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**COVER: Pat Goulding coming through the
pinch at King Edward Park for the final time**

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Coming Events – November 2015

Tues 10	MGCCN	King Edward Park Wrap up Meeting	Cobby Street 7.30 pm M
Wed 11	MGCCN	Speed Panel Meeting	Cobby Street 8.00 pm M
Thurs 12	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 13	MGCCN	Annual General Meeting and Election of Board	Cobby Street 6.30 pm for BBQ M
Sat 14	AHRG	Evan Green Memorial Touring Assy (Sup Regs on MGCCN website)	Starts at Kearsley CC20 TR4
Sat 14	WAC	Australian Khanacross Championship	Awaba Rescheduled again from 30 Oct
Sun 15	WAC	Australian Khanacross Championship	Awaba Rescheduled again from 1 Nov
Sun 15	MGCCN	Hillclimb	Ringwood CC21 TS6 R19 M
Tues 20	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30pm M
Thurs 21	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sun 22	MGCCN	Dirt Tar Khanacross	Ringwood CC22 KC6 M
Sun 22	SCCA	CSCA Supersprint Rd 7	SMSP South
Thurs 27	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Sat 28	MGCCN	Young Driver Development Course	Ringwood 9.30 am

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 – December 2015

Thurs 3	MGCCN	Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 4	MGCCN	Presentation Night	Mayfield Diggers Club
Mon 7	MGCCN	Magazine Assembly	Cobby Street 2.00 pm M
Fri 11	MGCCN	Club Night CANCELLED	
Tues 15	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7:30pm M

YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

LAST EVENT OF THE YEAR

SATURDAY 28th November, Starting time is 9.30am SHARP, Finishing 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. However it's not always possible to meet the Club Torque deadline. If in doubt please phone me on 0412 493711 or email Greg Hunter at gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au.

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VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

A Report from the Vice President on behalf of our PRESIDENT.

Bryn and Helen are currently travelling the high country in South America, so Bryn has asked me to do a report on his behalf.

Last month Bryn wrote about the upcoming King Edward Park hillclimbs and AGM.

Mattara this year was tagged "THE LAST RUN", which certainly created a massive level of interest from people wanting to be part of the action, unfortunately there were many people who didn't get to run as often as they wanted to, or in some cases at all. Well prior to the close of entries we knew that there would be a real challenge in awarding the remaining places in the field after those who had priority by way of having been active in the State Championship or Tri Challenge Series were listed.

The Board approved a written selection process, which was applied. Even with this in place, it took four very experienced members of the Organizing Committee 10 hours on the day entries were being sorted, followed by 8 man hours work the next day to finish off the acceptance/rejection letters. We knew how difficult it was going to be in advance, but we had no idea just how hard it would be to decide who would fill those last few places. Some very worthy people did miss out on a run, many were very disappointed, some were angry!

What we do know is, that there were two very successful events conducted that saw a fitting end to Hillclimbs in King Edward Park. The final event on the Monday was in fact the 80th 4 wheeled vehicle Hillclimb at the venue, a nice round number to end up on.

The honour of being the first car up the hill for the final weekend went to Denis Russell who has competed at King Edward Park over more years than any other driver. He first ran in 1976 and this was his 38th year at the event, driving just 2 different cars over that whole period. Well done Denis.

We offered the honour of being the last driver to ever drive in competition at King Edward Park to Pat Goulding, this was Pat's 35th year at King Edward Park, every time in his Nota Sportsman Clubman. This proved to be a very popular choice, as Pat is a very well respected long time hillclimb competitor, and club member. Pat's first run at King Edward Park was in 1968. The photograph of him crossing the Finish Line for the last time is now of significant historical value.

There are a few members who were still involved with either the competition or officiating/work side of the event this year, who were involved the first time the MGCCN ran the event back in 1963, they couldn't have suspected back then what was to follow. We thank the hundreds of workers, sponsors and competitors who have made it happen for so many years.

It was with mixed feelings that I shook Pat's hand on the Start Line before his last run, was I sad to see the end or relieved? (a bit of both I believe!)

In the end the "Bathers Way" will be an asset that thousands of people every week will use and enjoy, and that is every week. We couldn't expect to get priority over that, for just one weekend of motorsport per year, no matter how special the venue was to those who share our interest.

The Mattara Hillclimb is not finished, it will happen next year, but from now on at Ringwood. No! it will not be the same. However neither will the cost, nor the work involved, be as great as at King Edward Park.

November is the time when the AGM is held and the associated Election of Board Members for the following year is conducted. The majority of the current Board have indicated that they will not be standing for their existing Board positions, many will be retiring and not standing for a role at all. Under the conditions dictated by the Club's Constitution, nominations for positions must be in writing and with the Secretary seven days prior to the meeting, so by the time you read this it will be too late. The exception being, that if there are no nominations for a position, nominations can be accepted on the night. I suspect there could be a couple of positions where this applies. Where there are multiple nominations for a position, the election of the person to take that position will be decided by secret ballot, in the usual way, by a vote of Full Members.

The AGM is also where the Treasurer tables the Financial Report for the 2014/15 year. This document will show how the club has fared financially over that period. 2016 will be a somewhat challenging year, in that we will need to keep the passion alive, after the progress and successes of the past two years. We have the Ringwood Hillclimb extension completed, the 2014 Australian Hillclimb run and won, the success at the 2015 MG National Meeting, and "The Last Run" at King Edward Park.

By the time you are reading this, only 3 Club Championship events remain. They are the AHRG's Touring Assembly on the 14th, the Ringwood Hillclimb the following day and the Dirt &/or Tar Khanacross on Sunday 22nd .

The Annual Christmas function and Presentation of Championship Trophies will be held at the Mayfield Diggers Club on 4th of December. We hope to see a large role up at that function in particular.

Yours in MG's & Motorsport

Dave Atkins

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SOCIAL REPORT

Club Night will be held on Friday 13th November 2015 at the Cobby Street, Club Rooms, Birmingham Gardens.

There will be light refreshments prior to the Annual General Meeting which will commence at 7.30pm.

The October Natter Night was held at the home of Robyn and Ken Short and we thank them for inviting us to their home which is situated in very peaceful surroundings by the lake. It was a very enjoyable night with lots of "Natter" good food and company.

If you would like to have a Natter Night at your home could you please let me know so that I can pencil it into the Diary.

Rose Cogger-Collins



CHRISTMAS PARTY/PRESENTATION NIGHT

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Mick Nielson (Club Member of the year)	
Member Name	Points
Michael Snow	166
Bryn Baverstock	134
David Atkins	120
Rose Collins	118
Lylla Clarke	96
Rick Vincent	96

Club Ladies Championship		
Member Name	Points	Events contested (Min 4 to qualify)
Bronwyn Lewis	46	5
Louise Reeves	41	4
Leanne Budden	35	3
Christine Waugh	33	3
Emma Brown	33	3

Chris Dodds (Club Champion)		
Member Name	Points	Events contested (Min 8 to qualify)
Lylla Clarke	143	12
Steven Woods	118	9
David Walker	90	8
David Atkins	84	7
Wayne Lewis	69	5
John Collins	69	6
Graham Orr	67	5
Doug Rae	66	7

David Huck (Register Point Score)	
Member Name	Points
Lylla Clarke	105
David Walker	78
Darren Hodgson	62
John Fraser	59
Wayne Lewis	58
Andy Peters	54
John Collins	53
Dale Powell	53



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Above: The iconic King Edward Park hillclimb picture with Newcastle beach and ocean baths in the background and a MG Midget (or Sprite) racing towards the hairpin.

Below: Steve Brydie gets his Datsun 1200 sideways out of the hairpin at King Edward Park





Above: Dave Powell (MG F) coming through the pinch at King Edward Park

Below: Brett Thomas (Ford Falcon XY) frying his tyres at King Edward Park



KING EDWARD PARK - THE LAST RUN



Denis powers around the sweeper after the Chicanes on his first run of the day

The end of an era, another great venue lost to motorsport, but it did go out in style.

Day 1 - Round 10 of the 2015 NSW Hillclimb Championship attracted more entries than any other round this year, unfortunately space and time constraints, only allow for a field of 75 starters so there were many who missed out on a run.

Dennis Russell was given the

honour of getting the weekend off to a start, being the competitor who had competed at the venue on more occasions than any other driver. This being his 38th trip to King Edward Park, and he has used just two different cars over that long period, both of which he still owns.

The weather was with us and the fear of rain was soon forgotten, although it did get quite warm later in the day, the spectators were certainly favouring the shade of the trees.

With 56 Registered competitors in attendance selecting the remaining 19 was a difficult task, however there were a few drivers who are still active who have been involved for a long time, for example Phil Limbert who is probably best remembered for his drives in the V8 Fiat 124 Sports Sedan which was on display over the weekend, he was having his 32nd visit to KEP. (the 3rd highest number of any driver) Peter Robinson was having his 28th and Brian Ford on 25. The only other drivers with more are Pat Goulding who was to run on Monday and make his tally 35 and Denis Tobin on 29 who missed this event as he was overseas.

While this event was a chance to reflect on the past, it was an opportunity for us and the fans to look to the future. The display covering our Ringwood Hillclimb complex was well put together and should have greatly increased the awareness of the public about the facility. We are hearing more and more about full electric cars, so it was a great opportunity for the Club to cement another Hillclimbing milestone, with two full electric cars running. We believe this is likely to be the first time a full electric car has been used in a hillclimb in NSW and possibly Australia (we will stand corrected if this is not the case).



Brett exiting the Pinch in his Radical

Mathew in the Tesla. silently out of the Pinch

Brett Sutherlands ELMOFO Radical surprised many by taking out the 12th fastest time with a best run of 40.37 secs in his first and only event at King Edward Park. (very close to Peter Robinsons time of 40.31)

The other Electric car was the super silent road registered Tesla of Mathew Higgins who was also having his first run at KEP. His time of 42.43 secs was enough to take 22nd outright just ahead of Darval Thomas in his F/Libre JWS PENS Toyota by 0.04secs. One thing is for sure they will never have a problem with the dreaded noise meter!

The decision by Malcolm Oastler to not enter for this event was a disappointment to the organisers, however the presence of Dean Tigh in his Dallara was something to see. His runs through the pinch were awe inspiring!! (I

know I stepped back a few paces each time and I have seen thousands of runs through the pinch over the years!) Dean's time of 34.10 secs, while not a record, was easily the quickest of the weekend.



Dean Tigh exiting the Bogey Hole corner.

While the outright state championship was settled prior to our event, there were a number of classes yet to be finalised and competition remained tight to the end. There is not sufficient space to cover the run by run action, but for those with access to the internet there are reports in various places and the full results are on the club's website.

Congratulations to all who competed in the penultimate Mattara King Edward Park Hillclimb, and to those who became Championship winners for 2015.

Day 2 – Monday saw a similar dawn to the previous day and another very warm day for all concerned. This event was the final round of the Tri Challenge Series and was in fact the 80th four wheeled vehicle Hillclimb conducted at King Edward Park since the first event in 1951. Being the last ever event at King Edward Park we expected entries to be oversubscribed, but not to the extent that they were. Unfortunately again many who aspired to run were not able to be accommodated, very disappointing for those who missed out.

This event is about competition between the 3 Clubs (Tamworth, Kempsey and MGCC Newcastle) and while we had by far the majority of competitors Kempsey stole the day with Darren Reid in his recently acquired Hayward taking FTD from Dave Morrow in his ever reliable and quick Krygger Suzuki with our Amy Mrcela overcoming some issues to take 3rd in the Minetti that her Dad had recently acquired from Darren Reid. This was Amy's first drive in the Minetti so to take 3rd outright was a significant achievement given the quality of the cars and drivers in the field.

Again there is not sufficient space to cover all the details, but it was great to see King Edward Park farewelled with the final run by Pat Goulding in his Nota carrying the chequered flag across the line to a standing ovation and signalling the end of an era.



We must thank the hundreds of sponsors, competitors, officials and workers who have made this legendary event the success it has been for so many years

Now, look forward to the Ringwood Mattara Hillclimb in 2016.

Dave Atkins

Pat acknowledging the applause from the crowd on "The Last Run".

SPEED PANEL REPORT

Hi Guys,

Well its getting close to the end of this competition year, and its been a full year with 17 Speed Events available to members, including Ringwood and CSCA events, these were well supported by all club members.

The last Speed Event for this year will be Round 6 at Ringwood on the 15th November, this event will be held on track A5, that means the complete Ringwood Circuit, please find attached layout, this will prove challenging as it incorporates the old track combined with the new extension, the field is limited to 50 entrants, so get your entry in as this may effect your chances of winning the club championship for 2015.

The last CSCA event to be held at Wakefield Park for this year, was on the 24th & 25th October, the two day event was enjoyed by the regular members who attend most CSCA events, which resulted with some very quick times as follows:

John Finch Second in NM2U2 John is also Second outright for this years CSCA Championship.

Peter Kotz First Place in NM2O2 Pre.

Brad Smith First Place in NM2O2 Post.

Bob Millington outright 10th place for this event, brilliant effort.

For those members willing to attend the two day event at Bathurst on the 28th and 29th November the event is now listed via www.meecamsau.com this event includes a hillclimb up Mountain Straight as one event and down Conrod Straight for the next.

Just to keep you informed Im trying to create an event with the MG Queensland Club for a Speed Event at Morgan Park during May next year, could members who may be interested in travelling to Warwick for a three day weekend please inform me.

It is intended that MG Queensland attend our Mattara event during the long weekend in October next year.

A special thanks to all those club members who assisted with the running of Speed Events during this year, its most appreciated, particularly Darrel & Jason Gregory, who always man the flag points for the Ringwood events.

During the first quarter of next year, your club will be running training courses in our club rooms, so please get involved with your club by attending these seminars.

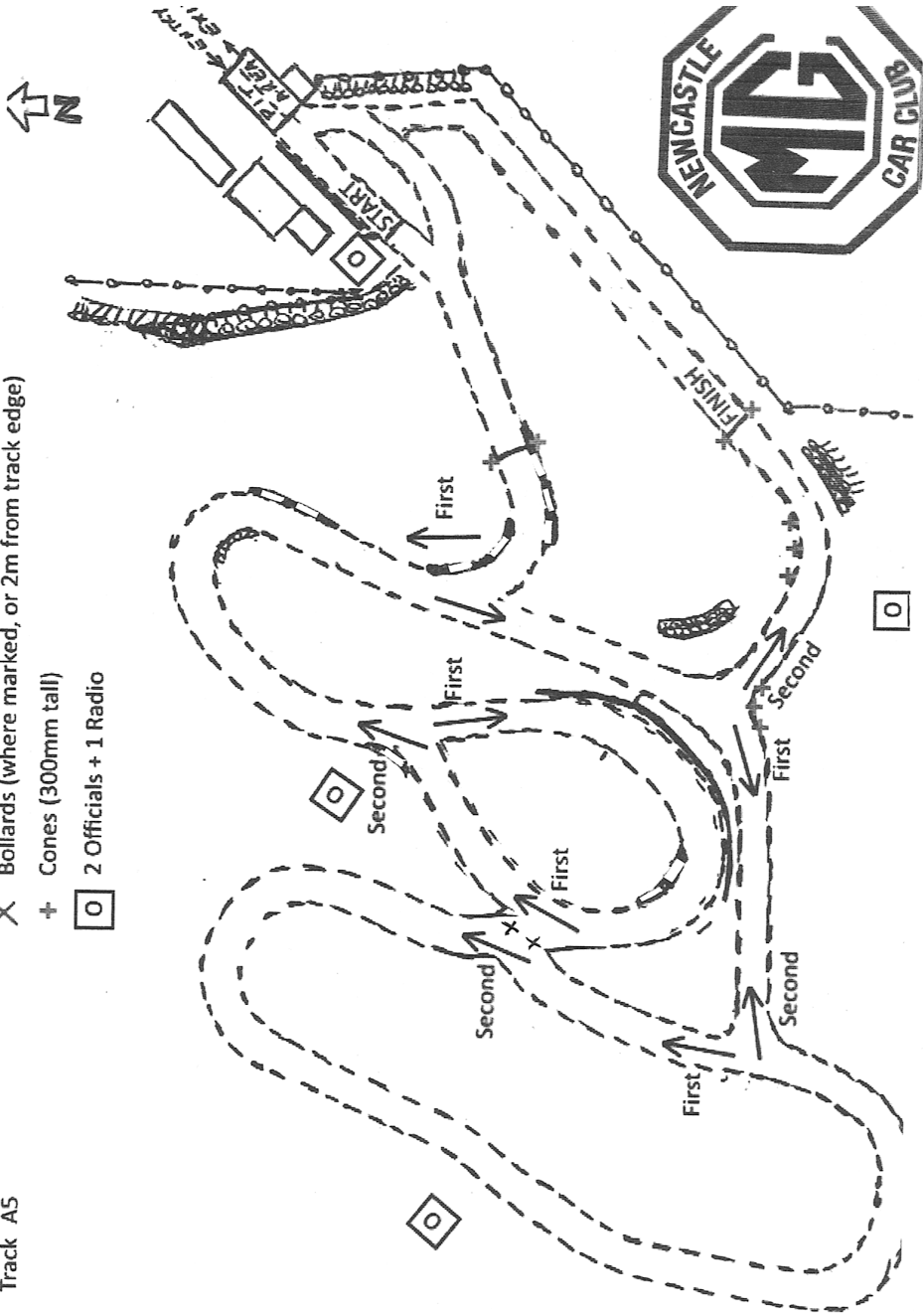
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AUTOTEST EVENT REPORT

Since the last report from the Panel, there have been three more events at Ringwood and one at Awaba that have been part of the two Autotest Series (Motorkhana & Khanacross).

The first event was the replacement for one cancelled due to wet weather earlier in the year, that being the Awaba Khanacross on 16/8/15. Unfortunately Emma Brown (featured in Women of MGs & Motorsport this edition) was the only MGCCN member to compete there. WAC's Khanacross venue is excellent and is arguably the best in the state, possibly the country, but we are not taking advantage of the opportunities to compete there. ????

The next event was the Day/Night - Dirt/Tar Khanacross at Ringwood on 12/9/15. This format provides for variety in the competition unlike any other event we run. There were 17 starters for the event. (some of the usual competitors were away either as officials or spectators at the ARC Rally at Coffs Harbour) The event saw Kenneth Atkins bring the Suzuki Buggy out for it's first run of the year, well loaded with VisionX LED Lighting to make sure Michael Snow in his similar buggy also well equipped with LED lights didn't have it all his own way. The Combined Dirt/Tar event saw competitors do 12 different sections, while those doing just the tar got to do 8. The full event went pretty much as expected with the two buggies taking the top spots and a 4WD Subaru in 3rd. Martin Reeves had the rally Commodore out and took a very credible 4th Outright.

However the Buggy drivers didn't have it all their way on the tar sections with Paul Fraser splitting them in his very quick and well driven Mazda MX5. (and that was without any extra lighting!)

The full results are available on the website, suffice to say those who attended really enjoyed the event with 12 different sections with 8 on the Tar, those who didn't missed a fun event.

The next Khanacross was also a Dirt /Tar event held on 18/10/15, on this occasion we had 15 competitors, as again there were things that prevented some of the regulars from being there. The rain that was falling in and around Newcastle probably kept a few at home too. Suffice to say there was no dust this time, but there were comments about how slippery the tar was compared to the dirt!

Michael Snow was to dominate at this event with Martin Reeves taking the Commodore to 2nd outright and David Palmer in his Falcon taking 3rd (his first Khanacross at Ringwood) This was after 10 sections 4 dirt and 6 tar. For this event only 2 drivers elected to do just the tar sections, both were new to Khanacross and appeared to be enjoying the event. Mark Degoia had his relatively recently acquired Datsun Sunny out for a run and Gavin Bessant was giving his Ford Fiesta a run, it was great to see two new competitors enjoying the day.

Sunday 25th October saw the last event in this year's Motorkhana series conducted on what turned out to be a quite hot and hence dusty day. The event was used as an introductory competition for the Young Driver Development Course, which attracted 5 juniors and 8 adults.

Kenneth Atkins had his buggy back for it's first run in a Motorkhana this year, he was really tested this time by Michael Snow who set the quickest time on 3 of the 9 tests, unfortunately for Michael he somehow scored 2 WD's on the same test so had to cop a "double quickest time" penalty for that test which saw him drop back to 3rd Outright behind Kenneth and Steven Meek in his Hyundai Excel.

While the grounds were dusty, they held up well and the few stones that came to the surface will be removed during preparation for the first event next year.

There remains just one event for the Autotest Panel and that is another Khanacross on 22nd November, the event id Rd 6 of the Khanacross Series and the Final Club Championship event for the year. This is your last chance to add valuable points in you quest for the Club Championship or Class awards for the Khanacross Series. AND your last chance to compete between now and mid February 2016. Come along and enjoy!



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Emma in the Subaru at Ringwood

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

I have been competing in Khanacross and Motorkhana events at Westlakes Club for a number of years, however after moving close to the Ringwood Park complex recently we joined the MG Car Club.

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

I have been a car enthusiast, and always owned cars that have been really enjoyable to drive on the road, however about 3 years ago I went to a motorkhana event to watch a friend compete and I was hooked! Within 2 weeks Ray and I had bought a car to use and were out on the track having a go!

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

I have competed in Motorkhana and Khanacross events. I really enjoy competing in the Khanacross events at Ringwood because it involves using the hillclimb track! It's fun testing out the capabilities of my Subaru Impreza on two different types of surfaces in the one event.

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

Without a doubt it would have to be the friendships we have made! It's always fun to be in the company of others who love their cars and driving just as much as me!

What has been your greatest achievement in motor sport?

Every event I am improving on my results, and feeling much more confident behind the wheel, However the few times that I have managed to beat my partner Ray would definitely be described as highlights!

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

Yes, I'm currently completing the final 12 months of my nursing degree at Newcastle University, and I really enjoy learning about the human body! It takes up most of my time, but it's my greatest passion!

I also enjoy weekends away camping.

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

It's not about winning or loosing – as long as you have fun!

Who is your motor sport hero and why?

Molly Taylor is an amazing rally car driver, and I love watching her drive.

What is your current Road Car?

I have a trusty little corolla for the work commute, and have a 1974 Datsun 1200 ute which occasionally sees the road.



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