill climb Championship in November over 4 days.

The Ringwood track development expenditure has continued, with a further \$160,196 on the Track plus \$15,507 on associated Plant & Equipment.

Over the past 4 years we have spent as at 30 June 2014 a total of \$375,335 on the Track itself, and a total of \$59,456 on the associated Plant & Equipment.

Between 1 July 2014 and the AHC event, approximately a further \$85,000 (approx) has been spent to

get the development to near finished.

In total almost \$520,000.

The attached Receipts & Payments Statement sets out in detail the movement in our Bank balances during the year.

From a starting Bank balance of \$666,901, we added \$1,184,559 in deposits and outlaid \$1,294,409. for a closing funds at Bank on June 30th 2014 of \$557,051.

Please note that the Deposits and Payments each contain a compensating amount of \$1,000,770, which amount is the total of funds moving in and out of the accounts due to Term Deposits maturing and being re-invested, and the transfer of accumulating funds from one account to another.

As at the 30th June 2014 we had available funds in the Bank of \$116,901, plus a further \$550,000 on Investment in Term Deposits.

I commend this report and the attached Statement to the meeting.

Darval Thomas



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YEAR ENDED 30TH JUNE 2014			
< ===== 2013/14 Financial Year =====>			2012/13
BANK DEPOSITS FOR THE YEAR			
Operating Receipts			
Membership		17,407.68	15,568
KEP 2013 income	46,774.93		
KEP 2013 Sponsors & Advertisers	13,444.55		
		60,219.48	47,076
Ringwood Hillclimb Income	20,537.39		
Non Hillclimb events Income	1,663.18		
		22,200.57	43,253
Ringwood Private Practice & Hire Income		5,144.09	7,613
Recovery of Legal fees		0.00	55,000
Interest received		20,440.99	38,439
Maturing deposits & Transfers Inward		1,000,770.00	1,805,037
CAMS day licences	786.36		1,145
Magazine advertising	1,250.00		1,711
Fuel Tax Credit received	247.00	net	0
Club night receipts	398.27		395
Other Income	1,336.36		0
		4,019.99	
		1,130,202.80	2,015,237
Operating Payments			
EVENT RUNNING COSTS			
Ringwood State Hillclimb - Event costs	-3,417.43		-3,129
KEP 2013 costs	-39,039.95		-36,252
Rinwood Tri & Club Hillclimb Event costs	-4,786.77		
Non Hillclimb event costs	-1,463.37		
Refunds	0.00		-2,711
Trophies & Awards	-3,343.55		
		-9,593.69	-19,882
OVERHEAD & ADMIN COSTS			
Ringwood Property Maintenance	-5,463.10		-4,493
Rinwood Equipment maintenance	-2,046.61		-7,818
Ringwood Rates & Licences	-3,122.87		-1,395
Maturing deposits & Transfers Outwards	-1,000,770.00		-1,805,037
Cobby Street expenses	-2,485.26		-4,823
Magazine costs	-10,186.09		-7,999
Legal costs - Recovery	0.00		-3,188
Admin & Bank fees	-813.34		-733
Paypal & Credit Card fees	-862.06		-1,219
Postage & PO Box	-339.95		-3,053
Printing & stationery	-328.06		0
Internet fees	-135.00		-221
Social & Club nights	-1,111.54		-1,306
Telephone	0.00		-265
CAMS day licences	-1,200.00		-1,789
CAMS & MG UK Affiliation fees	-1,115.70		-1,041
Insurances & Truck Regn/CTP	-6,171.09		-4,622
Donations	-2,100.00		-2,000
Sundry	-164.55		0
		-1,090,466.29	-1,912,976
OPERATING SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR			39,736.51
BALANCE SHEET ITEMS			102,261
add Balance Sheet Receipts			
GST Collected - Owed to ATO		10,971.65	net 11,787
GST Collected - paid to ATO		-12,645.00	
GST Refunds - received		43,644.00	3,181
2014/5 Income received in advance			
KEP 2013 Sponsors & Advertisers Income	860.00		
Ringwood State Hillclimb July 2014 Income	9,571.27		
Ringwood 2014 Australian Hillclimb Income	1,954.54		

						12,385.81	14,968
Less Balance Sheet Payments							
	GST paid to suppliers					-25,193.84	-27,566
	Ringwood Contruction costs					-160,196.09	-191,136
	Equipment Purchased					-15,507.60	-32,439
2015/5 Payments in Advance							
	KEP 2014 costs prepaid					-431.82	
	AHC 2014 costs prepaid					-2,613.64	
						-203,942.99	-251,141
NET CASH SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR						-109,850.02	-133,912
Cash at bank 1/7/13							
	Maitland Building Soc - Term Deposits			550,000.00			
	Maitland Building Soc - S1 Account			33,854.00			
	Maitland Building Soc - S2 Account			75,329.87			
	Commonwealth Bank			7,717.73			
CASH AT BANK START OF YEAR						666,901.60	800,813
CASH AT BANK END OF YEAR						557,051.58	666,901
Made up of :-							
	Maitland Building Soc - Term Deposits					500,000.00	
	Maitland Building Soc - S1 Account					931.07	
	Maitland Building Soc - S2 Account					32,960.41	
						533,891.48	
	Commonwealth Bank					26,421.68	
						560,313.16	
Notes to Accounts							
BALANCE SHEET ITEMS							
Ringwood Development costs							
	2011					-12,273.00	-12,273.00
	2012					-11,730.45	-11,730.45
	2013					-191,136.33	-191,136
	2014					-160,196.09	0
						-375,335.87	-215,139
Buildings & Equipment							
	2012					-11,510.00	0
	2013					-32,438.87	-32,439
	2014					-15,507.60	0
						-59,456.47	-32,439



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REGISTER REPORT

The weather for our last register run of the year could not have been better, clear skies and a typical hot and sunny day. The venue was New Lambton Park where the combined Concurs was held with Hunter MG Car Club.

The turn out and quality of the cars on display was extremely well represented from pre War to the modern MG. When walking around these classics it was un-mistakenly obvious, even to the non-MG owner, that many hours and much labour of love, blood sweat and tears have been put into the restoration and up keeping of



each and every one of these products of British Motoring history. Talking to the owners only proved to reinforce the pride that each owner has with their respective MG.

There was plenty of food and coffee available as well as MG clothing and

caps. Newcastle MG ladies were also hard at it with their stall of Newcastle MG Car Club products and raffle tickets.

Our own Newcastle MG Car Club was well represented with an impressive 16 entrants in a wide variety of classes. Jeff Newey was kept busy bringing in 3 cars all of which gained respective places.



Congratulations to - Jeff Newey, Darren Hodgson, Ken Short, Arthur Scarf, Lyall Clarke, Darryl Walker and Dale Powell, all of which won 1st Place in their respective class.

2nd Place in respective classes went to; Jeff Newey, Fran Hodgson and Steven Woods.

3rd in respective classes went to; Andy Peters and David Walker.

Well done also to Christine Waugh, Bryn Baverstock and Ian Fletcher for their respective places, although no trophies or wine, I'm sure, along with everyone else, enjoyed themselves and the comradery.

I'm sure everyone who attended en-



joyed the day and its offerings and as such we acknowledge the hard work put in by the *Hunter MG Car Club*, I'm sure our President will have more on this in his report.

Just as a foot note, regarding the Perpetual Trophy. This was judged during the final Concurs from the 6 finalists

and the winner will be announced at the Clubs Presentation Night.

See you at the Presentation Night and good luck to all those who are in with a chance for the various awards.

Cheers,

Fletch & Yvonne



Newcastle's Last Australian Hillclimb Champion *Warren Brown*

Hello All,
Firstly, may I say Welcome to Newcastle. My name is Warren Brown and I am the last person from this area to win the Australian Hillclimb Championship. I won it in 1984 which was probably before half the competitors running this weekend were even born and during my career I won 70 hillclimbs outright. I would like to say that in the 80's we had a lot of fun racing each other and always helped each other out and were competitive at the same time.

In 1983 we purchased an open wheeler, known as the Sceptre which had a Leyland V8 4.4 litre motor and I was lucky enough to win the NSW State Title outright.

Then in 1984 we decided to have a real crack at the Australian Title seeing it was at Dapto Huntly Hillclimb and I already held the

outright record there, so I thought I could be in with a chance. Wow - what a weekend! Crashed in practice Friday, rebuilt car overnight in the Motel car park drinking beers with Garry Cosser and other opposition competitors - that was how we did it in those days - we all helped each other out and had fun together.

Saturday - Couldn't get my time under Roger Harrison with his Repco Brabham and trying so hard, blew my clutch. Lucky we had a spare but it was in Newcastle, so my two sons, Trev and Pete, drove back and picked it up. You should have heard the Motel owner bitching when we got the car going at 3am then we test drove it on the highway!

Sunday - Race Day - Bloody Rain!! As soon as we knew it was a wet track, our confidence lifted. We had spent a lot of time on this track because they ran

plenty of events and I had been there in the rain before, unlike people like Kym Rohrlach, Ivan Tighe, Dean Tighe, and Roger Harrison. I went out on my second last run of the day and Garry Cosser said let's make it lighter, so we took out the fire extinguisher and anything else that was bolted to the car then just before going to the line, emptied the cooling system as well and actually set Fastest Time of the Day and won the event!

At the end of 1987, I sold the Sceptre due to being busy with

work and not having the time for it. My Hillclimb Record is - 70 outright wins. I also held outright records on most tracks I drove and my record at Tamworth stood for nearly 20 years and my Gunnedah record still stands to my knowledge but I'm old and forget things.

I am proudest that I'm the last Novocastrian to have won the Australian Hillclimb Championship title and also to have held the outright record at King Edward Park on the original track.

Warren Brown



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Easter 2015 Friday 3rd April to Tuesday 7th April

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THE PROGRAM

Friday	am/pm	Registration (York on Lilydale, York Rd, Mt Evelyn)
	2-4pm	Optional road speed familiarisation session (no helmets) at Historic Rob Roy Hillclimb (Clintons Road, Christmas Hills)
	pm	Noggin n Natter – Welcome and Opening Ceremony (our theme event) plus Rooker Cover Racing (MGCC Vic Clubrooms, Nunawading)
Saturday	am/pm	Concours (Rochford Winery, Coldstream, Yarra Valley)
	am/pm	Coaches to and from the Concours/Healesville for those wanting time out.
	pm	Free Night/Optional BBQ at our MGCC Victoria Clubrooms
Sunday	am/pm	Hillclimb Speed Event and Picnic Day at Historic Rob Roy
	am/pm	Observation Run (Yarra Valley, BUT concluding at Historic Rob Roy so you can participate in the Picnic Day)
	pm	Free Night
Monday	am/pm	Motorkhana (METEC Driving Centre, Bayswater North)
	am/pm	Kimber Run (Yarra Valley)
	pm	Presentation Dinner (Karralyka Centre, Ringwood)
Tuesday	am	Farewell Breakfast (York on Lilydale)
	am	Delegates' Meeting (MGCC Vic Clubrooms)



ACCOMMODATION

See suggestions in Bulletin 1 on our NatMeet website page: www.mgcc.com.au/natmeet2015/index.html
We have listed hosts central to the action.

REGISTRATION

We are committed to providing you with excellent value for money and are making every effort to keep costs as low as possible. The Registration Fee is not yet confirmed; please watch the website and remember, numbers are capped at 400. An Early Bird Discount Registration Fee will be available from 1 December 2014 to 15 February 2015.

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WHAT TO DO NEXT

1. Commit to a fun filled Easter 2015 with your MG friends from around Australia (the whisper is that there will be a big contingent from the West).
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