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# Coming Events - July 2015

Wed 8	MGCCN	Speed Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 8.00pm <b>M</b>
Thurs 9	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 10	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7:30pm <b>M</b>
<b>Sun 12</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Khanacross</b>	<b>Ringwood KC 3 CC15 M</b>
Tues 14	MGCCN	King Edward Park Hillclimb Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30pm <b>M</b>
Thurs 16	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 18	TSCC	State Hillclimb Practice	Oakburn Park Tamworth
Sun 19	TSCC	State Hillclimb Rd. 7	Oakburn Park Tamworth
Sun 19	WAC	State Khanacross	Awaba 10.00 am
Sun 19	ARDC	State Supersprint Rd 4	SMSP GP Circuit
Tues 21	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30pm <b>M</b>
Thurs 23	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 25	MGCCN	Young Driver Development Course (See Advert for details)	Ringwood
<b>Sat 25</b>	<b>MGCCN/ MGCC NSW</b>	<b>CSCA Supersprint</b>	<b>Sydney Motorsport Park M</b>
<b>Sun 26</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Motorkhana</b>	<b>Ringwood MK5 M 10.00 am start</b>
Sun 26	MCC	State Motorkhana	Nirimba
Thurs 30	MGCCN	Working Bee	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

# Coming Events - August 2015

Sunday 2	WAC	State Motorkhana	Awaba
Thurs 6	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 8	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Practice	Ringwood <b>M</b>
Sun 9	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Rd. 8	Ringwood <b>M</b>
Sun 9	ARDC	State Supersprint Rd 5	Sydney Motorsport Park
Sun 9	TCC	State Motorkhana	Nirimba
Mon 10	MGCCN	Magazine Assembly	Cobby Street 2.00pm <b>M</b>
Tues 11	MGCCN	KEP Hillclimb Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 7,30pm <b>M</b>
Wed 12	MGCCN	Speed Panel	Cobby Street 8.00pm <b>M</b>
Thurs 13	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 14	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7:30pm <b>M</b>
Sat 15	MOC	CSCA Supersprint	Sydney Motorsport Park
<b>Sat 15</b>	<b>TSCC</b>	<b>Tamworth Tri Challenge Practice</b>	<b>Oakburn Park T/C 3</b>
<b>Sun 16</b>	<b>TSCC</b>	<b>Tamworth Tri Challenge</b>	<b>Oakburn Park T/C 3</b>
<b>Sun 16</b>	<b>WAC</b>	<b>State Khanacross Rd 6</b>	<b>Awaba CC 3 KC1</b>
Tues 18	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30pm <b>M</b>
Thurs 20	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
<b>Sun 23</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Hillclimb</b>	<b>R/wood CC17 T/S4 R 14 M</b>
Tues 25	MGCCN	King Edward Park Hillclimb Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 7,30pm <b>M</b>
Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	MGCCN	King Edward Park, Nuts & Bolts working bee	TBA
Thurs 27	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
<b>Sat 29</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b>	<b>Club Macquarie.</b>
Sat 29	WDCC	State Rallysprint Rd 6	Wagga Wagga

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# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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G'day all,

Well I managed to survive the wilds of Scotland & the motorbike trip & am now back to reality!

A lot has happened in a short time so I won't dwell on the past except to say on my behalf thank you & well done to all of you who helped to get Ringwood back on its feet so quickly. The storm happened a couple of days before I left and I only saw the pictures of Ringwood so I can only imagine the amount of work that was put in by the members. Well done.

Once again it's the time of year when the preparations for King Edward Park start again, disappointing that so few people think that it's not worth turning up to help create this great event at the planning meetings but thanks to the few it looks like we are off to a good start.

The sad part of the KEP story is this will be the last run of the famous hill climb, certainly on the existing track & most likely in the park at all. As you all know the Bathers Way is a walkway the council are committed to & is now nearing completion except for the KEP section, once the two ends of the walk are completed work will start on the park. We have had talks with council but the ongoing outlook for us to be able to run again in the park are at best slight. I hope to bring you more up to date details in next month's magazine. For this year though it is business as usual so I hope you will all put an effort in to help the club run this historic event.

As usual the club has a busy calendar & one of the events not to be missed is the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner in late August. Tickets are now on sale & limited so get in soon to be part of the celebrations. I hope to see not only some of the earliest members of this club but also the newest members because this is your club & every member should be proud to be part of this past sixty years & be looking forward to being part of the next sixty years. So let's make it a fun night of history & the future!

My thanks to Dave Atkins for ably holding the fort in my absence & again to those members who were able to help out at Ringwood.

Cheers Bryn

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Louise Steele – Associate – Mitsubishi  
Matthew Clarke – Associate – EH Holden  
Mark De Gioia – Associate - Datsun Sunny  
Jayedon Thompson - Junior

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

## **Thursday Working Bees**

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## **YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE PROGRAMME DATES 2015**

PLEASE NOTE THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT DATES BELOW MAY CLASH WITH A TRACK HIRE. SHOULD THIS HAPPEN THEN TRAINING WOULD BE CONCENTRATED ON LOOSE SURFACES SUCH AS GRASS AND GRAVEL, ALSO CLASSROOM EDUCATION WILL BE INTRODUCED THROUGHOUT 2015.

4. Saturday 25th July, Starting time is 9.30am SHARP, Finishing at 3.00pm
5. Saturday 12th September, Starting 9.30am SHARP, Finishing at 3.00pm
6. Saturday 28th November, Stating time is 9.30 am Finishing at 3.00pm

The programme above can change during the year, please check as the above list will be updated with changes as soon as they come to hand. How- ever it's not always possible to meet the Club Torque deadline.

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# SOCIAL SECRETARY'S REPORT

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At the June club night new members were welcomed and its good to meet them and lean a little about their interests and jobs in the club they would be interested to assist with.

Club nights are a good way to catch up with members as most of us lead very busy lives and attend other race meetings so its good to share views on how they are run and of course how the cars handled other tracks.

The next Club Night is 10th July 2015 at the Cobby Street Club Rooms.

The last Natter night was held at out home at Heatherbrae. Some people enjoyed their game of Pool in the games room while others just enjoyed the Natter of the night. It was a very relaxing night and of course John had a garage inspection and Dale Powell took delivery of his new acquisition a bright blue MGF which I'm sure he will enjoy driving and racing. I think with 5 garages to work in, one with a hoist, John has found his ideal workplace.

If you would like a Natter Night please let me know.

It's now 12 months since John and I were in Europe visiting the Le Mans 24 hours race, if you do go to Europe for this event be sure and book accommodation at least 12 months before close to the track. It was also good to visit the Monza, Imola and Ferrari tracks and the Ferrari Museum. Of course Johns favourite track was Nurburgring an amazing experience in a Nissan GTR RB 35 Twin Turbo current model. But like all good things they must come to an end.

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**Above:** Brian Lear at Ringwood  
**Below:** Brian Sutton in his Caterham





**Above:** Jim Norris 280Z turbo  
**Below:** Kevin Lewis Dallara F3



# RINGWOOD MOTORKHANA REPORT 14/06/15

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The weather once again threatened to cause us problems but for the second time in succession the rain prior to the event saw the grounds in great condition on the day. For this event we used the quarry area for the first time in several years, it like the other 2 ground held up well and is no longer the rock quarry we were used to. The fact that we had 3 grounds in operation allowed the 14 competitors the opportunity of two runs at 9 different tests, making for a great value day of motorsport, and we were all done and away by 3.00pm. (At what other Club event do you get 18 runs for \$30?)

It was good to see the improvement in the driving of the Juniors after just the two motorkhanas held this year..

The event was supported and enjoyed by several WAC members, while some of our own regulars couldn't make it, we still had a viable event and hopefully, as the grounds continue to improve, we will see a few more come to join in the fun.



We also saw the return of Craig Whyburn to the Motorkhana scene after an absence of about 20 years. He showed that his experience in Dirt Events, be they Forest Rally, Rallysprint or Khanacross, kept his skill levels up. He took fastest time for 8 out of the 9 tests. Unfortunately brain fade on just one test saw him relegated to 2<sup>nd</sup> Outright. Not a bad effort after such a long layoff  
Craig cuts it fine on the last flag of one of the tests.



Alexander and Martin Reeves were the MG drivers for the event. Alexander, fresh from his success at the National Meeting, decided that the MGB GT needed a run, so they switched from the Commodore

The next Autotest Event is a Dirt /Tar Khanacross scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> July. You can enter for just the Tar Section or for the full event as we did last November. You get to try many of the Hillclimb Courses (with slight adjustments) in one day and for just \$40 entry fee.

The next Motorkhana is on 26<sup>th</sup> July at Ringwood. You can, but don't need to pre enter, just come up early and enter on the day.





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## JOY BOWER



### **When and how did you get involved with the MG Car Club Newcastle?**

Paul & I joined the MGCC approx' 18 years ago when we purchased our 1964 MGB. We purchased the car for Paul to compete in Supersprint & Hill climbs. I, at this stage, had no interest in competing myself but was happy to become involved in the committee & social side of the club. We have been, over time, involved with HSRCA with Paul racing & competing successfully in Group 'S' This took us to many venues both locally & Interstate. We also were part of the MGCCN team at the MG National meetings over many years. During this time we made many wonderful friends who we still work & socialise with today

### **How did you first become involved in motor sport as a competitor or official?**

Both Paul and I have been involved in motor sport for many years belonging to the Renault Car Club in Sydney. We both competed in our Renault 10 & later in our Toyota Corona 1600'S' at venues around Sydney & the Blue Mountains. (Oran Park, Catalina Park & Amaroo Park) I also had a Renault 750 as my run around car, (what a top little car). We also competed in other aspects of motor sport.

After a time with a growing family we gave motor sport a holiday, moved to the Hunter Valley, built a house & went sailing catamarans at a competitive level with our two sons. This was a most enjoyable time in our lives & I became President of the Lake Macquarie Catamaran Club. This was my first major role as an administrator of a club.

When our boys went on to pursue other sporting careers we were looking to go back to being involved in motor sport & after many enquiries we decided MGCCN filled the bill, both as a competitor & socially. After joining we were made most welcome & have been involved in all aspects of club life ever since.

### **In what activities or events are you (or have you been) involved or competed?**

I have mostly been involved in social events both as a team member or team leader. I have been on many organising committees for large social & sporting events such as KEP, Australian Hillclimb Championships, National MG Meetings co-ordinator, MC at many presentation evening, catering leader at several events. I also held positions on the board as Regalia Officer & Club Membership Secretary. All of these roles I have been part of a great team of women doing many jobs for the betterment of the club.

### **What do you enjoy most about your involvement in motor sport?**

In a word "Friendship" Over the years we have made friendships which will last a lifetime. We have also enjoyed participating with & travelling with these people & socialising together.

### **What has been your greatest achievement in motor sport?**

I don't believe I personally have had any great achievement in motor sport but with both Paul competing in our Mazda MX5 & our son Wayne in his Lotus Elise, I have been able to enjoy & support my family's successes both at club & state level as they compete at many levels of motor sport.

### **Do you have any non-motor sport interests or hobbies?**

I enjoy travel in particular in our caravan as we have travelled to all states & territories of Australia. We enjoy fishing, FWDs' camping, boating, supporting our Grandchildren as well as socialising with family & friends

### **What's the best advice you have been given about motor sport?**

"Be more understanding about spending too much money on motor cars"

### **Who is your motor sport hero and why?**

Don't have any heroes but I do admire both those who drive the cars & the expertise of teams & individuals who prepare cars & support motor sport. This is at both professional & amateur level.

### **What is your current Road Car?**

A Land Rover Discovery, We also own a Mini Cooper S

### **Any comments you would like to add.**

I believe sometimes that many women slip under the radar when it comes to "Thank you" from club board members. They are very rarely recognised for their expertise as administrators or organisers. Women play a very important part in the running of events & the MGCCN generally. They often do jobs & take on positions others find too arduous. Their participation often frees up others (men) to compete in events. Women should be welcomed to the club & recognised for the role/s they play.

MGCCN must be for all members, young, old, men & women.

# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

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Hello All,

Here are the main scores up to and including the 16th of June. I have included the Bonus Officials points list as well. Be sure to let me know if I have the wrong class against your name or have missed you. Next months magazine will have a complete point score for all of the series as well. Until then you can check it at this address: <http://mgcc.johndroach.com/>

Have a great month!

John

<b>Mick Nielson (Club Member of the year)</b>		<b>Chris Dodds (Club Champion)</b>	
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Ken McLeod	48	David Walker	68 6
Rose Collins	48	John Fraser	59 5
Judith Rae	42	John Collins	58 5
Bryn Baverstock	40	Doug Rae	56 6
Rick Vincent	40	Darren Hodgson	56 4
Lyall Clarke	36	David Atkins	49 4
David Walker	36	Dale Powell	47 4
David Atkins	36	Andrew Fraser	46 4
Kerry Woollard	36		

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David Walker	MSptClassicu2ltr	11
Doug Rae	MSptClassicu2ltr	11
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**Below:** Ian Fletcher in his Peugeot 306





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