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Coming Events - December 2016

Thurs 01		Working Bee	Ringwood
Sun 04	MGCCN	Club Run **CANCELLED**	TBA M R15
Sun 04	AHRG	Xmas Run	TBA
Mon 05		Magazine Assy 2pm	Cobby St M
Mon 05	HVG School	Driver Training Private Hire	Ringwood
Wed 07		Speed Panel 8pm **CANCELLED**	Cobby St M
Wed 07	HVG School	Driver Training Private Hire	Ringwood
Thurs 08		Working Bee	Ringwood
Fri 09		Presentation/Xmas Party 6:30pm	Mayfield Diggers
Sun 11	MGCCN	Club Rooms WB	Cobby St
Tues 13		Board Meeting 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 15		Working Bee	Ringwood
Tues 20		<i>School Term Finish</i>	
Sun 25		<i>Christmas Day</i>	
Mon 26		<i>Boxing Day</i>	
Tues 27		<i>Extra Public Holiday</i>	

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 - Jan/Feb 2017

January

Sun 1		New Years Day	
Mon 2		Extra Public Holiday	
Wed 11		Speed Panel 8pm	Cobby St M
Thurs 12		Dad's Army	Ringwood
Fri 13		Club Night 7:30pm	Cobby St M
Tues 17		Board Meeting 7:30pm	Cobby St M
Thurs 19		Dad's Army	Ringwood
Thurs 26		Australia Day	
Thurs 26		Club Run	Murrays Beach M R1
Sat 28		Last Lap Reunion	Newcastle Jockey Club 4pm
Sun 29	MGCCN	Khanacross	Ringwood M KC1 CC1 Dirt/Tar
Mon 30		School Term Start - East	

February

Thurs 2		Dad's Army	Ringwood
Sun 5	MGCCN	Hillclimb A3	Ringwood M TS1 CC2 R2
Sun 5	WAC	Khanacross	Awaba Invite
Mon 6		School Term Start - West	
Mon 6		Magazine Assy 2pm	Cobby St M
Wed 8		Speed Panel 8pm	Cobby St M
Thurs 9		Dad's Army	Ringwood
Fri 10		Club Night 7:30pm	Cobby St M
Sat 11	MGCCN	YDDC 1	Ringwood M
Sun 12	MGCCN	Motorkhana	Ringwood M MK1 Dirt
Sun 12	HDCC	STATE Khanacross Rd 1	Hampton
Thurs 16		Dad's Army	Ringwood
Sun 19	MGCCN	CAMS Club Challenge A2	Ringwood M
Tues 21		Board Meeting 7:30pm	Cobby St M
Thurs 23		Dad's Army	Ringwood
Sun 26	WAC	STATE Motorkhana Rd 1 10am	Awaba Dirt

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

2016 has been a year of several changes, but we have continued to do what we do well. At the 2015 AGM, we came to terms with the fact the last Hillclimb at King Edward Park had been conducted, and this major source of funds for the Club, was no longer available.

Since then we have continued with running motorsport events covering every club level discipline available to us. We have also again been involved in running a round of the CSCA Supersprint Series and have conducted our annual August round of the NSW Hillclimb Championship.

The decision was taken to continue with the Mattara Hillclimb event on the October long weekend, but for the first time it was held at Ringwood Park. Despite some scepticism, this event proved more successful than we could have hoped for. The event resulted approximately half the profit we made in 2015 with the “Last Run” at K.E.P. The big upside was the workload was estimated to be about 10% of what we had become accustomed to. The reactions from the spectators and competitors who did take part, was all positive. This gives me great confidence that the 2017 event will be bigger and better.

In addition to the above events, we conducted a Tri-Challenge Hillclimb, Six Rounds of the Club’s Tar Hillclimb Series, an ALL MG Cars Hillclimb, plus two “Come and Try” Hillclimbs.

To say the least this was a busy year for the Speed Events Panel, and we must all thank those who made it all happen, in particular, Rick Vincent for the work and commitment he put in. Leo Frodl kept the effort going to see the Autotest events continue, and while the number of entrants was similar to last year, it would have to be said that there was incredible value for money for competitors at these events. The motorkhanas saw good involvement from juniors coming through from the Young Driver Development Courses. This year there has been 6 YDDC days conducted, and two motorkhanas where the juniors were particularly invited to participate. We thank Greg Hunter for the work he continues to put into this initiative. Greg also ran one Touring Assembly during the year, which proved enjoyable to those that competed.

Once again our dedicated MG drivers who travelled to Perth for the National Meeting punched well above their weight and picked up a good haul of trophies.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

This year we held our own Concours event at the Cobby Street Club House after a couple of years of joining the Hunter Region event. A big thanks to Fran Hodgson for organising this event.

At the last AGM Bryn made mention that we were preparing an advertising brochure to promote the Venue Hire of Ringwood. That was done and circulated, the venue has been used by other clubs for events. Professional Driver Training bookings have increased. This source of income is increasing as more organisations become aware of Ringwood's availability and suitability for their activities. The CAMS Club Challenge event for NSW is also to be held at Ringwood. This will give us good exposure to representatives from Clubs for all over and could lead to more hire requests.

This year we have introduced the new plastic Membership Card, thanks to Ted Dial for introducing modern technology and the associated benefits.

When John Finch commenced his term as Treasurer, we signed up to use the Xero Accounting software, again there has been a lot of learning done. The benefits are very significant and make answering just about any question on income and expenditure very simple and quick. The club has again had a successful year when it come to the financial side of things, John presented the detailed audited reports to the AGM.

Due to the Club's strong financial position the Board agreed to hold membership fees at the same level for at least another year. In effect this means that the fees collected from members fall roughly \$9000 short of expenses incurred just to be a club with club rooms and operating overheads. This is just a small way of giving back to members.

Before moving to the year ahead, we do have a very significant hurdle to overcome. The Department of Fair Trading have advised us that (quote)

"Our records indicate that MG CAR CLUB (Newcastle) Inc, has failed to lodge the required Annual summary of financial affairs for the financial years ended 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015. Under section 76 of the Associations Incorporation Act 2009, the Commissioner of Fair Trading may cancel the registration of an association if satisfied that certain grounds exist. It has been determined that grounds exist for the cancellation of registration of the MG CAR CLUB Newcastle Inc under the following section of the act: - section 76(1) (h)" Failure to lodge documents for 3 years"

In the case of MGCC Newcastle, it has been 5 years since we met compliance.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Department of Fair Trading goes on to say: -

“Please note where an association holds assets and its registration is cancelled under section 76, all assets vest in the Commissioner for Fair Trading, section 77(1). Specifically, this includes any property and/or bank accounts.”

Obviously, I was somewhat disturbed by this letter, and have responded in writing, lodging an objection to the threatened cancellation. In response, Fair Trading have given us an extra week to comply (ie now next Friday). When taking office in January, and becoming the “Public Officer” for the Club, I made myself aware of the requirements of the Associations Act and John Finch has compiled all transaction correctly for 2016. We were not aware of the full extent of the problem brewing from previous years. We have asked for an extension of time to lodge the necessary documents for the previous years, and believe this will be granted until mid January 2017.

In the 44 years that I have been a member, this is the most serious threat the club has faced, and I guess it highlights the fact that we are no longer just a small old car club, but an association with significant assets and turnover which brings with it added responsibilities for compliance with the laws that govern such associations. We must push into 2017 on the basis that we will be able to save the club.

A new Board for 2017, will take office on 1st January, it will have quite a few new faces, as we have 5 members retiring and two indicating that they wish to move to new roles. I thank every member of the 2016 Board for their efforts throughout the year. I must particularly thank Alan Bates, our hard-working Land Panel Co-ordinator, who has been so heavily involved in getting Ringwood to where it is now. Alan is fighting a serious battle with melanoma at present and we wish him all the best. Others retiring are John Roach, Bob Millington, Peter Robinson and Joy Bower, thanks to you all for the work you have done during my term as President.

Rick Vincent is one to make a change after 7 consecutive years as Speed Panel co-ordinator. Thanks for all the work you have put in for the members who share your need for speed. Rick returns to the Publicity Portfolio, back where he started on the Committee. Rose Cogger-Collins is also taking a step back, after serving as Social Secretary for the past 13 years, a great effort and well done Rose.

Once again, thank you one and all.

And may I wish you all a MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR,

Yours in MGs & Motorsport

Dave

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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New members approved by the board to join the club 15TH November 2016:

CHRISTOPHER PIGGOTT - FULL MEMBER – TC MIDGET

JOHN TARRANT – ASSOCIATE MEMBER

CATHERINE KERSHAW – ASSOCIATE MEMBER

ZACKARY MARSDEN – JUNIOR MEMBER – HONDA EURO

HARRY KEIL – JUNIOR MEMBER

DUANE CRIBB – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – MITSUBISHI LANCER GSR

BRETT MITCHELL – ASSOCIATE MEMBER

STUART VILLIS– ASSOCIATE MEMBER

There are currently 516 financial members, including Life and Honorary members.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING OF MG CAR CLUB (NEWCASTLE) INC.

(in accordance with Clause 26 of the Club's Constitution)

**To be held at the Club Rooms – Cobby Street – Shortland.
8.00pm Friday 13th January 2017**

The Agenda for the meeting:-

The motion to be put to the meeting is that the following reports be received and approved:-

The Audited Financial Reports for 2010/2011

The Audited Financial Reports for 2011/2012

The Audited Financial Reports for 2012/2013

The Audited Financial Reports for 2013/2014

The Audited Financial Reports for 2014/2015

No other business shall be transacted at this meeting in accordance with Clause 27 (c)

CLUB CONCOURS

It had been 3 years since we conducted our own Concours. The last two years, we have used the Hunter Region's Concours as part of our point score. The prevailing thinking was that if we didn't have to organise the event it might encourage more club members to participate. This didn't prove the case and indeed we had less members attend the event in the past 2 years.

While it would have been nice to have a few more MGs on display at the Clubrooms, I was happy that Club members participated and we got to see some lovely cars. The weather was clear and fine without being too hot, defying some predictions for rain. Even Mal Davies who never takes the MG out if it looks like rain, checked the forecast and took his chances.

It paid off with a win for best MG of the Concours. Thank you to those who prepared their cars, plus all those who came just to help. Rose & John Collins and Jan Clarke for running the barbecue. Ken Short and Michael Snow. The judges: David Walker, Mal Davies, Dale Powell, Lyall Clarke, John Collins, Darren Hodgson, Steve Woods, Doug Rae, Bryn Baverstock. It was nice to have Judith Rae out enjoying society and Dennis Tynan dropped by. It would be great to build on this event and see more Club members bring out their cars next year.

Fran Hodgson - Event Organiser.

Class results are as follows:

MG Combined: 1st Mal Davies MG Magnette / 2nd David Walker MGB / 3rd Doug Rae MG Midget

MG Modern: 1st Fran Hodgson MGZR / 2nd Lesley Walker MGZT

MG F / TF: 1st Lyall Clarke MGF / 2nd Darren Hodgson MGTF / 3rd Rose Collins MGF / 4th Dale Powell MGF

Other Marque post 2000: 1st Leanne Woods Renault Megane / 2nd Ken McLeod Mercedes / 3rd John Finch Mazda MX5 / 4th Steve Woods Renault Clio

Classic Marque: 1st Murray Pickering Datsun 1600 / 2nd Mitch Craig Torana LX / 3rd Tom Heard Fiat 2300S / Tom Heard Fiat 1500

Display: Dave Atkins Datsun 240Z, Ken Atkins Buggy / Alan Evans TR7.



Above: A selection of cars at the Club Concours

Below: Action from the last Dirt Event— Taylor Gill, Subaru WRX.





Above: Some of the cars from the Southern Cross 50th Anniversary event.

Below: Peter Akers in his Clubman and Glen Bryant in his Mk1 Escort at the Come & Try Day



SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

It has been a very successful 2017 with some very interesting guest speakers attending Club Nights and with quite a few new members attending these nights. Its good for them to meet existing club members, visit the clubrooms and find out the many and varied events the MG Car Club Newcastle hold throughout the year.

The next club night will be on Friday 13th January 2017. Try and make it along to this event to find out what exciting events will be held in 2017.

The Natter Night held at Louise and Allan Evans home was enjoyed by all who attended and it was also a special weekend for Allan who celebrated his birthday. A big thank you to Louise and Allan for their genuine hospitality and an interesting night of Natter. Garage inspections are always popular and this one was no different.

PRESENTATION NIGHT/CHRISTMAS PARTY

VENUE: MAYFIELD DIGGERS CLUB, Hanbury Street, Mayfield

TIME: 6.30pm

**BUFFET DINNER: COST - ADULT \$27.90, SENIORS CARD \$24
CHILD UNDER 12 is \$2.00 X Age**

As I have been doing the Social Secretary's job for 13 years I have decided to retire from this position so this will be my last Social Secretary report.

I would like to thank all those members who have supported and assisted me over the years, from help with the Canteen, the Australian Hillclimb weekend, clubnights and Natter nights. Chris Finch has been elected as the Social Secretary for 2017 and I wish her well with this role and I'm sure she will receive a lot of assistance from club members when needed.

I wish you all a safe Happy Christmas and great New Year.

Rose Collins

Social Secretary

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REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

Whilst the midweek Club runs this year were a bit of an experiment, they have been well attended and the midweek run to Morpeth on Tuesday 22nd November was no exception.

The day got off to a rather cautious start when we went to turn into Cobby Street and found the street was blocked. Furthermore all the surrounding streets were also blocked off for tar spraying activities.

Anyway we eventually all managed to meet on the other side of Northcott Park.

We had a pleasant run to Morpeth via Raymond Terrace and Hinton and whilst Doug and I had the roof down in the Mercedes as far as the Clubhouse, it was just too hot so we opted to close the roof and on with the aircon. Tom Heard and his mate Mick Barclay were in Tom's lovely rare Fiat Coupe and we wondered why they kept passing us on the back road. We later learned that the faster they went the more effective the airflow from the quarter windows became. It was a hot day!

When we arrived at the old bond store café, we also met up with Lyall and Jan Clarke and John and Rosemary Tarran who had decided to give one of their many Landies an airing. There were 15 of us all together and we sampled some very nice coffee and country cooking. Another successful midweek run and I have some more organised for next year. Thanks to all those who have supported these events this year.

The first Club run event in the New Year will be the Australia Day Brunch at the Lakehouse café at Murrays Beach. Details will appear on the website in due course and I will send out the usual email a week or so prior to the event as a reminder. I will need numbers for this event as I have already made a block booking.

Thanks again to all who have supported the Register Runs and midweek club runs this year and I look forward to your company again next year.

Best wishes to you and your families for the festive season.

I hope to catch up with you at the Club Christmas party.

Regards

Ken McLeod
Register Captain



BULLETIN #2

In just under six months, the 2017 MG National Meeting will be held in Adelaide. The organizing committees have been busy preparing for the event to make it enjoyable for all.

This bulletin provides information about some changes to the venue for all activities on Friday 14th April.

Registration

Venue for Registration, Scrutineering, Noggin n Natter and Rocker Cover Racing, Festival Function Centre, 292 Findon Road, Findon.

Concours

Trophies will be presented at the 'Theme Party' on Saturday night. Outright winners will be presented at the Presentation Dinner.

Theme Party

Theme as previously advised to centers is 'MGM Movies' ie: Morris Garages Movies (Flyer attached). Come along dressed as a movie character, it can be casual or glamorous, and join in the fun. There will be music, a three course meal, drinks included, and prizes awarded.

Road Events

Sunday – Kimber Run. The first 100 cars entered will receive a commemorative MG National Meeting 'Kimber Run Plaque', and there is a light lunch for all registrants at the finish.

Monday – The Observation Run and Social Touring Run, there is lunch provided at the finish for all registrants.

Motorkhana

A Motorkhana will be held, and we will advise of the location in a future bulletin.

Club Coordinators for the National Meeting

We have not received Coordinator contact information from many of the MG Centres, and we would appreciate those details as soon as possible to ensure information is getting through to interested parties.

Registration

Supplementary Regulations have been submitted to CAMS for approval, and will be posted to our National Meeting Website on their return, at which time Registrations will be open.

Accommodation

A reminder that Easter is a busy time of the year, and it recommended that you make your bookings as soon as possible. A comprehensive list is available on our National Meeting Website for your convenience.

The following is the proposed program for the weekend.

Fri April 14	Registration & Scrutineering Noggin n' Natter and Rocker Cover Racing	Festival Function Centre, Findon Festival Function Centre, Findon Festival Function Centre, Findon
Sat April 15	Concours Social Event – Themed night	Wigley Reserve, Glenelg Festival Function Centre, Findon
Sun April 16	Motorkhana Venue to be advised Kimber Run (social participants) Evening	Free time
Mon April 17	Super Sprint Observation Run (competition) Social Touring run Presentation Dinner	Mallala Motorsport Park Donato Reception Centre, Kilkenny
Tues April 18	Farewell Breakfast Delegates Meeting	The Glenelg Club The Glenelg Club

For up to date information about the event, visit the 2017 MG National Meeting website:
natmeet2017.mgccsa.org.au

Plan now to join us for a great weekend.

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BULLETIN #3

Registration is now open

We are pleased to announce that the Supplementary Regulations and Registration link for the 2017 MG National Meeting in Adelaide SA have been published on our website. www.natmeet2017.mgcca.org.au

The 'Register Now' event management system is the primary mode of Registration for the event.

Registration enquiries can be directed to Chris & Wes Bray on 0417 821468, or email mg2017registrations@bigpond.com

Early Bird discounted Registration closes 14th February 2017, final date to register 15 March 2017.

Regalia

Regalia details and order form is also available on the National Meeting Website. Please order prior to 28th February, 2017 to ensure that items will be available for collection at Registration on Friday 14th April, 2017.

Enquiries can be directed to Geraldine Hough treasurenatmeet2017@outlook.com

Plan now to come together with other MG enthusiasts from around Australia and overseas, and enjoy a weekend of social events and activities, friendly rivalry in motorsport, and club participation.

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CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

G'Day All,

Here we are at the end of another year. I hope you have all enjoyed it! I've had a big month finalising results and ordering trophies.

For those that receive a hard copy of the magazine there should be a Pointscore Supplement.

For those that download the magazine the point score tables can, as usual, be viewed at <http://mgcc.johndroach.com>

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