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Coming Events - December 2019

Sun 01	AHRG	Xmas Run	TBA
Tue 03	MGCCN	National Meeting Forum	Cobby St
Thurs 05	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 07	MGCCN	Presentation Night	Cardiff RSL
Sat 07	NESCC	State Khanacross R7	Armidale
Sun 08	NESCC	State Khanacross R7	Armidale
Tues 10	MGCCN	Board Meeting	Cobby St 7.30pm
Wed 11	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel	Cobby St 7.30pm
Thurs 12	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Thurs 19	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Fri 20		School Term Finish	

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 - January 2020

Thurs 02	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Thurs 09	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Thurs 16	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Thurs 23	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood
Sat 25	MGCCN	Club Run to Murrays Beach	Contact K Mcleod
Sun 26	MGCCN	Hill Climb R1 A3	Ringwood
Thurs 30	MGCCN	Dads Army	Ringwood

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PRIVATE PRACTICE & TESTING AT RINGWOOD.

Available most Thursdays, check in advance to ensure track works are not planned by the Land Panel on that day. Other days can be arranged, provided a suitably qualified "Supervisor" is available. CAMS have now implemented the MIDCAR protocols under which we must operate to be covered by their insurance policy.

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Looking back, 2019 has been another strong year for the Club.

Our current membership has just gone past 560. We still have new MG owning members coming into the Club which is great to see. Allan Evans has been kept busy with the Historic Cars registration system; he has advised that we currently have 156 cars listed with the RMS through our Club. I'm know there are some very collectable cars amongst them, wouldn't it be great to see them occasionally?

During this past year we continued to run motorsport events covering every club level discipline available to us.

Our round of the NSW Hillclimb Championship was moved back to August and was reasonably well supported by Registered competitors and was bolstered by our members participation. We again had the 3rd highest number of starters in any round of the Championship after the two rounds at Mount Panorama. Next year we again have an August date for Rd 7.

The MG & Sports Cars Regularity Hillclimb a couple of weeks ago was a successful event, as we had hoped it would be. The concept was well received by those who did participate, and I believe it will grow again next year.

There was just the one Come & Try Event, which was again well received, and has yielded a few ongoing competitors for our events.

In addition to the above events, we have conducted the 6 rounds of the Club's Tar Hillclimb Series, and 2 Rounds of the Tri-Challenge Series.

To say the least, this was again a busy year for the Speed Events Panel, and we must thank those who made it all happen.

Chris Fernance kept the effort going to see the Autotest events continue, and the number of entrants was similar to last year but has shown growth particularly in the latter part of the year. Autotest events continued to be incredible value for money for competitors at these events.

The Canteen at Ringwood requires a lot of effort to run and we must thank Libby & Chris Fernance for the time they have put into providing this important service to people attending events. The Canteen is a significant contributor to the income from events at Ringwood, while providing reasonable cost of food and drinks for patrons.

The MG National Meeting was in Queensland this year, and many of our regulars attended after giving the 2018 event in Tasmania a miss. Next year's event is to be held at Albury/Wodonga and interest in attending that is looking strong. We have

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NEW MEMBERS

Anthony Draper – Associate member – Mitsubishi Lancer

Russell Dickerson – Associate member – Chrysler Lancer

Cooper Wright - Junior - 2010 Holden Cruze.

David Iles - Junior - BMW 318is

Daniel Smith - Assoc. - Subaru Liberty/2001 Toyota Corolla

Rebecca Nicholson - Assoc. - Mitsubishi Mirage.



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committed to Run the 2022 National Meeting and work has already commenced on that. Club Macquarie will be the centre for the non-competition activities with Ringwood hosting the hillclimb. Motorkhana venues remain scarce, but hopefully something will be available by 2022 to enable that style of event to continue as part of the Nat Meet. (perhaps we should upgrade our dust/mud bowls!)

This year the YDDC days have continued. We thank Greg Hunter and his team for the work they continue to put into this initiative.

Greg and Bernard Corbett also ran one Touring Assembly during the year, which proved enjoyable to those that competed.

We again held our own Concours event based at the Club Rooms. The event was promoted as a "Pride of Ownership Display Incorporating Annual Concours", an opportunity to put your special car on display even if you didn't wish it to be judged. Some effort was put into contacting MG owners and those with cars on Historic Plates, unfortunately that effort was not all that well rewarded, although there were probably a few more who came to have a look but didn't put their cars onto the display area.

The Venue Hire of Ringwood has remained reasonably strong and continues to be valuable contributor to covering the ongoing costs of owning and operating the facility. After 18 months of work with CAMS Staff, and a lot of input from me, we now finally have an efficient and clear set of rules, under the MIDCAR system umbrella. These enable us to provide access to the Ringwood Hillclimb for Private Practice & Testing by holders of the appropriate licences. The main benefit being the protection of having secure insurance cover in place for this type of activity. Other related activities can also be conducted under this system. That is an opportunity that we can work on in the future.

During the period since the last AGM, the major expenditures incurred at Ringwood have been for the Start Line concrete pad and shade shelter and the new digital timing display. Also, the long suffering time keepers will be able to suffer in the comfort of their newly airconditioned room from the last Hillclimb onwards. "Dad's Army" has continued, as strong as ever with a few new recruits now involved. There is always plenty to do even though a lot does get done (and bit of fun as well!)

The Club rooms have not received much attention, with just two small working bees held to attend to some urgent maintenance issues. Perhaps we need a "Dad's Army – 2nd Division" to work at the Club rooms! The building continues to be a very important

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asset, being used regularly for various meetings and of course the monthly club nights. Ken McLeod has again done a great job, organising very successful Club runs and the Christmas in July weekend at Wingham.

The club has had another reasonable year financially, while keeping Membership and Event entry fees at previous levels for some time. Unfortunately, with the ever-increasing costs that we are subjected to and the declining amount of interest earned by our Savings and Term Deposits there may need to be some increases, or alternatively a reduction on the level of spending. The 2018/2019 Financial year saw us basically break even with our June 30th, Bank Balances only increasing by around \$1500. However total assets declined due to the significant \$ figure for depreciation.

John Finch present the detailed 2018/2019 Audited Financial Reports at the AGM. We should all thank John for the diligent and significant work that goes into recording the thousands of transactions that take place each year. These reports are for the benefit of members (and required by the N.S.W. Department of Fair Trading), IF you would like to have a close look at any of the documents, feel free to contact John or I to arrange that. We have not posted them out for many years due to the significant printing and postage costs involved. But they are there for you to see should you wish to. I'm 100% confident that any questions you might ask can be answered.

At the AGM a new Board for 2020 was elected. It is pleasing to see some new blood stepping up and also a couple of our younger board members moving up to take on Executive Roles. Unfortunately, I didn't escape from the President's position this year, so I guess you will have to put up with my drivel on a monthly basis for another year. While we do most things reasonably well, there will always be ways to make improvements on what we do now. With an ongoing membership of around 560 and significant assets our club has become a big organisation, so there will always be challenges to be dealt with.

I thank every member of the 2019 Board for their efforts throughout the year. I also thank the non-board members who have contributed in so many ways.

In closing, I wish everyone a safe and happy festive season.
Dave Atkins

YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

NEW EVENT DATES FOR 2020

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

THE FIRST THREE EVENTS FOR 2020 WILL BE

1st Event Saturday 8th February

2nd Event Saturday 4th April

3rd Event Saturday 30th May

YDDC TRAINING EVENTS TEACHING CAR CONTROL

For students who wish to try the art of driving in Motorkhana's then move forward to the more testing Khanacross events. Held on both unsealed and sealed surfaces.

DOCUMENTATION COMMENCING 8.00 AM, with the EVENT STARTING at 9.00 am sharp. All events are conducted on Saturdays.

Minimum age 12 years of age. Footwear must be enclosed shoes, not work boots, bare feet, thongs, or sandals.

Please refer to the both the CAMS National Motorkhana and Khanacross Codes for full Rules and Regulations 2019, and General Requirements of Automobiles Schedule D Apparel.2019

Please advise your verbal confirmation to enter an event one week before the advertised date by using the contact information below or leave a message.

DRIVERS YOU MUST BRING YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD AS WELL AS YOUR CAMS LICENCE. Without both, your entry cannot be accepted.

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.

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
gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au

2019 CONCOURS

<p><u>American Cars</u> 1st – Ian Eddleston – 1955 Ford Thunderbird. 2nd – Cathy Venticinqué – 1966 Ford Mustang. 3rd – Greg Venticinqué – 1966 Ford Mustang.</p>	<p><u>Other Marques - Sports Cars</u> 1st - Brian Redford – 1970 Bond Bug 2nd – John Tarran (Snr) – 1963 – Lotus Elan 3rd – Allan Evans – 1980 Triumph TR7</p>
<p><u>Other Marques</u> 1st – Chris Fernance – 2018 Kia Picanto 2nd – Wayne & Bronwyn Lewis - 1977 Mini Moke Californian 3rd – John Tarran – 1959 Land Rover Fire Truck.</p>	<p><u>MGB (Mk 1 & Mk 2)</u> 1st - John Collins – 1970 MGB Roadster. 2nd – Ian MacArthur – 1970 MGB Roadster 3rd – David Walker – 1967 MGB Roadster.</p>
<p><u>MGB (GT, L and Later)</u> 1st – Andy Peters – 1977 MGB L – Roadster 2nd – Alistair Leask – 1970 MGB – GT 3rd – Noel Parkinson – 1978 MGB Roadster.</p>	<p><u>MGF</u> 1st – Lyall Clarke – 1997 MGF 2nd – Rose Collins – 1997 MGF</p>
<p><u>MGTF</u> 1st – Darren Hodgson – 2003 MGTF 160 2nd – Bryn Baverstock – 2005 MGTF.</p>	<p><u>MG T Types.</u> 1st – Jeff Newey – 1946 MGTC. 2nd – Chris Piggott – 1948 MGTC.</p>
<p>First Outright – Jeff Newey - MGTC</p>	

There were several “Pride of Ownership” cars in attendance that were not submitted for judging, which all added to the interest on the day. Two of the more interesting modern sports cars were Bernard Corbett’s Renault Alpine and Jack McLoughlin’s Alpha, both very desirable cars!

Thanks to Lyall Clarke for sending out invites to all MG Owners and people with Cars on Historic plates. It is disappointing to see so few of you make the effort to come to these events, those who did attend had a great day discussing the various aspects of the vehicles on display. We also enjoyed the lunch prepared by the ladies led by Rose Collins.

Thanks to all who pitched in and took on the judging duties too.
Dave Atkins.

SOCIAL SECRETARY REPORT

It has been a very busy 2019 year for members and I am sure many are looking forward to a quiet break before 2020 begins with more good racing and social events planned for 2020.

Already we have several guest speakers lined up for 2020, starting with the January Club Night Jeff Thomas from Monaco Revolution and Racegear providing information on the HANS devices.

Following the Boards decision to donate money to the Salvation Army at Tamworth they have advised us that the money will be spent on vouchers for the farmers so that they can purchase items in Tamworth to help with the downturn in retail due to the drought. They advised that the vouchers will be greatly received.

I would like to wish you all a very enjoyable and safe Christmas and New Year with many happy memories in motor sport for 2020.

A REMINDER

There will be no club night for December instead the Presentation Christmas Party on 7th December 2019.

PRESENTATION & CHRISTMAS PARTY

RSL CLUB CARDIFF

SATURDAY 7TH December 2019

TIME: 6.30pm

COST \$27.50pp

RSVP TO: Chris Finch 49573123



AUTOTEST REPORT

Our final Autotest events for the year have now been run and won. The final two events were great with a really enjoyable Khanacross, and a Motorkhana that saw our largest field in years with plenty of new faces.

The Khanacross on the 27th of October saw 29 competitors take on the hill, and 21 doing the full dirt and tar event. On the tar it was a very mixed affair, with four different classes featuring in the top 5 positions. First home was regular Robert Mitchell in his Corona, and sadly the lone MGCCN member on the podium for the whole event. Westlakes Automobile Club members made up the rest of the placings with David Wykes collecting second in his Special, and Ben Semple third in his Impreza. On the dirt it was the complete opposite. All three steps of the podium were filled with Subaru Impreza drivers, and all from WAC. Ben Semple once again featured although this time in first place. Second went to Andrew Ong, with Tim Gooley rounding out the top three.

The Motorkhana was a fantastic event with a large field of 22 taking on the tests set out. For a bit of variety passengers were welcome to ride along and hopefully help the drivers navigate their way around the course. Well even the best plans never work out exactly how you'd like them to go as there was still plenty of WD's to be handed out. Maybe it's not the best idea to have a fellow competitor navigate for you as I spotted at least one pointing out some dodgy directions. An unfair advantage perhaps?

At the end of the day it was Autotest regular Matt Carmody in his Echo coming home in first place. What makes this even more impressive was that he was one of only two drivers to finish the day without a penalty. The other driver? His partner Robyn. Second place went to another Echo driver – Tony Smith setting similar times all day but unfortunately let down by a few small mistakes. Third place went to new-comer Simon Nicholson in his Mitsubishi Mirage.

As it is the end of the racing season I'd like to give a big Thank You to all the other officials that have helped run these events over the last year. It's been a big effort, but at the same time it's been great to have that effort rewarded by seeing all the competitors enjoying the events.

As for next year I have been promoted in the committee and will be filling the role of Vice President for 2020. This has unfortunately left the role of Autotest Co-ordinator vacant. If you feel like this is a role you would be interested in and would like to take on the responsibility of organising some of these events then feel free to apply. In the mean time I will be assisting as much as possible to ensure these events continue to run in the future.

Cheers, Chris Fernance.



Above: Chris Iles with an armful of opposite lock

Below: Christian Thompson





Above: Jeff Newey

Below: John directing Rose Collins





Some of the Eddlestone collection





Some of the Eddlestone collection





Above: Rod Berwick

Below: Kevin Akers



2020 AND FHR

CAMS members are reminded that as of 1 January 2020 the mandatory use of FHR will come into effect for Speed Events, whereby the vehicle entered is fitted with the necessary requirements to ensure the effective use of the FHR.

In implementing this for Speed events CAMS has applied the mandatory use of FHR to only certain vehicle classifications, those being aligned with the mandatory use across other disciplines of the sport. This will mean that:

Each 1st Category (single seater) vehicle will require the use of FHR except if it is a Superkart or a 5th Category single seater which is exempt from the use of FHR; and

Each vehicle which is the subject of a CAMS Log Book and classified as a Race, Rally/Road or Off Road vehicle will require the use of FHR, the same as if that vehicle was entered into an event for one of those disciplines.

A vehicle which is road registered will not require the mandatory use of FHR, unless that vehicle is also classified and holds a Log Book as a Race, Rally/Road or Off Road vehicle.

This approach is to ensure that those vehicles which compete elsewhere that requires the mandatory use of FHR must now also use FHR in Speed Events.

CAMS encourages all competitors to consider the use of FHR whether it is applied as mandatory to them or not.

Do you need one? Contact Paul Bower or attend the January Club Night



REGISTER SECRETARY REPORT

The RMS has completed its review of the Historic Vehicle Registration Log Book Trial and has determined that as from the 1st October 2019 the Log Book will be a permanent feature of the scheme.

This news, I am sure, will be well received by all owners of Historic Registered Vehicles providing 60 Days of general vehicle usage outside of club nominated events. Newcastle MGCC is an Approved Organisation participating in the Log Book Program and Members are required to nominate their vehicle for inclusion in the program at the time of processing the vehicle registration. You will be issued with a Log Book for your vehicle (currently an A4 printed sheet) by the RMS and your Certificate of Approved Operation will be endorsed showing that you are a participant in the scheme. Check if your Certificate of Approved Operation is endorsed, if not request an updated one when you re-register your vehicle.

Remember that you are required to have the Certificate of Approved Operation available for inspection whenever you are out in the vehicle. For club nominated events you should also carry proof of the event listing, your Club Magazine for example. Any general vehicle usage should be covered with a Log Book entry at commencement of the journey.

Travel directly to and from nominated Club events does not require a Log Book entry but if you deviate from the route for some other purpose then a Log Book entry is required. Maintenance runs and service visits now require a Log Book entry, it is just a matter of applying common sense and if in doubt fill out your log Book. The Log Book scheme eliminates the previous requirement to notify the Club of your intention to use the vehicle for non-listed activities and removes an onerous burden from the Club Official administering the scheme.

Newcastle MG Car Club now has approximately 150 vehicles registered through the Club with the NSW Historic Vehicle scheme.

Allan Evans – Register Secretary

There are currently 159 Historic Vehicles Registered with the RMS through MGCC

CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Hi members,

After a very busy year of competition, the trophy winners are listed below.

Jeff Newey was the standout competitor, winning the Club Championship & both Register Championships. While Chris Fernance was again clearly the Club Member of the Year, the minor placings were very close, with 5 points separating 2nd to 5th. The Ladies Championship was also a closely fought contest. I will have all the pointscores added to the website in due course. See you at the track in 2020.

Cheers, Gregg

MGCCN 2019 TROPHY LIST

Mick Nielson Club Member of the Year	1st	Christopher Fernance
	2nd	David Atkins
	3rd	Libby Fernance
Chris Dodds Club Championship	Champion	Jeff Newey
	2nd	Chris Burrows
	3rd	Rose Collins
Judith Rae Ladies Championship	Champion	Rose Collins
	2nd	Rebecca Boland
	3rd	Raewyn Perkins
Paul Daley Junior Championship	Champion	Christian Thompson
	2nd	Ryan Boland
	3rd	Hayden Little
Alan Bates Hillclimb	Champion	Paul Bower
Lions Club Register Champion	Champion	Jeff Newey
David Huck Register Champion	Champion	Jeff Newey
Concours D'Elegance	Winner	Jeff Newey
Tar Speed Series		
Group 2A/2C under 2 Litre	1st	Ray Bromley
	2nd	Kevin Akers
	3rd	Andrew Walker

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Production Sports Classic 1.4 - 2 Litre	1st	Jeff Newey
	2nd	Paul Whitworth
Production Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 Litre	1st	Paul Bower
	2nd	John Finch
	3rd	Wayne Lewis
Type 1 over 2 Litre	1st	Emile Pacevski
Type 2 under 2 Litre	1st	David Harris
Type 2 over 2 Litre	1st	Jeff Schmitt
Type 3 under 2 Litre	1st	Tom Clemens
	2nd	Mark De Gioia
	3rd	Russell West
Type 3 over 2 Litre	1st	Harry Harris
	2nd	Darren Lindsay
Type 4 over 2 Litre	1st	Rick Vincent
Special Vehicle over 3 Litre	1st	Tim Blake
	2nd	Jarrod Cramp
Junior Special Vehicle	1st	Christian Thompson
	2nd	Thomas Alchin
Motorkhana Series		
Class B	1st	Chris Burrows
	2nd	Jeff Newey
Class C	1st	Paul Boland
Class E	1st	Ben Hales

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Junior Production	1st	Christian Thompson
	2nd	Robert Iles
	3rd	Ryan Boland
Junior Special	1st	Lachlan Hales
Khanacross Series		
Class B	1st	Chris Burrows
Class C	1st	Rose Collins
	2nd	Raewyn Perkins
Class D	1st	Nathan Apps
	2nd	Russell West
Class E	1st	Robert Mitchell
Class G	1st	Troy Morley
Junior Production	Equal 1st	Harry Keil
	Equal 1st	Christian Thompson
	3rd	Robert Iles
Junior Special	1st	Hayden Little
	2nd	Connor Morley
Touring Assembly Series		
Driver	1st	David Miller
	2nd	Bernard Corbett
Navigator	1st	Michael Miller
	2nd	Paul Martin
	3rd	Madelon Corbett

REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

On Saturday 26th October we had our last Register Run for the Year to visit member Ian Eddleston's private car collection on the Central Coast. After meeting at the Swansea Maccas for coffee, 18 of us enjoyed a 40 min run to Ian's place where Ian and Robyn made us very welcome. Ian has a variety of cars including 60's Corvettes, Thunderbirds, Jaguars which included an E Type coupe, an XJS V12 and an XK120 coupe. He also has 2 Austin Healeys which Rick Vincent and Bryn Baverstock couldn't keep their hands off as they continue to restore their own cars. A great day out and thanks again to Ian and Robyn for their hospitality.

As I have been re-elected as Register Captain for 2020, I have to start thinking about an interesting program for next year which will be kicked off with our annual Australia Day brunch to the Lakeside Café at Murrays Beach.

I have already booked the venue for about 40 people, so I will need names so please put this one in your diary and advise me of your intension to attend at an early stage.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Club Runs during the year and we went to some interesting places so I hope I can come up with some great drives for next year.

Best wishes for the Festive Season to you and your families and stay safe over the holiday period.

Ken McLeod

Register Captain

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The menu items across the top of the screen have drop down menus.

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