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Coming Events MARCH 2018

Thurs 1		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 3	BLCC	STATE Hillclimb Rd 1 - Esses	Bathurst
Sat 3	ARDC	STATE S'sprint Rd 1	SMSP GP
Sun 4	MGCCN	Motorkhana	Ringwood M MK1 CC4 Dirt
Sun 4	BLCC	STATE Hillclimb Rd 2 - Mt Straight	Bathurst
Mon 5		Magazine Assy	2:00 pm Cobby St
Thurs 8		Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 9		Club Night	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Sat 10	AHRG	Fluffy Duck TR	TBA TR1 CC3 Dirt/Tar
Sun 11	Club Lo- tus	CSCA S'sprint Rd 1	Wakefield Park
Sun 11	WAC	STATE Khanacross Rd 2 10am	Awaba
Sun 11	MX5 Club	Private Hire Hillclimb	Ringwood
Wed 14		Speed Panel	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Thurs 15		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 17	TSCC	Tri-Chall Rd 1 Pr	Tamworth
Sat 17	Mercedes	All German Day	Wickham Park Invite
Sun 18	TSCC	Tri-Chall Rd 1	Tamworth TC1
Sun 18	WAC	STATE Motorkhana Rd 2	Awaba Dirt
Tues 20		Board Meeting	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Thurs 22		Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 23		Australian F1 GP	Melbourne Albert Park
Sat 24	MG HR	2017 Concours re-run	Lambton Park Invite
Sat 24		Australian F1 GP	Melbourne Albert Park
Sun 25	MGCCN	Hillclimb A4	Ringwood M TS2 CC5
Sun 25		Australian F1 GP	Melbourne Albert Park
Thurs 29		Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 30		<i>Easter Friday</i>	
Fri 30	MG TAS	MG Nationals	Tasmania Reg
Sat 31	MG TAS	MG Nationals	Tasmania Concours CC6

Coming Events - APRIL 2018

Sun 1		Daylight Saving End	
Sun 1	MG TAS	MG Nationals	Tasmania Mkhana CC7
Mon 2		Easter Monday	
Mon 2	MG TAS	MG Nationals	Tasmania sprint CC8
Thurs 5		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 7	KSCC	Tri-Chall Pr 2	Mt Cooperabung
Sat 7		STATE Motorkhana Rd 3	Armidale Tar
Sun 8	KSCC	Tri-Chall Hillclimb 2	Mt Cooperabung TC2
Sun 8		STATE Motorkhana Rd 3	Armidale Tar
Mon 9		Magazine Assy	2:00 pm Cobby St
Tues 10	MGCCN	Mid Week Run	TBA
Thurs 12		Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 13		School Term Finish	
Fri 13		Club Night	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Sat 14	MGCCN	Khanacross	Ringwood M KC2 CC9 Dirt/Tar day/night
Sun 15	SDMA	STATE Hillclimb Rd 3	Canberra Fairbairn Park
Sun 15	MG HR	Euro Motorfest	MacDonald Jones Sta- dium M Invite
Tues 17		Board Meeting	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Thurs 19		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sun 22	MGCCN	Come and Try Hillclimb A2	Ringwood M
Wed 25		ANZAC Day	
Thurs 26		Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 28	MGCCN	Motorkhana + YDDC 2	Ringwood M MK2 CC10 Dirt

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

Construction of Circuit Italia is now well underway, with progress being highly visible every time we visit Ringwood. The boundary between Ringwood Park and Circuit Italia will be fenced and will give a new look to the area.

Since the last Clubtorque, there have been a couple of very successful events conducted. The Khanacross on 11th Feb attracted 28 entries with people from as far away as Thornleigh Sporting Car Club and Kempsey Sporting Car Club competing. One week later we hosted the CAMS Club Challenge Australia Hillclimb (NSW Round). I must congratulate the Team from Kempsey Sporting Car Club, and our two teams on their success. (see full report elsewhere in this magazine).

Our February Club Night went well, with V8 Ute driver, Richard Mork entertaining us with some of the many tales he can tell about his long racing career. It was good to see a better number of members at the Club Rooms than normal. Over the next few months we intend to have a range of guest speakers of interest, so please make the Club Night a “must attend” function. The March Club Night will be an interesting one too. (see advert elsewhere in the magazine.)

The members who follow the State Hillclimb Championship have been to the opening Rounds of the 2018 series at Bathurst. MGCC (Newcastle) was the most successful club in the 2017 Championship, so several of our members collected trophies at the presentation, which was held on the Saturday night between the two events.

Congratulations to all who competed in the series as members of MGCC(N). By the time you are reading this Chris Fernance will have conducted the first of our Motorkhana events for 2018. With the progress being made on Circuit Italia we desperately need to discover another venue, where dust won't be a problem.

The crew at the Thursday Ringwood working bees are making progress on a couple of the longer-term projects. The Spectator shade shelter should be completed on the 1st of March and the drainage system to the east of the Training Room is now receiving a lot of effort. There has been work completed on upgrades to the electrical infrastructure also. It is pleasing to see more people arriving each Thursday, some with skills we can use to great advantage.

The Young Driver Development day on 24th was well supported with quite a few new Juniors getting involved.

The Club Run on 25th to Tea Gardens for lunch was “sold out” well in advance, indicating that Ken McLeod's efforts to find new and good venues is proving popular.

All in all, this has been a very successful start to 2018, so if you haven't done so yet, get your Membership Renewal in and join the fun.

I hope to see you at an event soon.

Dave Atkins



RINGWOOD HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP - ROUND 2
Sunday 25th March 2018.
 A Multi-Club Hillclimb on Course A4



Entries Close on Wednesday 21st March 2018.
 The field is limited to 60 starters. If you want to compete, please enter as early as possible or you could miss out.

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HAVE YOU BEEN LATELY?

IT'S CLUB NIGHT THIS FRIDAY 9th MARCH 2018
 COME & ENJOY A CHAT WITH FELLOW CLUB MEMBERS
 ENJOY A TEA OR COFFEE WITH
 SUPPER AFTERWARDS. ITS YOUR CLUB

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LOOK



SPECIAL EVENT – Friday 9th March 2018 - Club Night.
 The Brand New ZB Commodore will be on show
 From 7.00 pm at the Club Rooms, Cobby Street, Shortland.

(Cars depicted may not be those on display on the night.)



Mr. Daniel Christie-Elvers from Newcastle City Holden will be our Guest Speaker. He will give us an insight into the motoring scene in Australia following the cessation of local manufacture and what the future might bring.

Members & guests are welcome to attend and join us for a light supper and a catch up on the Club's activities.

NEXT SPECIAL EVENT FRIDAY 13TH APRIL HAL MALONEY TALL TALES BUT TRUE!

CONGRATULATIONS CHRSTIAN THOMPSON.

Christian is the first ever Junior Driver to take outright first place in a Ringwood Hillclimb!

Sunday 28th January 2018 is a day in the History of the Ringwood Hillclimb. Driving the JB Clubman Christian set FTD with a run of 74.83 sec on Course A3 to edge out some very experienced drivers in well-developed cars.

Mitch Craig set a best of 75.61 in his Gemini Sports sedan, Steven Butcher a 75.66 in his Stinger Formula Vee, James Pearson 75.72 in his RX7 and Nathan Abbott a 75.89 in his super quick VW Beetle.

Christian is the product of the Club's Young Driver Development Courses, which have been running for almost a decade now under the Guidance of our Vice President Greg Hunter. (It has been suggested that he may soon start advising the instructors!!)



Christian started his career a couple of years ago in road cars, here he is in the Nissan Pulsar that he has driven in Motorkhana, Khanacross and Hillclimb events.

He now has a selection of vehicles to drive, there is a Subaru WRX, a Mazda MX5 and of course the JB Clubman.

Christian has just turned 16 and is showing great promise as a driver, wouldn't it be great if he could attract significant sponsorship, that would enable him to progress beyond our Club level events.

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NEW MEMBERS

New members approved by the board to join the club: 20th FEBRUARY 2017

NATHAN ABBOTT – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – VW BEETLE
 ROD BERWICK – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – MAZDA MX5
 JAKE BRAMBLE – ASSOCIATE MEMBER
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 NEVILLE GREGORY – ASSOCIATE MEMBER
 BENJAMIN KENT – ASSOCIATE MEMBER - MAZDA MX5
 BEN JONES – ASSOCIATE MEMBER
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HAL MOLONEY

Foreword by Malcolm Brooks

REDeX Preamble by Dr Georgine Clarsen



I first became aware of Hals book when Russell Baldwin showed it to me after he had purchased one at the book launch held at Geoff Thomas's Monaco shop.

As you may well know Geoff is President of the AHRG club where they are into maintaining historic rally cars and rallies , a very apt place for the launch of this book of Hals! Hal has had along association with the MGCCN over the years and his passion for all things to do with rallying is well known, hopefully this book will land on your bookshelf as a accurate record of that past era. We wish you well Hal.

Cheers

Bryn Editor



Neeley & Allan Ashcroft Allard M2X car 17



Car 108 of Colin Graham was the Peugeot Dealer in Wauchope and the only car to compete in a REDeX Trial on a Dealers Trade Plate.

HAL MALONEY– MY BOOK-2018

Establishing correct crew names, car makes & models, was the original intension to my writing this book. After reading publications that already existed I realised that many crew names were absent or not correct. In an effort to rectify this problem I ran Around Australia Trial reunions in the Hunter Valley area and created a Facebook page. The Facebook page is *Around Australia Car Trials*.

As a result many corrections were made through direct contact with existing competitors and families

I have included the REDeX Aircraft and Motor Cycles Trials from 1954 as they represented all that long-distance events in Australia stood for.

The original Criteria for writing this book was to include all Multi State events so I have started with the 1936 Centenary Rally which was Multi State . In later years there were others that I have not included such as the Mini Monte Rallies. A comprehensive list of competitors is at the back of this book

Hal Maloney Author

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A number of years ago my young sister-in-law having just finished university and starting her first job asked me if I would look over her first car, a Holden Gemini. She brought the car to our home and I checked it over and carried out a basic service, changing the oil and filter, and doing a few routine adjustments. When she came to pick up the car she wanted to pay me for my work, but I declined saying, “just remember me when you get your Porsche”, as it was apparent that she was on her way to making her mark on this world. Well this strategy paid off at Christmas when I received a telephone call to say that she had come up to Newcastle, not with a Porsche, but in the Tesla and would I like to take it out for a drive, knowing full well what my answer would be.

The car was parked on charge at her older sister’s home, she would be out, but the keys would be left on a cabinet in the hallway for me. Accompanied by my middle son and daughter we drove over to



collect the Tesla. First challenge was how to disconnect it from the charging cable; no it will not let you drive off with the cable connected. I cringe at that thought. Then we had to figure out how to get in to it, as there are no key holes in the doors or handles to pull on. With the key, for want of a more appropriate term, in close proximity I reached out and touched a flush chrome strip in a typical door handle location and the door gently swung open to let me in. Then there was the excitement of opening the rear door as my daughter touched the chrome strip on the rear passenger side and stood back as the door slowly swung up, cantilevered from the roof, well clear of her head.

Having successfully gained entry I now turned my attention to how I was going to drive the Tesla. In the middle of the dash is a large touch screen display panel which offered us a greeting. My son, being much more adept at finding his way around screen menus than me, scrolled through and found a beginners guide to drive a Tesla. The instructions directed us to an ON button and a small steering column lever on the right that was marked F for forward, P for park and R for reverse. I then pressed the ON button, selected F and gently pressed the accelerator pedal, thankfully in the normal location next to the brake pedal and the car moved silently forward. No need to release the parking brake as that all happens automatically. First impressions of the Tesla as it moved off were of a very luxurious, high tech, large, robust and silent well-built vehicle. Considering that this is only the third generation Tesla model the standard of build quality and sophistication was extremely impressive.

We headed out in the traffic towards Jesmond looking to find a bit of open road to check out the performance. Stopped in the front row of the red light facing the dual carriageway that runs alongside the University I took the opportunity to plant the accelerator when the light changed to green. Acceleration was ballistic, bringing a big screech of excitement from my daughter and we were at 90K in no time. Operation of the accelerator pedal is multi-functional as it modulates between applying power and regenerative braking. I found that I readily adapted to this, hardly ever needing to use the brakes, to cruise you just maintain or feather the accelerator, or to brake or in this case slow down, you lift your foot off the pedal and the regeneration retards the car, somewhat equivalent to standing on the brake. So by gentle manipulation of the accelerator one can go from rapid application of power to significant retardation, or any position in between.

Having sampled the acceleration we headed out towards Maitland to find some more open road and pick up the M1 and head back in to Newcastle. On the M1 110K was achieved in no time at all, with me having to lift off the accelerator to hold it back. A little evil person inside me was wishing I had access to Ringwood Circuit, now that could have been real fun. But with double demerit points active I restrained myself and with some frustration headed back to Lambton to safely return the car. Reverse parking on the drive with the inbuilt camera and sensors was easy, reconnecting and activating the charging cable was a bit more challenging. I reluctantly placed the keys back on the cabinet and we departed for home mightily impressed with the state of the art electric automotive technology we had just sampled.

Allan Evans



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The first Khanacross of the year was held on the 11th February. This was one of our Dirt and Tar Khanacross events, and a round of the Club Championship.

The event was an outstanding success with a large field of competitors, from young to old, and first-timers to experienced competitors. Almost as varied as the competitors was the weather, which changed from light drizzle making for a slippery track, to hot and humid conditions. Thankfully everyone had packed up and left before the afternoon storm hit.

In the Tar Only event, the results showed Steve Woods in 1st, off to a flying start towards being Club Champion again. 2nd went to Nathan Apps, and 3rd to Luke Garland. To show just how close the racing was, the first six places were separated by less than 5 seconds!

In the Combined Dirt and Tar event, 1st place went to club junior Christian Thompson, 2nd to Jake Bramble, and 3rd to another junior, Izaiah Meldrum. Watching just how well some of our juniors can drive makes me look forward to an exiting future for the club and it's up and coming drivers.

By the time you are reading this the next event, the 4th March Motorkhana, will have been run and won, but unfortunately after the cut off date for publishing. Read all about it in the April magazine. Just made ! See next page.



K/C Greg Payne Austin A30



K/C Magic flag! Will it stand up? It did!



Top President Dave Atkins raising a dust storm
 Right Chris Fernance about to start
 Below Junior Christopher lies in the Mazda

Motorkhana results 4/3/2018

1st was Brendon Wood in the Mazda Metro.
 2nd was David Atkins in the 240Z.
 3rd outright and fastest junior was Christian Thompson.

REGISTER SECRETARY REPORT

There are now approximately 124 Historic Vehicles registered with the RMS through the car club.

In January three new vehicle registrations have been processed including the following:

1979 Holden HZ Station Wagon
 1963 VW Beetle
 1967 Holden Station Wagon

Six vehicles previously registered processed registration renewals.

So far in February a further two registration renewals have been processed.

Renewal of Club Membership was due from 1st March. Historic Registration is conditional on maintaining full paid up membership of the car club. If you have not renewed your Club Membership prior to the March 1st deadline then you have failed to comply with the registration requirements. Ensure you renew your club membership before taking the vehicle out onto the road.

Allan Evans – Register Secretary.



Top left. Doug Barry
 Right . Drivers briefing
 Bottom left Amy Mrcela
 Bottom right. The number plate says it



SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

Hi Members,

What a great club night meeting we had in February. A big thank you to Richard Mork for being our guest speaker. It was great to hear the inside stories associated with V8 Ute's and the many other vehicles that Richard has competed in over a long period of time. It was also interesting to hear Richard's personal experiences whilst competing in the Newcastle 500 event last November.

Rose Cogger Collins and John Collins have agreed to host a Natter Night at their residence on Saturday 21 April 2018. If you are interested in attending just text Rose on Ph 0413 222 828 to help with numbers.

Natter Night

Hosts: John Collins and Rose Cogger Collins

Where: 8 Heather Street

Heatherbrae NSW 2324

Time: 5.0pm for Drinks and Nibbles

Just bring a small salad and dessert to share, your own drinks of choice, and what you would like to cook on the Bar-b-que.

If any club members would like to host a natter night or afternoon during the year please contact me on ph. 0431 656 663

Cheers Chris Finch.



This was the second running of the CAMS Club Challenge in NSW, and it saw the number of teams competing grow from 9 last year to 11 this year.

The concept for these events is somewhat different to a standard Hillclimb, in that the competitor's times are recorded, their best is then converted to a percentage of the record for their respective class. The score for each member of the team is then added together and divided by the number of members in the team. This then becomes the team score and is what the final outcome is determined by.

This year there were teams from Kempsey Sporting Car Club, NSW Road Racing Club, Renault Car Club of Australia, Lower Blue Mountains Christian Car Club, Wollongong Sporting Car Club, Mazda MX5 Club, Road & Track Drivers Club, Two teams from the 86/BRZ Club and our two teams.

Prior to the event, it was obvious that KSCC were putting in a real effort this year with a very strong line up. Doug Barry in his Lola (current NSW Champion) was supported by Darren Read in his Hayward, Dave Morrow in the Kryger Suzuki, Shannon Barnes in the MR2 and Scott Tutton in his Lancer EVO. They are all very proficient Hillclimbers who are familiar with our A2 track layout. Our Team 1, consisted of Darren Hodgson - MGF Trophy (existing class record holder). Steven Woods - Renault Megane (existing class record holder) Timothy Blake - WRX, Michael Whiteman in his upgraded Monaro CV8 and Jeff Schmitt in his recently acquired BMW M3. When it was apparent that the field wasn't going to reach the 16 team limit we were able to enter a second team.

Our Team 2, consisted of Amy Mrcela – Minetti, James Pearson – Mazda RX7, Jason Gregory – RX7, Neville Gregory – RX7 and Christian Thompson MX5. (We should have called this “MGCC(N) Team M”)

We expected to put up a strong showing with both teams but the records that our members were chasing were quick times, so it was not a forgone conclusion that we would feature in the results.

The concept of competing against the “Class Record” makes the event more interesting because so many factors come into how people go on the day. The records can have been set under conditions which can be very different to those on the day of the event, the weather can have a big part to play in the outcome.



Fifty-two drivers competed this year, some were very experienced hillclimbers through to a few who were competing for the first time ever in any type of event. The variety of cars entered was also a positive feature of the event. The three clubs true to their make were the Renault Car Club, MX5 Club and The 86/BRZ Club. These makes are the now popular for club level motorsport. (Wouldn't it be great if sometime soon, the makers of MG came up with a competitive car instead of the SUV's they appear to be concentrating on now.)

It took a while for most drivers to come to grips with the course, with just 2 (MX5 team members) setting their best times on run 1, Six achieved their best on Run 2, 12 on run 3, 12 on run 4, 11 on run 5 and 9 on run 6. Interestingly of the five records that were broken, two were on Run 3 and 3 on Run 5.

Congratulations to the two of our team members who set new records. Despite having not competed for well over 12 months Neville Gregory was able to improve on the Type 3 over 2L record in the old faithful RX7 to achieve a score of 99.75% and Jeff Schmitt in only his second event in his BMW M3 achieved a score of 97.56%.

The top 3 team scores were closer this year with Kempsey achieving a 100.72% MGCC Team 1 = 101.31% and Team 2 = 102.16% Just 1.44% between 1st & 3rd.

Last Year the North Shore Sporting Car Club won with a 97.39% ahead of Kempsey with 99.67% and MG Team Sports 99.84% or 2.75% between 1st & 3rd.

The results do show that the Clubs with regular Hillclimb drivers have the greatest level of success, the event format gets everyone involved throughout the day. From my perspective, it is an opportunity for MGCC(N) to show off our venue, and to have new people from other club's experience the sport of Hillclimbing in a very friendly way. The full set of results is available on our website.



Perhaps we should consider running an event using the same formula with our own members forming teams of 5. I'm sure it would be an interesting experiment.



Neville Gregory on his way to setting a new Type 3 Over 2L record of 42.83 sec.



Jeff Schmitt along the top straight to set a new Type 1 Over 2L record of 43.75 sec



MG Team 1 – 2nd Place

Proudly displaying the \$1500 cheque for 2nd place are: -

- Michael Whiteman,
- Jeff Schmitt.
- Timothy Blake.
- Darren Hodgson.
- And Steve Woods.



MG Team 2 – 3rd Place

Also happy with their cheque for \$800 are:-

- Jason Gregory,
- Amy Mrcela,
- James Pearson,
- Neville Gregory.
- Christian Thompson (left before the presentation.)

A big thankyou to the teams who represented our club so well. The crew that helped stage the event on CAMS behalf also deserve a big vote of thanks. Thankyou to the Canteen and catering crews for the way we were all fed watered on such a hot day

Finally, it would be very unsporting if we didn't heartily congratulate the "COOPERABUNG ALL STARS" from our friends, the Kempsey Sporting Car Club. (Who knew Kempsey covered such a large area?!!)

It looks like the saying "Winners Are Grinners" is true of these guys!



ALL STARS – Dave Morrow, Darren Read, Shannon Barnes, Doug Barry & Scott Tutton with the winner's cheque.

Report by Dave Atkins - MGCC(N) Team Manager

Photos by Jim Fernance & Chantel Collins



LAND PANEL REPORT

This is the latest improvement to Ringwood, a spectator shelter/sun shade. Assembled over a few Thursdays as you can see from the photos the different stages of progress until with a lot of hard work & the usual ingenuity in solving problems the final roof sheet was pulled into place!

Work has progressed on the cross over from the paddock to the back parking area, this should stop rain water from washing mud and gravel across the Paddock area.

Doug Rae





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THE CAMS NSW/ACT JUDITH RAE AWARD

As was reported last year Cams have instigated an award in memory of our own Judith Rae.

Doug was asked to attend the Cams award night to present the award which went to Marion Baxter, a member of H.V.O.R.R.A . club and also the MGCC Newcastle . The award is presented to the NSW Administration official of the year. Well deserved by Marion & a fitting tribute to Judith



THE FLUFFY DUCK

10TH MARCH



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FOR MORE DETAILS SEE AHRG WEBSITE

The next round of our TRE Series will be the AHRG event the Des West Winter Classic on Sunday June the 3rd.

REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

For the Register Run on Sunday 25th February, 37 members made their way to the riverside village of Tea Gardens where we had a delightful lunch at Mumm's on the Myall. Our group was housed under the outside marquee in a setting right next to the river and we were well looked after by Jan and her staff. The food was of high quality and Louise and I had the Creamy Seafood Mornay which John Porter had previously told me "was to die for". He was right. Everyone had a good day and whilst the day started out warm and humid it ended with a drive home in welcome soaking rain.

Members Bronwyn and Wayne Lewis made the 1 hour and 15 mins. journey down from Taree in the MGB to join us for lunch, so the venue was near enough to halfway. Thanks to all attendees for supporting the day.

I am on leave for most of March so the next Club Run is a midweek event for a local coffee run. That's on Tuesday the 10th of April and I will email details to all those on my list a week or so before the event. If you are not on my list, please provide me with your email address.

By the time you read this, members of our club will have participated in providing 6 open top sports cars to ferry the Newcastle show girls around the arena in the Grand Parade on Friday March 2nd.

Thank you to all those who support the Club Runs.

Ken McLeod

Register Captain



YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

DATES AND INFORMATION FOR 2018

NOTE ALL Events are conducted at Ringwood Park Motor Sport Complex
Finishing time is approx..3.00pm, for all events.

DATES FOR REGULAR YDDC TRAINING EVENTS

Held on sealed and unsealed surfaces. Starting time 9.00am

Event Three / Sat 12th May Event Four / Sat 18th Aug

DATES FOR YDDC INTRODUCTION COMPETITION DR “MOTORKHANA”

Held on sealed and unsealed surfaces. Starting time 8.30 am sharp.

Event Two/ Sat 28th April Event Five/ 30th June.

No late arrivals please be on time. Minimum age 12 years.

DATES FOR YDDC INTRODUCTION COMPETITION DRIVING “KHANACROSS”

Held on unsealed and sealed surfaces. Starting time 8.30 am sharp

One event only 17th of November. No late arrivals please be on time.

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 conducted by YDDC instructors at all above events.

SPECIAL NOTICE FOR ALL YDDC STUDENTS

ALL STUDENTS TO ADVISE AND CONFIRM THEIR ATTENDANCE on the 6/7
DAYS before the dates LISTED ABOVE-----FAILURE TO ADVISE COULD LEAD
TO THE EVENT OVER SUBSCRIBED----IN WHICH CASE YOU COULD MISS
OUT.

For NEW STUDENTS please NOTE ENCLOSED footwear must be worn, DRIVERS
YOU MUST TAKE WITH YOUR YOU CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD AS WELL
AS YOUR CAMS LICENCE without both, your entry cannot be accepted

THE SATURDAY 28TH APRIL IS THE COMPETITION MOTORKHANA, TWO
WEEKS AFTER IS A TRAINING MOTORKHANA ON THE 12TH OF MAY

____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.

If in doubt please call on 0412493711 or email Greg Hunter at

gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

Mick Nielson Memorial Club Member
@ 24/2/18

	Rank	Points		Rank	Points
Christopher			Kevin Akers	10	14
Fernance	1	28	Ted Dial	10	14
Doug Rae	2	25	Bryn Baverstock	16	12
Kerry Woollard	3	24	Christine Finch	16	12
Libby Fernance	4	22	Darrell Gregory	16	12
David Atkins	5	20	Leo Frodl	16	12
Greg Hunter	5	20	Lyll Clarke	16	12
Michael Snow	5	20	Rose Collins	16	12
Gregg Noonan	8	16	Steven McLeod	16	12
Ken McLeod	8	16	Jason Gregory	23	10
Allan Evans	10	14	John Collins	23	10
David Walker	10	14	Michael Whiteman	23	10
John Finch	10	14			

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Link for MGCCN Pointscore Rules for 2018

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<https://mail.mgcarclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/MGCCN-Pointscore-Rules-2018-Ver-1-How-they-Work.pdf>

MGCCN 2018 Point scores (How they work!) Ver **12**

The points for magazine assembly have been removed

4) **Attending a Magazine assembly** **2 points.**

The 2018 CAMS manual have changed the name and some freedoms of the 2B category, so the word Marque has been replaced by Production

MGCCN Vehicles Rules 2018 Ver **12**

Marque Production

HAVE YOU RENEWED YOUR MEMBERSHIP

The Club's membership year starts 1st March 2018.

If you have not renewed your membership by then you will be

UNFINANCIAL. Remember if you are entering an event you require both a financial club membership and a current CAMS Licence.

If you pay by DIRECT BANK DEPOSIT your completed renewal form must be returned for your renewal to be completed.

Please advise any change of details: address / cars etc.

As per our club constitution if you are not renewing your membership a letter of resignation is required.

Ted Dial Membership Secretary 0408562748

TIME FOR A LAFF

My wife just stopped and said "you weren't even listening were you?" I thought.... "that's a pretty weird way to start a conversation?"

Lexophile" is a word used to describe those that have a love for words, such as "you can tune a piano, but you can't tuna fish", or "to write with a broken pencil is pointless." A competition to see who can come up with the best lexophiles is held every year in an undisclosed location. Here are this year's 2017 winning submissions:

When fish are in schools, they sometimes take debate.

A thief who stole a calendar got twelve months.

When the smog lifts in Los Angeles, U.C.L.A.

The batteries were given out free of charge.

A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.

A will is a dead giveaway.

With her marriage, she got a new name and a dress.

A boiled egg is hard to beat.

When you've seen one shopping centre, you've seen a mall.

Police were summoned to a daycare centre where a three-year-old was resisting a rest.

Did you hear about the fellow whose entire left side was cut off? He's all right now.

A bicycle can't stand alone; it's just two tired.

When a clock is hungry it goes back four seconds.

The guy who fell onto an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

He had a photographic memory, which was never developed.

When she saw her first strands of grey hair, she thought she'd dye.

Acupuncture is a jab well done. That's the point of it.

And finally:

Those who get too big for their britches will be totally exposed in the end.



105 year old lady's advice to us all



"For better digestion I drink beer. In case of appetite loss I drink white wine. In case of low blood pressure I drink red wine. In case of high blood pressure I drink scotch. When I have a cold I drink Schnapps."
 "When do you drink water?"
 "I've never been that sick!"

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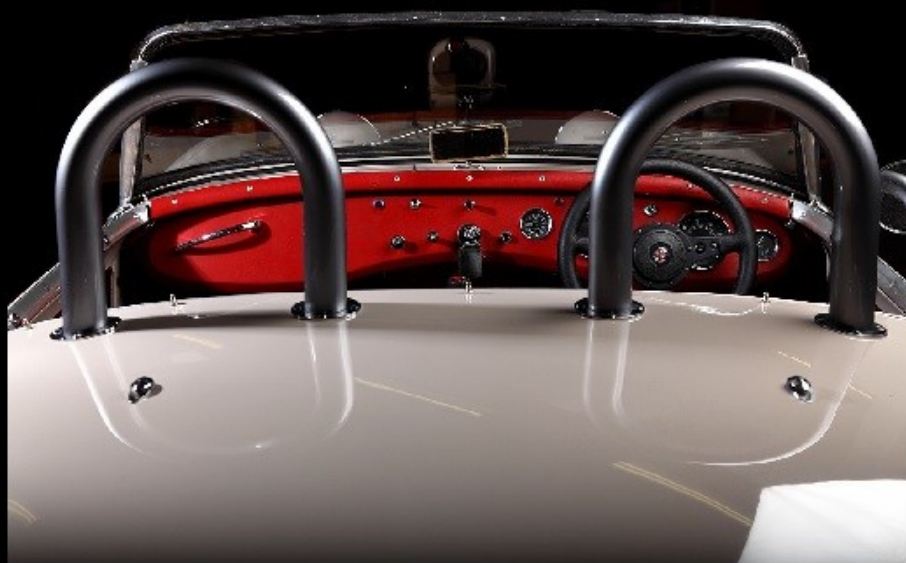
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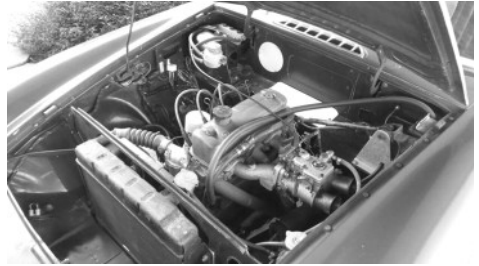
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