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Coming Events - February 2019

Fri 8	MGCCN	Club Night	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Sun 10	WSCC	CAMS Club Challenge	Dapto
Thurs 14	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Sun 17	WAC	STATE Motorkhana Rd 1	Awaba - Dirt
Tues 19	MGCCN	Board Meeting	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Thurs 21	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Sun 24	MGCCN	Hillclimb A4	Ringwood M TS2 CC3 R2
Sun 24	WAC	STATE Khanacross Rd 1	Awaba
Thurs 28	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood

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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Coming Events - March 2019

Sat 2	CLA	CSCA Supersprint Rd 1	Wakefield Park
Sat 2	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rd 1	Bathurst - Esses
Sat 2	ARDC	State Supersprint Rd 1	SMSP GP
Sun 3	MGCCN	Motorkhana (Dirt)	Ringwood M MK1 CC4
Sun 3	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rd 2	Bathurst – Mountain Straight
Mon 4	MGCCN	Magazine Assy	2:00 pm Cobby St
Thurs 7	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 8	MGCCN	Club Night	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Sat 9	AHRG	Fluffy Duck T/Assy - Dirt/ Tar	Motto Farm TR1 CC5
Sat 9		Hawkes Nest Motor Fest	Hawkes Nest
Sun 10	MGCCN	Hillclimb A2A	Ringwood M TS3 CC6 R3
Sun 10	WAC	STATE Motorkhana Rd 2	Awaba Dirt
Thurs 14	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 16	Mercedes	All German Day	Wickham Park Invite
Sat 16		Australian F1 GP	Melbourne Albert Park
Sun 17	MGCCN	Club Run	TBA M R4
Sun 17	WAC	State Khanacross Rd 2 10am	Awaba
Sun 17		Australian F1 GP	Melbourne Albert Park
Tues 19	MGCCN	Board Meeting	7:30 pm Cobby St M
Thurs 21	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 23	KSCC	Tri-Challenge Practice 1	Mt Cooperabung
Sun 24	KSCC	Tri-Challenge Hillclimb 1	Mt Cooperabung TC1
Thurs 28	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 29	R/W Hire	Touring Assembly	Jon Thomson
Sun 31	MGCCN	Khanacross Dirt/Tar	Ringwood M KC2 CC7

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

In my December report, I looked back on 2018, now it is time to look forward to 2019 and beyond.

Once again, sorting our calendar of events has been a massive challenge and I must thank our outgoing Event Co-ordinator, Michael Snow for the significant amount of time and effort he has put into setting the calendar up for us. Unfortunately, things have taken a bit longer than normal to settle down this year. Changes made by other Clubs sometimes have a significant impact on our events, necessitating some re-scheduling. One thing is obvious, that is that there is an immense amount of Motorsport events available to our members. Fitting our events into the year necessitates some crowding which will require people to decide which event they will support. Hopefully in most cases it will be the one being conducted by MGCC (Newcastle). Every effort is being made to keep the list of Coming Events in Clubtorque accurate and up to date. The calendars listed on the website also must be maintained.

Publicity for our upcoming events is being done via 3 modes, Firstly, via the Club Magazine, then on our website, www.mgcarclub.com.au also on the Club's facebook page. For some of our more special events, there may be some comments on radio and in Newspapers, but this is a bit more difficult to achieve.

Work on the Ringwood Hillclimb start line has been progressing at a rapid pace already this year. Much effort from a few dedicated workers has transformed the look of the area. Gone is the rather unsophisticated shelter that has served the start line officials for many years, gone too is the old cracked and polished concrete pad. While there is a small amount of tidying up still to be completed, people who attended the Hillclimb on Sunday 27th January should have been impressed by the improvements to the infrastructure.

When you receive your membership renewal notices during February you will note that the fees have not been increased. The Board decided that keeping membership fees fixed for another year is a way of sharing the financial success of our club with all members. We are absorbing quite a few increases to the costs that the Club incurs, such as our Affiliation fees, magazine printing and postage, various licences and other rates and fees that we must pay to continue to operate. We have applied a \$2.00 increase to the Hillclimb entry fee as a

PRESIDENTS REPORT

contribution to the increased cost of having a much higher level of medical support at our Club/Multi-Club hillclimb events. We now have the same standard as is required for State level and higher events. This proved to be a good decision at last year's Mattara Hillclimb.

This year, I am keen to see a greater level of participation in pretty much all aspects of the Club's activities. With a yearend membership of over 570, it concerns me that what we are offering appears to be of limited interest to our wider membership. Except for Hillclimbs, which are well supported with full or near full fields for each event, it is unusual to get participation from any more than about 5 or 6% of our members. I recognise that many of you didn't join and remain members to be Hillclimbers, thankfully we do have a core group, who are active across a reasonably wide spread of what the Club does, it would be great to see that group grow. We have good numbers of Junior members who are involved in the Young Driver Development Courses that Greg Hunter has been driving for quite a few years, and we see some of these youngsters going on to participate in competition events. In some cases, a parent also takes up competing, and gain quite a lot of satisfaction from the family involvement. I do recognise that we also have a growing number of people who are well past being juniors, and competing is not why they are members.

Last year we saw a greater level of participation at Club Nights when we had a Guest Speaker, or something different to offer. Ideas on potential guest speakers have come from outside the Board members, which is great to see. On the four Club Nights that we had a Guest Speaker last year, the numbers were better than normal. I am keen to see more such nights set up this year. Thanks to input from a member, we have already got a high-profile guest arranged for the February Club Night, and work is underway to have something set up which should be of interest to our members for the March Club Night. Keep an eye on the website or facebook page for the earliest news on these.

MG owners have been getting their plans in place to attend the National Meeting in Queensland at Easter. MGCC (Qld) are probably the MG Club most like ours in their set up, with a permanent venue of their own at Mount Cotton, and a strong motor sport content to their activities. I think it will take a big effort to beat them on their home ground, even with the fudge factor applied.



Start Line shelter Pre December 2018

Start Line Shelter January 2019



PRESIDENTS REPORT

I'm sure we will be well represented again this year. Fran Hodgson is again co-ordinating our team and tells me there is still one room available in the accommodation she has booked.

Last year was a great year for the Club and its members, let's make 2019 even better.

Dave.

February Club Night - Guest Speaker

WILL HAGON: Motoring Journalist & Sports Commentator
Friday 8 February 2019.



Will Hagon has interviewed everyone who is anyone in motorsport via television and radio, with 11 coverings of Bathurst 500 for Channel 7, plus commentating motorsport in England.

Will was Motoring Editor of the Sunday Telegraph for 1977 – 1990 covering all matter of motor sport encompassing bikes, cars, racing and rally driving. Will has mixed with many great motorsport drivers and is willing to communicate his experiences at our next Club Night

Members and their guests are invited to enjoy Will's presentation.

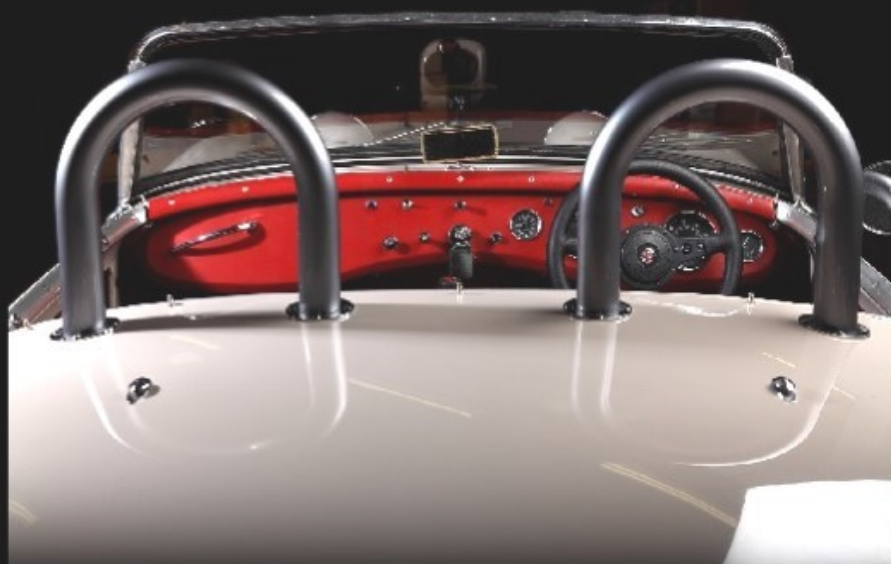
Friday, 8th February 2019, 7.30pm.

At the Club Rooms – Cobby Street, Shortland.

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REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

Our first Register Run for the year kicked off with the traditional Australia Day brunch at the Lakehouse Café at Murrays Beach with 39 people in attendance. This year the Café asked if we could pre-order to speed things up when serving such a large group and that worked quite well as they had everyone on a list and were ticked off on arrival. As a result food was served in about half an hour. Quality of food was good and there was plenty of it. It was another very hot day and the aircon struggled a bit but nobody complained. All in all a good day out amongst friends. Thanks to all those who attended and responded favourably to the request for pre-ordering.

The next Register Run will be held as shown on the club calendar on SUNDAY 17th MARCH will be a run the Twin Rivers Café at East Gresford for a light lunch. The plan is to meet at the Clubrooms at 10.30 am for an 11.00am departure. More details will be in the March magazine. I need numbers for catering purposes, SO PLEASE LET ME KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

Ken McLeod
 Register Captain
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The Vehicle Rule Changes for 2019 are as follows.

Type 2: Modified Road Registered Vehicles:-Must be Road Registered, as per Definition.

ROAD REGISTERED means registered for normal road use in New South Wales through the Road and Maritime Services or Historic Registration through a Car Club, or any other State within the Commonwealth of Australia by its interstate equivalent.

Current Registration papers will be required at Documentation check prior to an event.

Type 3: Improved Production Vehicles:-

To those it may concern please read (on www.mgcarclub.com.au) section 4.3.1 g)h) and i), regarding Supercharging (includes Turbo charging).

This section has been rewritten to simplify and bring the meaning clearly inline, as specified in Group 3J in the CAMS Manual Of Motorsport.

Note, No change will be required to vehicles currently complying with Group 3J, as per the current CAMS Manual Of Motorsport.



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Above: Joy Mallard was a big improver on the day in her Fiesta

Below: Dave Walker in his MG B





Above: Ray Bromley in his Locost 7 replica

Below: Bob Millington in his BRZ





Above: Ray Gorton brought along his 2002 STi

Below: Tom Clemens handled the heat in his VW Beetle





More than a slab and a new shed, the new starting area has had improvements to its ability to drain, vital for when the weather isn't being kind.

Below: Jarrod Cramp in his Focus RS



HILL CLIMB RESULTS

Type 1 Under 2 ltr New Record - 1st in Class Matthew PRYOR 100 Toyota 86 82.35
Type 1 Under 2 ltr 2nd in Class Michael MCLEOD 333 Toyota Corolla 90.90
Type 2 Under 2 ltr New Record - 1st in Class Graham ORR 61 Honda CRX 79.82
Type 2 Under 2 ltr 2nd in Class Cody SKOUMBOURDIS 141 Fod Fiesta 79.92
Type 2 Under 2 ltr 3rd in Class Bob MILLINGTON 57 Subaru BRZ 80.45
Type 2 Over 2 ltr New Record - 1st in Class Jeff SCHMITT 330 BMW M3 78.06
Type 2 Over 2 ltr 2nd in Class Steven WOODS 10 Renault Megane RS275R 78.17
Type 3 Under 2 ltr 1st in Class Tom CLEMENS 11 VW Beetle 79.92
Type 3 Under 2 ltr 2nd in Class Mark DE GIOIA 366 Datsun Sunny 80.08
Type 3 Under 2 ltr 3rd in Class Robert JACKSON 31 Honda Integra 82.45
Type 3 Over 2 ltr 1st in Class Michael WHITEMAN 219 Monaro CV8 82.20
Type 4 Under 2 ltr New Record Ryan BATES 999 Nissan Pulsar 81.04
Type 5 Under 2 ltr New Record Stephen BUTCHER 13 Stinger FV 005 74.76
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Sports Grp 2A/2C Under 2 ltr 2nd in Class Kevin AKERS 29 Carroll Clubman 75.16
Sports Grp 2A/2C Under 2 ltr 3rd in Class Raymond BROMLEY 71 Locost 7 replica 76.61
Prod Sports 2B Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr 1st in Class Jeff NEWHEY 48 MG B 82.82
Prod Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr 1st in Class Paul BOWER 27 Mazda MX5 77.77
Prod Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr 2nd in Class John FINCH 54 Mazda MX5 81.36
Prod Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr 3rd in Class Gregg NOONAN 80 Mazda MX5 81.45
SV Over 3 ltr **F.T.D.** - New Record - 1st in Class Tim BLAKE 927 Subaru WRX 74.56
SV Over 3 ltr 2nd in Class Ryan GORTON 220 Subaru WRX STi 75.92

JANUARY CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT

Well, that didn't go to plan! Unfortunately, what I had envisaged proved too difficult to make happen and wasn't helped by difficulties getting the technology set up quickly enough. Once underway we managed to get through 4 of the 6 question sets, I had prepared.

The results were informative to say the least! The set requiring teams to answer questions about MG's was the most successfully completed set with the best score being 14 correct of the 15. The question Set requiring Teams to identify tyre manufacturers and the tyre names was the next best with two teams getting 10 of the 12 answers.

The questions set about Hillclimbers yielded a much worse result than I expected given that we are such a strong hillclimb club. When it came to the set on Club history, the questions were obviously from too far back in time. I even heard a few say, "I wasn't even born then!!" (I don't really believe that in some cases, but certainly it was true for others.) Had it not been for Lyall Clarke and Dale Powell with their memories of the early days at Nelsons Plains, the results would have been even lower.

The two unused sets could have proved interesting too, but they will remain under wraps, just in case we need to fill in some time at a future club night. The Team results will be included in the Magazine and awards made to the winning team at the February Club Night.

Finally, thanks to all who participated.

Point score and teams on page 19.

TEAM MEMBERS	Questions Topic				Total Points
	Tyres	MG s	Hillclimb	Club History	
Possible Score	12	15	10	12	49
Lyall Clarke Will Hagon Robert Evans Noel Parkinson Libby Fernance,	10	11.5	4	5.5	31
Ken McLeod Bede Griffiths John Finch Trevor Cook Paul Bower	6	14	6	3.5	29.5
Dale Powell Allan Evans Chris Gates Joy Mallard Leonne McDonald Helen Daley	4	11.5	4.5	7	27
John Collins Noel Delforce Alex Frodl Brian Redford Dean Mears	7.5	10	5	3	25.5
Bryn Baverstock Rick Vincent Terry Perkins Carolyn Hutton Jim Hutton	10	8	3.5	3.25	24.75
Chris Fernance Steven Hobbins Jacob Motum Bruce Condron Chris Finch	5	12.5	4	1	22.5
Rose Collins Jan Clarke Raewyn Perkins Joy Bower	3	5	1.5	3	12.5

YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

SECOND EVENT FOR 2019

THE DATE FOR THE SECOND YDDC TRAINING DAY FOR NEXT YEAR HAS
BEEN ALLOCATED

Saturday 13th of April.

**Please be nice and early leaving ample time for the 9.00am start
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NOTE ALL Events are conducted at Ringwood Park Motor Sport Complex
Finishing time is approx. 3.00pm, for all events.

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ATTRACT AN ENTRY FEE OF \$ 20 PER DRIVER FOR CURRENT FINANCIAL JUNIOR
MEMBERS. HOWEVER, THE CLUB WILL MAINTAIN ITS LONG TIME COMMITMENT TO
THE JUNIOR PROGRAMME WITH FREE ENTRY TO CLUB COMPETITION EVENTS.

For NEW STUDENTS please note **ENCLOSED** footwear must be worn.

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
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THE GOLDEN JUBILEE MG NATIONAL MEETING
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It is time to start planning your trip to Queensland for the 2019 National Meeting.

Our dedicated Committee has been hard at work overcoming what initially appeared to be almost unsurmountable obstacles, and this has caused us to adopt some significant changes to what was proposed in Bulletin # 1

The Queensland Licensing Laws do not allow the service of alcohol on Good Friday unless it is in conjunction with a meal in a part of the premises that is ordinarily set aside for dining. This has meant that the proposed venue of the Noggin and Natter did not comply, and so the search was on for a licensed restaurant that could accommodate us. The Alexandra Hills Hotel Conference Centre (which was already chosen as a venue for the Farewell Breakfast) could satisfy this requirement.

How does this affect you?

Well, the maximum number that they can legally accommodate in their largest function room is 350. This means our numbers have to be capped to 350 overall. This has also caused changes to other venues. While some of the venues have altered, the traditional functions have not, however. It's full speed ahead from now on.

We recommend that you register early so as not to miss out. Registration will be open before Christmas holidays so keep an eye on our new Nat Meet website for details mgnationalmeeting.org.au

Venue Details:

Friday 19th April	Registration and Scrutineering	Alexandra Hills Hotel Conf. Centre
	"Time Line of National Meetings	Alexandra Hills Hotel Conf. Centre
	Noggin & Natter plus Rocker Cover Racing	Alexandra Hills Hotel Conf. Centre
Saturday 20th April	Concours de Elegance	GJ Walter Park, Cleveland
	"Time Travellers" Night &	Alexandra Hills Hotel Conf. Centre
	Concours trophies presentation	

Sunday 21st April	Hillclimb (Speed Event)	MGCCQ's Hillclimb, Mt. Cotton
	Observation Run	Redlands and surrounding area
Sunday Night	Free night	

NATIONAL MEETING 2019

If you are thinking of going & want somewhere to stay contact the clubs
 Natmeet Co-ordinator Fran Hodgson
 Contact details at the front of the magazine

Monday 22nd April	Motorkhana	Sleeman
Sporting Complex, Chandler	Kimber Run	Redlands and
surrounding area	Golden Jubilee Dinner	Alexandra Hills
Hotel Conference Centre	& Trophy Presentation Night	
Tuesday 23rd April	Farewell Breakfast	Alexandra Hills
Hotel Conference Centre	Delegates Meeting	Alexandra Hills
Hotel Conference Centre		

As we celebrate the 50th National Meeting with the theme of “Time Travel” we are looking to create a display to illustrate the history of these meetings.

TIME LINE OF NATIONAL MEETINGS

How are those old photographs going for the Time Line? Have you started going through those old slides and photographs and earmarking them yet? These photos will need to have been taken at any of the 49 National Meetings. They will more likely be selected for inclusion on the **Time Line** if they have people and cars in them. (A car by itself could have been taken any time.)

Please only submit about 2 per meeting, so be very selective. We will need the who, what, where, when and why on each photo, THANKS.

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No email facility -For those who do not have access to email facilities please post a **photocopy of your original** to our home address - 32 Coveys Road, Tinbeerwah. Q 4563. We ask for photocopies as we do not want to have to be posting originals back to people.

The whole collection – It is envisaged that after the 50th meeting, all the photos submitted will be available on our website for people to download if they want to make their own book of photos.

Cut off time for photographs will be a month before Easter. So the sooner the better OK. We look forward to lots of photographs.

The MG Car Club of Queensland invites you to come and help us celebrate 50 years of National Meetings at Easter 2019.

Expression of interest and enquiries to enquiries@mgnationalmeeting.org.au. More details of Redlands attractions, accommodation options, cut off dates and prices can be found on our new website mgnationalmeeting.org.au.

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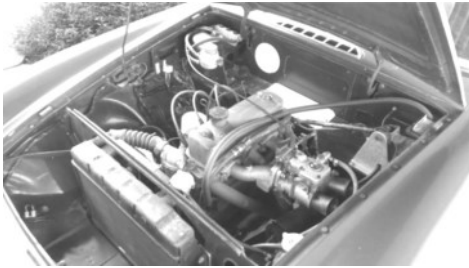
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