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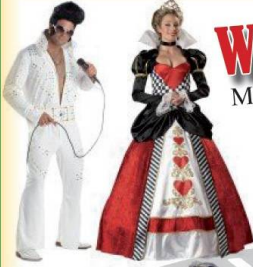
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# Coming Events APRIL 2017

Sat 1	WAC	Rallysprint	Awaba Invite
Sun 2		<b>Daylight Saving End</b>	
Sun 2	WSCC	STATE Hillclimb Rd 3	Dapto Huntley
Sun 2	MGCCN + SYD	CSCA S'sprint Rd 2	SMSP North <b>M</b>
Mon 3		Magazine Assy	2:00 pm Cobby St <b>M</b>
Thurs 6		Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 7		<b>School Term Finish</b>	
Fri 7		<b>Club Night 1 week early</b>	7:30 pm Cobby St <b>M</b>
Sat 8	MGCCN	YDDC 3	Ringwood <b>M</b>
Sat 8		STATE Motorkhana Rd 3	Armidale Tar
Sun 9	MGCCN	Hillclimb A4	Ringwood <b>M</b> TS2 CC5
Sun 9		STATE Motorkhana Rd 3	Armidale Tar
Wed 12		Speed Panel	7:30 pm Cobby St <b>M</b>
Thurs 13		Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 14		<b>Easter Friday</b>	
Fri 14	MG SA	MG Nationals	Adelaide Reg
Sat 15	MG SA	MG Nationals	Adelaide Concours CC6
Sun 16	MG SA	MG Nationals	Adelaide Mkhana CC7
Mon 17		<b>Easter Monday</b>	
Mon 17	MG SA	MG Nationals	Adelaide sprint CC8
Tues 18		Board Meeting	7:30 pm Cobby St <b>M</b>
Thurs 20		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 22	MGCCN	Khanacross	Ringwood <b>M</b> KC2 CC9 Dirt/Tar day/night
Sun 23	MGCCN	Come and Try Hillclimb A2 ** Date Change **	Ringwood <b>M</b>
Tues 25		<b>ANZAC Day</b>	
Wed 26		<b>School Term Start</b>	
Thurs 27		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 29	WAC	Rallysprint	Awaba Invite
Sun 30	MX5 Club	Private Hire Event	Ringwood

# Coming Events - MAY 2017

Thurs 4		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 6	KSCC	STATE Hillclimb Rd 4 Pr	Kempsey Mt Cooperabung
Sun 7	KSCC	STATE Hillclimb Rd 4	Kempsey Mt Cooperabung Ringwood <b>M</b> MK3 CC11
Sun 7	MGCCN	Motorkhana	Dirt
Sun 7	MG HR	Euro Motorfest Reg Run *Date Corr*	Hunter Stadium <b>M</b>
Mon 8		Magazine Assy	2:00 pm Cobby St <b>M</b>
Wed 10		Speed Panel	7:30 pm Cobby St <b>M</b>
Thurs 11		Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 12		Club Night	7:30 pm Cobby St <b>M</b>
Sat 13	MGCCN	Club Rooms WB	Cobby St <b>M</b>
Sat 13	Jaguar	CSCA S'sprint Rd 3	SMSP North
Sun 14		<b>Mothers Day</b>	
Sun 14	MX5	STATE S'sprint Rd 2	Wakefield Park
Sun 14	NSSCC	STATE Khanacross Rd 3	Eastern Creek
Tues 16		Board Meeting	7:30 pm Cobby St <b>M</b>
Thurs 18		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 20	TSCC	Tri-Chall Rd 2 Pr	Tamworth
Sat 20		Natter Night	6:00 pm Cobby St
Sun 21	TSCC	Tri-Chall Rd 2	Tamworth TC2
Sun 21	RCCA	STATE Motorkhana Rd 4	Nirimba Tar
Sun 21		Tilligerry Motorama	Tanilba Bay invite
Tues 23	MGCCN	Mid Week Run	TBA
Thurs 25		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 27	MGCCN	YDDC 4	Ringwood <b>M</b>
Sat 27	WAC	Motorkhana	Awaba Invite
Sat 27	WAC	Khanacross	Awaba Invite
Sun 28	MGCCN	Hillclimb A5	Ringwood <b>M</b> TS3 CC12

## Legend

M - Club Member

R - Register pointscore

CC - Club Championship

KC - Khanacross

MK - Motorkhana

TA - Touring Assembly

TC - Tri-Challenge

TS - Tar Speed Series

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# PRESIDENTS REPORT

How quickly the weather can change!

After a couple of real summer months when we had very limited rain, March has been the opposite, however it did come at the right time, as the Motorkhana grounds were finally damp enough to allow reasonable preparation, which was done on the day before the event. Somewhat unfortunately, the rain persisted through to the day of the event and no doubt scared a few potential starters away. However, we still managed a field of 11 for a fun, if somewhat muddy event. But on the bright side there was no dust and the grounds stood up well.

The crew that went to Wakefield park the following weekend apparently had a good weekend as usual. The weather was at its worst for the first Round of the Tri Challenge Series at Mt Cooperabung. Unfortunately for the crew at KSCC, they just can't pick the weather for their event. Hopefully their second round, later in the year receives better treatment from the weather gods!

Since the schedule to produce the magazine and the Club night have been moved forward by a week, I can only assume that the Jag Club Hillclimb and our Club run on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> were a success as I am writing before the event(s).

April is another busy month and by the time you read this the our CSCA Supersprint round will be over. With a couple of days left for entries to come in, we appear to have a good response, even if just a few short of a full field. Thanks to Greg Noonan in particular, for the work he has put into the administration of the event, and to the crew who went down to officiate on the day.

Entries are also coming in for our next Ringwood Hillclimb which, is on my favourite course A4. We also have a small crew going to South Australia for this year's MG National Meeting, I wish them safe travels and every success at the events.

The next Khanacross is one of the popular Day/Night – Dirt/Tar events and Leo is going to try an innovation that will see even more track time for competitors, so dust off the headlights and have a go, these events are the best value motorsport you can get.

I have been getting ever increasing numbers of questions as to when work on Circuit Italia, is to commence. Some of us have received emails indication that "construction is scheduled to commence in 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter of 2017". Let's hope it does, so that our "expression of interest" lodged some time ago to run a Supersprint on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2017 can happen. I guess we may know more as the start date becomes more definite. In the meantime, the Thursday working bees at Ringwood, are keeping the facility maintained and work on grassing the Paddock area progressing. Thanks to those people too.

I look forward to seeing you at an event shortly.

Yours in MGs & Motorsport

Dave



**Alan Bates Memorial Trophy for Ringwood Hillclimb Series.**

Scoring method.

Points will be awarded based on place in the class contested in each of the Ringwood Hillclimbs included in the Tar Speed Events Series. The points will be awarded on the same scale as that used to score the Tar Speed Event Series.

**ALL** Ringwood Hillclimbs included in the Tar Speed series point-score will count.

Points can be accrued, regardless of the class contested in any particular event.

In the event of a tie in points at the end of the year, the tie breaker system as used for the Club Championship will be applied.

In the unlikely event that this still results in a tie, the person with the highest placings outright in each event will be declared the winner.

1<sup>st</sup> Outright = 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Outright =2 and so on. The person with the lowest tally will be the winner.

The winner will receive the Memorial Trophy to be held for the following year and a small replica trophy to keep.

## **Ringwood Hillclimb Timing System Help Needed**

In order for timing to continue at Ringwood we need people to help run the timing.

To develop the next stage of the timing system at Ringwood, I need to be less involved in the running and administration of the current system.

**I CAN'T DO BOTH!**

Can anyone provide any assistance with this?

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## NEW MEMBERS

**New members approved by the board to join the club:**

ADAM WALTON – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – NISSAN 300ZX

LAURA WALTON – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – NISSAN 300ZX

RICHARD MORK – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – HONDA INTEGRA

PAULINE BLAKE – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – SUBARU WRX

CRIAG STARK – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – MAZDA RX7

AARON MORCHEL – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – MAZDA RX7

RICK ANDERSON – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – NISSAN SKYLINE

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## Motorkhana 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 (or should that be “Mudkhana”

Finally, we got to have an event, but what a difference a few weeks make! Round 1 was postponed because of the extremely hot weather and the “extreme” fire warnings, the second was at risk because of the rain!

Eleven hardy souls fronted up, despite the weather being a bit on the damp side. The team prepared the grounds and set up the tests on the Saturday, and everything was in good shape, if a little on the damp side. Had the rain not continued, conditions would have been perfect, but it did.

Chris Fernance was the first to run and by the big grin on his face really enjoyed the smooth if slightly (very) slippery conditions, and very glad he had rally tyres fitted.

There were a few occasions where a driver allowed the car out into the very soft mud, and there looked like being a bogging to deal with, but they all got through unassisted. Those with rally type tyres were always going to have an advantage, and Ben Semple in his Subaru was always going to do well, with plenty of grip available.

Kenneth Atkins trotted the Buggy out for a run, and he offered Michael Smola a “works drive” as he was back home from the USA for a brief holiday and visit with his family.

Both were reminded what mudguards do, (the Buggy doesn’t have any!!).

Michael found the fiddle brake steering a bit more effective than he expected and managed to mow down pretty well every flag on his first run, but quickly adapted to the technique never having even sat in the car before this event.

The two juniors had a good battle with Christian having the advantage of rally treads on the front of the much larger Pulsar, while Alex had to contend with road radials on the Clio which he was driving in a motorkhana for the first time.

Chris Fernance convinced his dad, Randolph to have a run too, he did well under the circumstances. The Mazda MX5 of Joshua and Yasmin Allen, was a surprise entry, they enjoyed themselves too. We don’t see many MX5’s on the dirt!

Once again Tegan and Steven Meek from WAC joined us to make up the field.

The results were:-

Kenneth Atkins 1<sup>st</sup> O/R – 223.26 sec

Ben Semple 2<sup>nd</sup> O/R – 242.77 sec.

Michael Smola 3<sup>rd</sup> O/R – 261.24

Chris Fernance – 4<sup>th</sup> – 261.57

Christian Thompson 5<sup>th</sup> -275.68

Steven Meek – 6<sup>th</sup> – 285.70

Alex Frodl 7<sup>th</sup> – 288.26

Tegan Meek – 8<sup>th</sup> - 300.00

Joshua Allen 9<sup>th</sup> – 317.21

Randolph Fernance 10<sup>th</sup> – 335.35

Yasmin Allen 11<sup>th</sup> – 368.61

The results were from the best of the two

runs at each of the 9 tests conducted. Thanks to the officials who made the event happen despite the wet weather, a good time was had by all.

## PUBLICITY

Hi guys,

Well what a Grand Prix! Full of action all weekend, our family went down for the three days, arriving at the circuit to witness the major V8 Supercar accident at 250kph involving Percet and Holdsworth on corner one.

Of course everyone knows of the problems that Daniel Ricciardo experienced during qualifying and the five grid penalty he incurred, and then all the dramas in the pits, finally coming to rest on the 26<sup>th</sup> lap right in front of our stand appropriately named the Ricciardo Stand!

On another subject to make it easier for new and some other competitors to navigate around Ringwood I have made a video indicating the correct direction for each track layout, this can be viewed on our website in CLUB INFO>RINGWOOD>TRACK>RECORDS each video is labelled with no times available.

As a service to the club members John Finch will provide his laptop computer for competitors at Ringwood events to update their details within CAMS EVENT ENTRY, (this was originally MOTOR EVENT ENTRY or MEE as we knew it)

The main reason being to update members details contained within CEE, particularly contact details and changes to car mods, class changes etc.

A part of my role as publicity officer is to utilise Facebook to promote all club events this media outlet should attract new members and other car clubs to compete at our events, future hill climb events will be multi club permits to facilitate other clubs. Round one attracted seven non MGCCN members which is a good start.

Should any member know of any business that may be prepared to advertise in our magazine or trackside at Ringwood please contact me on 0418494663

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### Legend Lost

On 10 March 2017 we lost John Surtees CBE, a true motor racing legend. Surtees was the only racer to win world championships at the top level of both motorcycle and car racing.

He was a four-time 500cc motorcycle World Champion – winning that title in 1956, 1958, 1959 and 1960 – the Formula One World Champion in 1964, and remains the only person to have won World Championships on both

two and four wheels. He founded the Surtees Racing Organisation team that competed as a constructor in Formula One, Formula 2 and Formula 5000 from 1970 to 1978. He was also the ambassador of the Racing Steps Foundation. When Gilera and Moto Guzzi pulled out of Grand Prix racing at the end of 1957, Surtees and MV Agusta went on to dominate the competition in the two larger displacement classes. In 1958, 1959 and 1960, he won 32 out of 39 races and became the first man to win the Senior TT at the Isle of Man TT three years in succession. In 1960, at the age of 26, Surtees switched from motorcycles to cars full-time, making his Formula 1 debut racing in the 1960 BRDC International Trophy at Silverstone for Team Lotus. He made an immediate impact with a second-place finish in only his second Formula One World Championship race, at the 1960 British Grand Prix, and a pole position at his third, the 1960 Portuguese Grand Prix. After spending the 1961 season with the Yeoman Credit Racing Team driving a Cooper T53 "Lowline" managed by Reg Parnell and the 1962 season with the Bowmaker Racing Team, still managed by Reg Parnell but now in the V8 Lola Mk4, he moved to Scuderia Ferrari in 1963 and won the World Championship for the Italian team in 1964. On 25 September 1965, Surtees had a life-threatening accident at the Mosport Circuit (Ontario, Canada) while practising in a Lola T70 sports racing car. A front upright casting had broken. A.J. Baime in his book *Go Like Hell* says Surtees came out of the crash with one side of his body four inches shorter than the other. Doctors set most of the breaks nonsurgical, in part by physically stretching his shattered body until the right-left discrepancy was under an inch – and there it stayed.

The 1966 season saw the introduction of new, larger 3-litre engines to Formula One. Surtees's debut with Ferrari's new F1 car was at the 1966 BRDC International Trophy at Silverstone, where he qualified and finished a close second behind Jack Brabham's 3-litre Brabham BT19.



A few weeks later, Surtees led the Monaco Grand Prix, pulling away from Jackie Stewart's 2-litre BRM on the straights, before the engine failed. A fortnight later Surtees survived the first lap rainstorm which eliminated half the field and won the Belgian Grand Prix.



Surtees competed with a T70 in the inaugural 1966 Can-Am season winning three races of six to become champion over other winners Dan Gurney (Lola), Mark Donohue (Lola) and Phil Hill (Chaparral) as well as the likes of Bruce McLaren and Chris Amon (both in McLarens).

In 1970, Surtees formed his own race team, the Surtees Racing Organisation, and spent nine seasons competing in Formula 5000, Formula 2 and Formula 1 as a constructor. He retired from competitive driving in 1972, the same year the team had their greatest success when Mike Hailwood won the European Formula 2 Championship. The team was finally disbanded at the end of 1978.

For a while in the 1970s Surtees ran a motorcycle shop in West Wickham, Kent, and a Honda car dealership in Edenbridge, Kent. He continued his involvement in motorcycling, participating in classic events with bikes from his stable of vintage racing machines. He also remained involved in single-seater racing cars and held the position of chairman of A1 Team Great Britain, in the A1 Grand Prix racing series from 2005 to 2007. His son, Henry Surtees, competed in the FIA Formula 2 Championship, Formula Renault UK Championship and the Formula BMW UK championship for Carlin Motorsport, before he died while racing in the Formula 2 championship at Brands Hatch on 19 July 2009.

In 1996, Surtees was inducted into the International Motorsports Hall of Fame. The FIM honoured him as a Grand Prix "Legend" in 2003. Already a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE), he was appointed an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) in the 2008 Birthday Honours and a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the 2016 New Year Honours for services to motorsport. In 2013 he was awarded the Segrave Trophy in recognition of multiple world championships, and being the only person to win world titles on 2 and 4 wheels. In 2015, he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Engineering by Oxford Brookes University.

Surtees married twice, first to Patricia Burke in 1962; the couple divorced in 1979. His second wife was Jane Sparrow, whom he married in 1987, and with whom he had three children, Leonora, Edwina and Henry.

Surtees died of respiratory failure on 10 March 2017 at St George's Hospital in London, at the age of 83.

A moving tribute to Surtees was held at the Goodwood Members Meeting in the UK on 19 March 2017. *Article written & compiled by T. Lewis with the assistance of Wikipedia*





The paddock on Jaguar day



Don Anderson club member, young driver trainer & Jaguar owner & racer!  
At the Ringwood for the Jaguar club's annual national meeting





E type lightweight replica waiting for a run at Ringwood

You will not see a better collections of rear ends anywhere!





Michael smola in the Suzuki Buggy  
Chris Fernance in the Misubishi lancer





Alex Frodl in the Renault with Darrell Gregory in the background  
Kenneth Atkins in the Suzuki buggy raising a rooster tail





Club run to the Jaguar day at Ringwood

Michael Snow retraining on the job



Is this a barn find/basket case or what?  
Lot's of work for someone



## REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

As a prelude to the Jaguar Drivers Club event at Ringwood on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, Bryn Baverstock and myself attended their display of 138 cars at Fly Point Park Nelson Bay the day before which was part of their National Meet celebrations.

Some of the vehicles on display were just outstanding and certainly had us salivating and whilst my favourite was a gorgeous red XK150 convertible with chrome wire wheels, Bryn's eyes were focused on a beautiful XJ8 long wheel base saloon which he would dearly love to own. However we both agreed that our wishes were unrealistic so we came home empty handed!

The next day on the Sunday, I had organised our Register Run to coincide with the Jaguar event at Ringwood incorporating an observation trial starting at McDonalds Raymond Terrace and going the backway to Ringwood through Woodville, Largs and East Seaham arriving at Ringwood via Italia road from the west in time for lunch. We had a really nice drive and the countryside was in pristine condition following the recent rains.

Approximately 35 Jags took part in their hillclimb event with a few others who were enjoying the day but were reluctant to go hillclimbing in their pride and joy. Bryn again had the opportunity to drool over the late model XJ8 saloon.

We talked to Don Anderson from the Hunter Jaguar Drivers Club on the Saturday and Don did a great job with the organisation of these events and is to be congratulated. Thanks also to Don for allowing us to join in their event at Ringwood.

It was disappointing that we only had half a dozen cars join our Register run but some of our regulars were involved in running the Jag event and I did have a few apologies. There were also other things on that day in the greater Hunter area. However one of the cars in our event that attracted a lot of interest was the 3 wheeler Bond Bug owned by new members Brian and Enid Redford who had emigrated from the UK in December last and brought the Bug out with them in a container which included the rest of their worldly goods. They really enjoyed the day as it gave them an opportunity to see a bit of the countryside in their adopted country.

As mentioned previously, there won't be a Club Run in April and the next scheduled Club run is a midweek event set down for Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. I will be contacting those of you who are on my email list about a week before the event with details.

If you are not on my email list and would like to join in the Club runs, send me an email and I will put you on the list. Remember, you don't have to own an MG to join us. Get that special car out of the garage and use it!

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# BITS & PIECES

## GOSSIP

Correction the email for MG parts should be [www.mgbuyswapsell.com.au](http://www.mgbuyswapsell.com.au)

Andrew Chandler has scored a works drive , well sort of! He is driving Glen Parsonage's race car, the Terrapin, he will be looking for some good times I'm sure.

If you know of any news that would be of interest to club members, new race cars bought or sold, anything of interest please let me know.

## **COME & TRY HILLCLIMB**

**SATURDAY APRIL 23RD 2017**

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**Participants can walk the track whilst experienced drivers will give advice on approaching and leaving corners, where to brake and other valuable driving skills. You don't need a fancy competition car, you can bring the partner/wife and the shopping car.**

**ENTRIES OPEN BE EARLY ONLY 40 SPOTS TAKEN**

**7.15AM COMPLETE ENTRY DOCUMENT CHECK**

**8. 45AM DRIVERS BRIEFING/ TRACK WALK**

**9.30 AM START**

**FEMALES WELCOME**

**Ring Greg Hunter now 0412 493 711**

**Supplementary Regulations ENTRIES FORMS on the web soon.**

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**TIME FOR A LAFF****Understanding Engineers #1**

Two engineers were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking at its top.

A woman walked by and asked what they were doing.

"We're supposed to find the height of this flagpole," said Sven, "but we don't have a ladder."

The woman took a wrench from her purse, loosened a couple of bolts, and laid the pole down on the ground.

Then she took a tape measure from her pocketbook, took a measurement, announced,

"Twenty one feet, six inches," and walked away.

One engineer shook his head and laughed,

"A lot of good that does us. We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

Both engineers have since quit their engineering jobs and are said to be currently serving as elected members of the parliament.

**Understanding Engineers #2**

Normal people believe that if it ain't broke, don't fix it.

Engineers believe that if it ain't broke, it doesn't have enough features yet.

**Senior Trying To Create A Password**

**WINDOWS:** Please enter your new password

**USER:** cabbage

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password must be more than 8 characters.

**USER:** boiled cabbage

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password must contain 1 numerical character.

**USER:** 1 boiled cabbage

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password cannot have blank spaces.

**USER:** 50effinboiledcabbages

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password must contain at least one upper case character.

**USER:** 50EFFINboiledcabbages

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password cannot use more than one upper case character consecutively.

**USER:** 50EffinBoiledCabbagesShovedUpYourAssIfYouDon'tGiveMeAccessNow!

**WINDOWS:** Sorry, the password cannot contain punctuation.

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**WINDOWS:** Sorry, that password is already taken.

# SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT



Hi to all club members,  
The March Club night held on Friday 10 March was a happy catch up for all members who attended. As the temperature was a little cooler we were able to provide warm food for a change after such a long hot Summer.

It was a relaxed night and members chatted until 10.30 pm and caught up on what had been happening over the past few months

### **Special Note:**

The next Club night will be held on Friday 7 April 2017, which is a week earlier than normal. This date change is to allow for the Easter break and subsequent MG National Meeting.

This year's MG National's will be held in Adelaide and we wish attending club members the very best of luck and hope you all have a fun time.

### **Next Natter Night:**

**Date:** Saturday 20 May 2017

**Start:** 6.00pm for drinks and nibbles.

**Location:** Cobby Street Club House Shortland.

Bring along a small casserole with your favourite Italian meal (which we can keep warm in the oven). Club will supply nibbles, spaghetti and bread on the night. Trivia questions will be about the history, geography and travel areas of Italy.

Have a Happy Easter.

Cheers

Chris Finch





# CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

AS AT 28/03/2017

## MICK NIELSON CLUB MEMBER OF YEAR

	Rank	Points
Michael Snow	1	44
David Atkins	2	36
John Finch	2	36
Greg Hunter	4	34
Leo Frodl	4	34
Chris Fernance	6	32
Gregg Noonan	7	28
Bryn Baverstock	8	24
Christine Finch	8	24
Ken McLeod	8	24
David Walker	11	22
Kerry Woolard	11	22

## CHRIS DODDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

	Events	Rank	Points
Chris Fernance	2	1	25
Doug rae	2	2	23
Kevin Akers	2	2	23
Mark Granger	2	2	23
Russell West	2	5	22
Matthew Granger	2	6	21
Terry Perkins	2	7	17
David Flaye	1	8	16
Michael Bramble	1	8	16
Rick Vincent	1	8	16
Jay Harris	1	11	15
Nathan Notley	1	11	15
Tom Clemens	1	11	15

## Judith Rae Ladies Championship

	Events	Rank	Points
Madelon Corbett	1	1	11
Yasmin Allen	1	2	9
Bronwyn Lewis	1	3	6
Raewyn Perkins	1	3	6
Rose Collins	1	3	6

## Paul Daley Junior Championship

	Events	Rank	Points
Christian Thompson	4	1	45
Alex Frodl	3	2	34
Taylor Gill	1	3	13

Thursday Working Bees

Contact: Doug Rae 0434 141 501

# YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

## DATES AND INFORMATION FOR 2017

NOTE ALL Events are conducted at Ringwood Park Motor Sport Complex  
Starting times are 9.30 am  
Finishing times are 3.00 pm

### **DATES REGULAR TRAINING EVENTS Held on Sealed and unsealed surfaces.**

Event One	Event Four / Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Event Two	Event Five / Sat 22 <sup>nd</sup> July
Event Three / Sat 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Event Six / Sat 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug

### **INTRODUCTION COMPETITION DRIVING “MOTORKHANA”**

One event only 29<sup>th</sup> of October Starting at 8.30 am Sharp, no late arrivals please.  
Minimum age 12 years

### **INTRODUCTION COMPETITION DRIVING “KHANACROSS”**

One event only 26<sup>th</sup> of November Starting at 8.30 am Sharp, no late arrivals please.  
Minimum age 12/13 years, only with approval of the YDDC Panel.

Helmet must be worn, and clothing and foot wear to Speed Event Regulations.  
In-car instruction will be available on both the COMPETITION days above.

It's possible that above programme can change during the year, please check the above list, it will be updated as soon as changes come to hand.

However it is not always possible to meet the Club Torque magazine deadline, event confirmation can also be check by using the club's website, [www.mgcarclub.com.au](http://www.mgcarclub.com.au).

Or if in doubt please call me on 0412493711 or email Greg Hunter at [gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au](mailto:gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au) or the club Event Co-Ordinator Michael Snow on 0432772044.

## AUTO TEST CO-ORDINATOR

The event was held with 11 entrants, of which there were two juniors. And all had great time spraying topsoil in every direction (feel sorry for the people with stopwatches at times). There were even comments from one competitor that he nearly became bogged. Road tyres will do that in these conditions. See full report page 10

Don't forget the next event which is a **day/night Khanacross on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**

This event we are going to try a new format – each event (stage for the rally fraternity) will be run twice, and each time will count (Not the best time as in motorkhana's). This is to hopefully lower the amount of time it takes to re-set courses, and give competitors more runs on the day.

The event will start early (Saturday) afternoon with a meal break around dusk and a few runs after dark. It is scheduled to finish early enough for everyone to get home at a reasonable hour and hopefully get a sleep in on Sunday. Time to get those old Cibie's out and see if they still work.

For any info on the Khanacross please give me a call.

Hope to see you all at Ringwood on 22/4/17.

Leo Frodl

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(PS - CIBIE = pre light bar illuminator)



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## THE NAME'S BOND (NO NOT JAMES) BUG

Brian & Enid Redford are new members to the club having arrived from the UK to join their children in the land of OZ.

Now most people if you have a desire to import a car from the old dart would bring maybe an E Type Porsche Ferrari? No not he Redford's they brought a Bug!

Most of us haven't a clue about Bond cars so I will let Brian to tell us a bit about the Bug.

I bought the Bond Bug for £60 in 1982 as a wiring burn out wreck but was unable to work on it as we moved house to Stamfordham, a village near Newcastle upon Tyne, buying a Grade II listed building which required full restoration. It was stored in the garage loft for 20 years and when I retired, I was able to do all the restoration work, including rewire, respray, engine and gear box rebuild. The year before last I fitted an 850cc Angus Fire Pump Reliant engine which was standard fitment in the Reliant Robin.

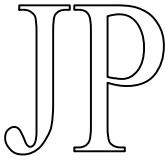
Enid and I used it as our second car because, in the UK, there is no such thing as historic registration and it is simply just a normal car. It was taken to various rallies in the North of England and it received a lot of attention. There was only 2,600 made in 1970 and not many now survive because of rusting chassis.

Enid and I enjoyed the run out to Ringwood yesterday and it was a good opportunity to give the Bug its first run out in Australia having sat in the container since last December.

There you have it . If the amount of head turning it attracted by passing motorist was anything to go by on the run up to Ringwood for the Jaguar day then maybe it was a better choice than a Jag Ferrari etc!

Bryan & Enid have been regulars at club nights so go & say hullo to them & find out more about the Bug!





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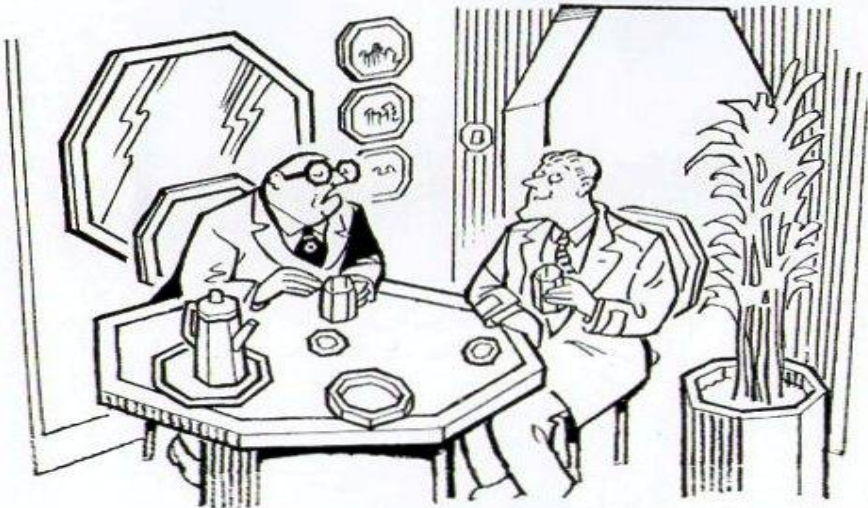
## NSW Hillclimb Interclub Challenge



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*'... and then she accused me of being obsessive about the car'*

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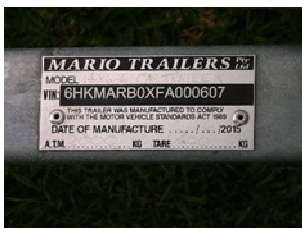
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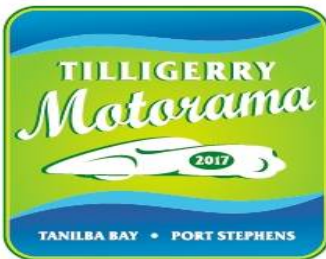
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