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Coming Events - February 2016

Thurs 4	MGCCN	Ringwood Working Bee	
Sat 6	CLA	CSCA Supersprint Rd 1	Wakefield Park
Sun 7	WAC	Motorkhana	Awaba WAC MK1
Mon 8	MGCCN	Magazine Assembly	Cobby Street 2.00pm M
Wed 10	MGCCN	Speed Panel	Cobby Street 8.00pm M
Thurs 11	MGCCN	Ringwood Working Bee	
Fri 12	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7.30pm M
Sun 14	MGCCN	Ringwood Hill Climb	CC1 TS1 M
Sun 14	HDCC	State Khanacross Rd 1	Hampton
Thurs 18	MGCCN	Ringwood Working Bee	
Sat 20	MGCCN	Young Driver Development Course	Ringwood Park
Sat 20	MGCCN	Natter Night	Beth & Bruce Fraser
Sun 21	WAC	State Motorkhana Rd 1	Awaba 10am Dirt
Sun 21		FOSC	SMSP North
Tues 23	MGCCN	Weekday Club Run	Murrays Beach
Tues 23	Dry Sol	Track hire	Ringwood
Tues 23	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7.30pm M
Thurs 25	MGCCN	Ringwood Working Bee	
Sun 28	MGCCN	Dirt/Tar Khanacross	CC2 KC1 M

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 - March 2016

Thurs 3	MGCCN	Ringwood Working Bee	
Sat 5	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rd 1	Bathurst Esses
Sun 6	MGCCN	Come & Try Hillclimb	Ringwood Park M
Sun 6	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rd 2	Bathurst Mountain Straight
Mon 7	MGCCN	Magazine Assy	Cobby Street 2.00pm M
Wed 9	MGCCN	Speed Panel	Cobby Street 8.00pm M
Thurs 10	MGCCN	Ringwood Working Bee	
Fri 11	MGCCN	Club Night	Cobby Street 7.30pm M
Sat 12	AHRG	Fluffy Duck Rally	TBA CC3 TR1
Sun 13	MGCCN	CSCA Supersprint Rd 2	SMSP North M
Sun 13	WAC	State Khanacross Rd 2	Awaba 10am
Sun 13		Gunnedah Hillclimb	TBA
Tues 15	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby Street 7.30pm M
Thurs 17	MGCCN	Ringwood Working Bee	
Sat 19	KSCC	Tri Challenge Hillclimb Practice	Mt Cooperabung
Sun 20	KSCC	Tri Challenge Hillclimb Rd 1	Mt Cooperabung TC1
Sun 20	WAC	State Motorkhana Rd 2	Awaba Dirt
Thurs 24	MGCCN	Ringwood Working Bee	
Fri 25		MG National Meeting	Perth Reg
Sat 26		MG National Meeting	Perth CC4 R3
Sat 26	Gen OC	NM Hillclimb	Ringwood M
Sun 27		MG National Meeting	Perth CC5 R4
Sun 27	MGCCN	Club Run	TBA M R5
Mon 28		MG National Meeting	Perth CC6 R6
Thurs 31	MGCCN	Ringwood Working Bee	

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Well, here we go again, another year underway, and in some respects, we are entering a new phase in the Club's history. We have seen more movement in Board members than we have for several years with the retirement of relatively long termors, Bryn, Darval, and Ken from the Executive, and the retirement of Judith Rae from the board, sadly due to health issues. We all wish her well in her "retirement", she will be missed, but I am sure she will have input wherever she can.

The other very significant change will be that we no longer have the King Edward Park Hillclimbs to arrange, that decision was made last year and as a result, some of the redundant equipment has been disposed of. The uncertainty about the future suitability of King Edward Park for the 2016 event, lead us to that decision. Now there is apparently, even greater uncertainty about whether the Bathers Way upgrade through the Park will be on time due to the merging of Newcastle and Port Stephens Councils, unfortunately (or some would say fortunately) we have passed the point of no return. The 2016 Mattara Hillclimb will be at Ringwood.

This is my fourth term as President, and as I start work in the role for this year I reflected on my past terms, my first term was back in 1974, I had just turned 25 and was working with a committee with an average age of under 30, there were no computers, no mobile phones, we printed the magazine ourselves, the grader we use at Ringwood now was at Nelsons Plains and was still running with it's original engine. The Club operated with between \$2000 & \$3000 in liquid assets, people complained when the entry fee for a Nelsons Plans Sprint went from \$3.00 to \$3.50, the car I was driving in events was just 2 years old and it was all FUN!

Today we are running a mid sized business, (like it or not). The responsibilities of the Board are much more complex than ever they were back then. Computerisation of just about everything is supposed to make things easier, (I'm still not convinced!). Our membership numbers are around the 500 mark, with people having a wide range of reasons for joining and continuing their membership. The challenge for the Board is to have the club offer as much as possible to each and every one of the members, and ensure value for money in whatever we offer.

One thing I am very conscious of is that it is very easy for some people in the Club to forget that we are the MG CAR CLUB (NEWCASTLE) and that our Constitution sets out quite clearly what we are about. The motto that was adopted by the Club in 1988 (after the turmoil that resulted in the formation of the MG Car Club Hunter Region) "MGs & Motorsport" is still as valid now as it was

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back then, unfortunately the availability of MG's is making this a bit more of an issue, having said that MGF's & TF's are becoming quite affordable.

One thing is for sure, the Club is strong. We have a very experienced Official's base, people who know how to run events properly. We have our own Clubrooms well set up and giving the stability that we all yearned for prior to us taking on Cobby Street. Ringwood provides us with a stable hillclimb venue with many variations on the course available, (unfortunately it is still a bit marginal for Motorkhanas and Khanacross, although the availability of the hill for Tar Khanacross events is fairly unique to us and is something I think we can build on.)

What do we have to look forward to?

I guess there are a lot of people holding out for the realisation of a dream that goes back many decades, the opening of a racing circuit in the area, with what that will offer. We understand that the work is to commence shortly on the track at Ringwood, all hurdles placed by the various bureaucrats have now been cleared. Let's hope so!

Can we look forward to a few dry Hillclimbs at Ringwood? Can we get rain before our Motorkhanas and Khancross events?

I am sure that the small contingent making their way to Perth for this year's MG National Meeting will punch above their weight as they have in the past.

I could go on and on, as I am as passionate about the Club now as I was back in 1974. There is so much to look forward to.

Yours in MG's & Motorsport

Dave

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TRAINING DAY 1, Sat 20th Feb, start 9.30 am SHARP, finish at 3.00 pm
2, Sat 2nd Apr, start 9.30 am SHARP, finish at 3.00 pm
3, Sat 30th Apr, start 9.30 am SHARP, finish at 3.00 pm
4, Sat 28th May, start 9.30 am SHARP, finish at 3.00 pm

COMPETITION Motorkhana Training

5, Sun 24th Jul, SEE Coming Events page for details.

TRAINING DAY 6, Sat 17th Sep, start 9.30 am SHARP, finish at 3.00 pm

7, Sat 15th Oct, start 9.30 am SHARP, finish at 3.00 pm

COMPETITION Motorkhana Training

8, Sun 20th Nov, SEE Coming Events page for details.

**EVENTS WILL BE CONDUCTED ON BOTH EARTH
AND SEALED SURFACES**

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 magazine deadline. Although a check can also be made using the club's website,

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Tahj Ferguson - Mazda MX5
Dylan Gerrish - Ford Escort 1978, Ford Escort RS2000 1980
Steven McLeod - Nissan Pulsar 1987
Robert Mitchell - Toyota MR2 x 2, Toyota Corolla x 2
Ben Southcombe - Suzuki Swift GTI

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



PRESENTATION TO MEMBERS.

Hillclimb and Supersprint competitors will have become aware that CEE (or MEE as it was previously known) has become the preferred method of lodging your entry into these events.

There will be a presentation on CEE at the Club Night on 11th MARCH 2016.

If you have any questions on how to manage your profile, find and enter events, this session will prove very helpful.

There will also be an insight into why Clubs are adopting CEE to run their events and what it is that makes it an attractive option for them.

COME & TRY HILLCLIMB

SUNDAY 6TH March 2016

Held at RINGWOOD PARK HILLCLIMB

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Experienced competitors will be available as instructors if required. Participants will walk the track where comments on approaching and leaving corners will be given, where to brake and other valuable driving skills.

You don't need a fancy competition car you can just bring the shopping car. Just relax and have some fun we will take care of all the CAMS paperwork.

**For more information
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Supplementary Regulations will be available on the web soon
www.mgcarclub.com.au**

AUTOTEST 2015 EVENT TROPHY PRESENTATION

28th February 2016



MOTORKHANA



KHANACROSS

Trophies to be presented at 12.15 pm (approx)

People who competed in any of the Ringwood Autotest events during 2015 are invited to come to Ringwood where the trophy winners from all events will receive their awards. Trophies will be awarded to those who took out 1st, 2nd or 3rd Outright and those who won their class, where there were at least 3 entries in that class at any of the Motorkhanas or Khanacross events held at Ringwood last year.



CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

G'Day All,

I hope you all had a good Christmas/New Year break! I'm very much looking forward to a new year of motorsport. I got my car in a better place towards the end of last year so this will be my first full year of events for a while. I hope to see you all at the track!

I also have an amendment to make from the trophy presentation last year. The first and second place trophies for the Ladies Champion got mixed up due to a clerical error. So it is my pleasure to congratulate Louise Reeves on being the 2015 Club Ladies Champion and Bronwyn Lewis for coming a very close second place.

See you at the Hill Climb in February!
John

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SPEED PANEL REPORT

Hi Guys,

All the best to club members hope you enjoy another year of good safe competition, we certainly have scheduled enough events to satisfy all members.

The old website is about to be upgraded, to a new modern version, this will be more comprehensive, easier to read and a revitalisation for the clubs image.

During February all Ringwood Hillclimb Club Championship events for this year, will be available to enter online via www.meecamsau.com this includes the two Tri Challenge events, this strategy should enable all competitors to pre enter, without waiting for the event to be listed within MEE, so please use this new service, as it does improve the administration of all hillclimb events.

There has been some slight changes to the class structure for Ringwood events, please visit the website, via Event Entry for the latest information, I will also include a copy of the changes within this article.

This years CSCA events will be slightly different, with the introduction of Round Seven to be held at Marulan Raceway, this picturesque facility situated an hour and a half drive from Liverpool on the Hume Highway, Marulan offers drivers a good challenge, with six tight corners and ample straights for overtaking, again all CSCA event information is available through the website.

Please note that Pre Entries for Round One of the Ringwood Hillclimb Club Championship is scheduled for the 14th February, are now available via www.meecamsau.com or paper pre entries via the website, Track A5 will be used for this event, see the Sup Regs. for more information, and the layout for this track, lets hope this one isn't affected with damp conditions.

For all New Members who haven't competed yet and potential members, please be advised that the club will be running the annual, Come & Try Day at Ringwood on the 6th March,

Entries will only be available via the website, or on the day.

Please note this event is not open to MGCCN Members who have previously competed at Ringwood.

That's all from me, have a great New Year see you all at Ringwood.

Keep your tyres hot.

Regards,

Rick

Update Information about the 2016 Competition Rules and Classes v3.

The following documents have been updated and will be on the Clubs website in December 2015.

2016 MG Pointscore Rules (How they Work) Ver 1

MGCCN Vehicle Rules 2016 Ver 1

There have been some minor changes to the classes for the MGCCN Tar Speed Series, the Tri-Challenge Series classes remain unchanged.

After some discussion with the administrator for CAMS MEE, it has been to try and simplify the classes in CAMS MEE. The information here is slightly different to the 1st version. In CAMS MEE the classes for Type 5 Production and Special block will remain as Under and Over 2 litre.

For the actual competition in MGCCN Tar Speed Series and Tri-Challenge Series, the Under 2 litre Production and Special classes will be combined into Type 5 Under 2 litre, and the Over 2 litre Production and Special classes will be combined into Type 5 Over 2 litre

In CAMS MEE the classes for Marque Sports Modern and Classic Under 2 litre will be split into Under 1.4 litre and 1.4 – 2 litre.

For the actual competition in MGCCN Tar Speed Series, the classes will be Classic Under 1.4 litre, Classic 1.4 – 2 litre and Classic Over 2 litre (combining the Classic 2 – 3 litre and Classic Over 3 litre classes).

Modern Under 1.4 litre, Modern 1.4 – 2 litre and Modern Over 2 litre (combining the Modern 2 – 3 litre and Modern Over 3 litre classes).

For the actual competition in Tri-Challenge series, the classes with remain as Marque Sports Under 2 litre, Marque Sports 2 – 3 litre and Marque Sports Over 3 litre.

In CAMS MEE the classes for Special Vehicles Under 3 litre and Special Vehicles Over 3 litre will have the names shortened.

As part of the update in CAMS MEE the classes in the selection list will be revised and the class entered for previous events will be updated as well.

If your vehicle is in a class that has changed, please check the details in January 2016 in CAMS MEE. <https://www.meecamsau.com/>

If you compete in more than one Hillclimb series where the class and/or competition number is different between the series, then add the vehicle a second time.

For example

Car	Class	Number
Jackson Special	MGCCN - Type 5 Under 2 ltr	68
Jackson Special	Formula Libre 1301 – 2000	68

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SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

The year has started off with the January Club Night attended by members who wanted to exchange views on their happenings over the Christmas Break.

It is going to be another busy year for the MG Car Club with the Calendar completed and on the Web site.

The next Club night is on 12th February 2016 commencing at 7.30pm and Darrell Peatie has been invited to bring his GT40 car along, which will be able to be inspected before the meeting, (daylight saving will help & we will have some Aeroguard), nothing like seeing the real thing. Then he will let us all know the history of it and how it all came together as well as the "ins & outs" of getting it on the road legally. This car has enjoyed many successes in car shows, we might try to entice him to have a run on the Hillclimb at Ringwood Park.

NATTER NIGHT

The next Natter night will be on 20th February 2016 at Beth & Bruce Fraser's home, I'm sure it will be exciting to see the new garages with their collection of cars. Bring your barbeque provisions with BYO and a small desert to share.

For details of the address please call Beth or Bruce on 40172616 or 0417481420

ROCKER COVER RACING IS ON AGAIN THIS YEAR.

THE FIRST WILL BE AT THE CLUB NIGHT on 11th MARCH 2016

There will be Rocker Cover Racing Event for members, including practice for those attending the MG National Meeting in Perth over the Easter Weekend. This racing proves to be very competitive so come along and to watch and to participate; some members have more than 1 car and are willing to share them.

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REGISTER REPORT

Our first club run for the year took place on Australia Day at the delightful Lakehouse café for brunch at Murrays Beach on Lake Macquarie with a good roll up of 30 attendees.

Our next event is something a bit different with a mid-week run to Fighter World at Williamtown on Tuesday 23rd February. Our guide, John Gillam who some of you would have met before when John and Yvonne Fletcher took us on a Register Run in the Maitland/Raymond Terrace area covering the various graveyards and telling us the stories of the young men from the area who went to the first World War. John is ex RAAF and a local historian so he is well qualified to lead us through the Museum. John and Yvonne have written 2 books about those young men from the area who went to WW1.

Meet at the Clubrooms at 10.00am and we hope to leave there at around 10.15 for Williamtown. Meet on site at 11.00am. There is a café at the Museum so you can enjoy some refreshments after the tour.

REMEMBER YOU DON'T HAVE TO OWN AN MG TO JOIN IN THE CLUB RUNS.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY

I have already made some arrangements for this year's Christmas in July and that is set down for Saturday 23rd July. The event will be held at the Gloucester Country Lodge Motel which is in a nice country location just out of town. They will provide us with a traditional Christmas dinner for a very reasonable cost of around \$27/head. The accommodation cost is about \$135/double. At this stage I have booked 10 rooms and provided a deposit. They do have more rooms available if required. If they get booked out, you can always stay somewhere else and join us for the dinner as they have a separate function area. I will require a commitment for this event so please get in early. When doing my research in various locations I found it was difficult to get a venue who could handle the numbers and provide dining facilities.

I am looking at a location in the area (probably in a national park) where we can enjoy a bbq lunch on the Sunday before returning home.

In other news, Hunter Region MG Car Club have extended an invitation to us to join them on some of their mid-week runs so I will keep you posted. Always check our website for further information.

Ken McLeod

Register Captain



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