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Coming Events

DECEMBER

Wed 9	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 10	MGCCN	Dads Army ** Change of Venue ** 8am	Cobby St
Tues 15	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 17	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 18	MGCCN	Presentation Night 6:30pm	Charlestown Bowling Club

JANUARY

Fri 8	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Wed 13	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 14	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Tues 19	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 21	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Tues 26		Australia Day	
Tues 26	MGCCN	Club Run M R1 9am	From Cobby Street
Thurs 28	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood

FEBRUARY

Thurs 4	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 7	MGCCN	Hillclimb A3 M TS1 CC1 9am	Ringwood
Mon 8	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Wed 10	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel M 8pm	Cobby St
Thurs 11	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 12	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Sun 14	WAC	State Motorkhana Rnd1 & MGCCN MK1 CC2 10am	Awaba
Tues 16	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 18	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 21	WAC	State Khanacross Rnd 1 10am	Awaba
Thurs 25	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 28	MGCCN	Club Run NAPA Auto Parts M R2	Beresfield
Sun 28	NSWRRC	State S'sprint North 9am	SMSP

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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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, 2020 has been a rather frustrating year because of the COVID-19 impacts, however despite this it has been another strong year for the Club.

Our current membership has just gone past 520 which is down 40 on where we were a year ago, this can be attributed to a number of issues, not the least being the interruption of our normal program of events and activities due to the restrictions that have been in place.

However, we still have a few 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 173 cars listed with the RMS through our Club. There were 156 at this time last year. I know there are some very collectable cars on the It was great to see some of them at the recent Concours, wouldn't it be great to see then many more that are out there?

During this past year we managed to run motorsport events covering Autotest and Speed Events, unfortunately the lack of interest in Touring Assemblies forced us to cancel the one event we were scheduled to run. It will be a sad thing to have to drop these fun events from our calendar, but if people don't wish to drive their cars, then that's what will happen.

Our round of the NSW Hillclimb Championship in August was able to happen but without our regular few competitors from Queensland or spectators and sponsors. The number of Registered competitors entering was down on previous years, but the field was bolstered by the participation of our members. We made an offer to the Hillclimb Panel to run another round later in the year which they accepted, that event had the same number of entries as the August one, so while down on past years it was still worthwhile as a sporting event as well as contributing to the Club's income streams.

2020 was a difficult year for the CSCA series, but our Club managed to get a Round in, and create another first. This was the first CSCA Supersprint Round to be held at Pheasantwood Park at Marulan. Everyone who attended was impressed with the venue and the way the event ran. Well done to that team.

There was just the one Hillclimb with a Come & Try component. This was again well received, despite the weather being less than desired. It has yielded a couple of ongoing competitors for our events.

In addition to the above events, we have conducted the 5 rounds of the Club's Tar Hillclimb Series and the Regularity Hillclimb on 6th December.

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The 2020 Mattara Hillclimb was Round 3 of the abridged Tri-Challenge Series. Without the ability to advertise for spectator participation we decided it would be unfair to our loyal sponsors from previous years to ask for funding from them, so it was a pretty low-key event by previous standards.

To say the least, it has been a very busy second half of the year for the Speed Events Panel, and we must thank John Garroway and those who helped make 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 although growth of entries in the Khanacross events particularly in the latter part of the year is pleasing. Autotest events continued to be incredible value for money for competitors.

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 food and drinks for patrons at a reasonable cost.

The MG National Meeting was to be held at Albury/Wodonga and interest in attending that is looking strong. Unfortunately, due to the COVID-19 issue and border restrictions in place MGCC Vic. were left with no option but to cancel the event. They had planned to do the same thing in 2021 as they had everything set up and to do so would have been much easier, however the ongoing uncertainty over the COVID-19 restrictions etc that have decided to abandon the one as well. We have 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. The Motorkhana venue has now been resolved and that will be at Rathmines.

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

NEW MEMBERS

KELLY HERBERT – ASSOCIATE MEMBER

TONY HERBERT – ASSOCIATE MEMBER

MATTHEW PARKER – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – MITSUBISHI MIRAGE

NICHOLAS PARKER - ASSOCIATE MEMBER

BRETT HORD – ASSOCIATE MEMBER – MAZDA RX7

PRESIDENTS REPORT

The Concours at Ringwood was again a response to the issue surrounding the COVID-19 restrictions and was been run differently to anything done in the past. With the driveway upgrade we may decide this is a good venue for Concours in future years.

The Venue Hire of Ringwood has suffered a blow from the virus, causing several cancellations. However, there are indications that there will be more activity early next year.

The MIDCAR system enabled us to provide access to the Ringwood Hillclimb for Private Practice & Testing by holders of the appropriate licences. Even with the period of no activity due to the restrictions, Private Practice numbers are up on previous years. We were also able to hold the 60th Anniversary of the MGCCUK celebration under the MID-CAR permit as we did with the Concours.

During the past, the major expenditures incurred at Ringwood have been for upgrades to the bays 9 through to 25 along the North side of the paddock, and of course while the financials will not show this up until next years' report, the obvious project of the driveway upgrade has commenced and will be completed before the end of this year. "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 received some attention, with several working bees held to attend to some urgent maintenance issues. "Dad's Army" have and will continue to work at the Club rooms while the Driveway work is in progress.

Ken McLeod has been frustrated by the COVID-19 restrictions with club runs and the Christmas in July all having to be cancelled. His BIG success was the 90th Anniversary celebration event again held at Ringwood on 11th October.

The club has had another reasonable year financially with Event entry fees again held at previous levels. 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 was a decision taken to increase Membership fees for 2020 after many years of them being held at the same rate. The 2019/2020 Financial year saw us add to our cash reserves held in Bank deposits by almost \$32000. There are many reasons for this increase, due to reductions in spending, in particular the inability to produce a magazine for several months, and the lack of any major Capital Expenditure. However, our total assets only increased by \$6873 due to the significant dollar figure for depreciation.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

John Finch presented the detailed 2019/2020 Audited Financial Reports to those present 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 are required by the N.S.W. Department of Fair Trading), IF you would like to have a 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 last AGM a new Board for 2020 was elected. It was pleasing to see a couple of our younger board members moving up to take on Executive Roles. Unfortunately, it has been a very disrupted and frustrating year for many of us on the Board and it is a credit to the dedication to the Club by most members of the Board that we have come through the year as well as we have.

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 540 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 2020 Board for their efforts throughout the year. I also thank the non-board members who have contributed in so many ways.

It has been an honour to lead the club over the past 5 years, but it is definitely time for me to step back slightly and give someone else the chance to guide us through 2021 and beyond, hopefully things will be much easier than they have been in 2020. I am very happy to hand over the role of President to Chris Fernance as his commitment to the Club is as strong as anyone's and has been for several years now.

I will still be an active contributor and will be available to offer support to Chris should he ask for any.

I welcome the new Board members for 2021 and thank those who are "retiring" from the Board for their work over the past year.

See you around the traps in 2021, let us hope for a less complex year than the past one.
Dave Atkins - President 2020

SUDDEN CARDIAC ARREST – how to save a life!
At Ringwood Park Motorsport Complex!
Defib Review Presentation

Come along Ringwood to learn all about **how you can save a life** when someone is struck by a **Sudden Cardiac Arrest!**

We now have a defibrillator (AED – Automated External Defibrillator) located at Ringwood. It's important as many of our members and visitors know where the unit is, how to use an AED, how to recognise and successfully treat a Sudden Cardiac Arrest and feel safe using the life saving device.

Our guest presenter, Carpet Hughes, a Registered Intensive Care Paramedic with more than 29 years of identifying, treating and saving victims from **Sudden Cardiac Arrest** will be here to share his knowledge on how you can save someone – even before the local ambo's arrive! He'll share with you how to have your patient sitting up talking to you minutes after a Sudden Cardiac Arrest strikes!

Come along and learn the following:

- Where is our club AED located?
- What is the difference between Heart Attack and Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA)?
- How do we identify SCA?
- How do we manage a SCA?
- How do we successfully save a victim of SCA?
- What do you do when SCA strikes in your home, club, school, gym, workplace or in the street?
- What is a Defibrillator (or you may hear it called an AED (External Automated Defibrillator))?
- How do we use an AED?
- Can I get a shock from an AED when delivering help?
- What about using an AED on a patient who has a pacemaker?

All of the above and a lot more questions answered for you at the **Defib Review** presentation!

It's **FREE** at the Ringwood Park Motorsport Park. *Bookings to attend for FREE essential. **Dave Atkins** Call, 0415 963 515 or email : - datkins49@optusnet.com.au to book a position.*

On the following date & time:

Venue: Ringwood Park Motorsport Complex - Training room

DAY: Thursday 17th December 2020

Time: 0900 to 10am (allow Q&A up to 1030 – no later).

Cost: FREE for all members

Everyone who attends receives a **Certificate of Attendance**. Will I need to be assessed or examined? **NO!!** Not at all – this is about a relaxed atmosphere where **you will learn how to save a life**, and it is all **FREE!!** This is not a first aid course – it is better than a first aid course!! You will leave empowered to save a life should the need arise!!

Share the date and the word and tell all of your friends, family & colleagues to come along...

**Ringwood Park Motorsport Complex, now a safer place to be should
 Sudden Cardiac Arrest strike!!**



Pictures from the Concours





Pictures from the Concours





Paul Bower, Brian Redford and Allan Evans put in the hard yards on the Leyland Tractor dual clutch and steering box rebuild



Above—stretched 6 wheel 'Cruiser anyone?

Below—John Collins JWS Special





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REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

Well we had a great day for the annual Concours event this year, assembling at Ringwood for the first time on Sunday 15th November and 28 cars lined up for the judges and there were a few others who elected not to be included in the competition.

The event this year was held in conjunction with the AGM at Ringwood to comply with Covid 19 requirements. As it happened, the location was much more suited for cars to gather than Cobby St. and I feel sure that the event will be held there in the future now that the road into the site is in the process of being sealed.

Following the AGM, the Club provided a light lunch for those attending and it was a very pleasant day out in a relaxed atmosphere.

As you know I will not be on the Board next year but my final duty is to organise the outing for Australia Day as there is no magazine in January to advertise the day out.

Next year's event will be a bring your own breakfast to be held at Mt. Sugarloaf reserve. There are electric bbq's on site with covered seating but you will need to bring everything else. The date is Tuesday 26th of January from 8.30am. I hope to see you there for the first club outing for 2021.

In the meantime I would like to thank all those who supported me over the last 9 years of my time on the Board and I wish you and your families a safe and happy holiday season.

Ken McLeod

SOCIAL SECRETARY

The Working Bee's at the Club Rooms have been very successful with the cement paving being completed to make it safe. The southern wall has also had painting done and the floor in the club rooms fixed. A thank you to all who have attended the Working Bee's over the last few months, it certainly has made a difference.

Please note the change of date to Friday 18th December 2020. Please let me know if you will be attending **by 7th December 2020** and payment is to be made prior to this date.

**Please make payment to: Newcastle MG Car Club Newcastle Ladies Auxiliary account:
Newcastle Permanent Building Society BSB: 650 000 account number: 898765607**

I think we are all aware of COVID19 requirements and I'm sure all who attend this event will do the right thing by it.

**PRESENTATION NIGHT & CHRISTMAS PARTY
CHARLESTOWN BOWLING CLUB
5 Lincoln Street Charlestown 2290
FRIDAY 18TH December 2020 6.30PM
COST: \$30 Per person**

CLUB CAPTAIN REPORT

Hi members,

Well, that was a hectic 4-5 months to get most of the year's competition events done after the Covid interruption!

The 2020 trophy recipients are listed below. These will be presented at the Presentation Night on 18th December. Visit our website to see all the complete final point scores, including the trophy placings.

Merry Christmas to all, & all the best for 2021.

Cheers, Gregg.

MGCCN 2020 TROPHY LIST

Mick Nielson Club Member of the Year	1st	Christopher Fernance
	2nd	David Atkins
	3rd	John Finch
Chris Dodds Club Championship	Champion	Simon Nicholson
	2nd	Kevin Akers
	3rd	Rose Collins
Judith Rae Ladies Championship	Champion	Rose Collins
	2nd	Katie Moy
	3rd	Raewyn Perkins
Paul Daley Junior Championship	Champion	Christian Thompson
	2nd	Robert Iles
	3rd	Kynan Patterson
Alan Bates Hillclimb Trophy	Champion	Paul Bower
Lions Club Register Trophy	Champion	Jeff Newey
Concours D'Elegance	Winner	Lyall Clarke
Tar Speed Series		
Group 2A/2C under 2 Litre	1st	Kevin Akers
	2nd	Garry Christopherson
Production Sports Classic 1.4 - 2 Litre	1st	Jeff Newey
	2nd	Paul Whitworth
Production Sports Classic over 2 Litre	1st	Nathan Apps
Production Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 Litre	1st	Paul Bower
	2nd	John Finch
	3rd	Brian Sutton
Type 1 under 2 Litre	1st	Rose Collins
Production Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 Litre	1st	Paul Bower
	2nd	John Finch
	3rd	Brian Sutton
Type 1 under 2 Litre	1st	Rose Collins

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Type 2 under 2 Litre	1st	Graham Orr
	2nd	Rod Berwick
Type 2 over 2 Litre	1st	Toby Banks
	2nd	Rick Yates
Type 3 under 2 Litre	1st	Ben Southcombe
	2nd	Nat Hails
	3rd	James Graham
Type 3 over 2 Litre	Equal 1st	Adam Harris
	Equal 1st	Harry Harris
	3rd	Darren Lindsay
Type 4 under 2 Litre	1st	Michael Taylor
Type 4 over 2 Litre	1st	Robert Mitchell
Special Vehicle over 3 Litre	1st	Tim Blake
	2nd	Dylan Gerrish
	3rd	Matthew Whitworth
Junior Production Vehicle	1st	Robert Iles
Junior Special Vehicle	1st	Christian Thompson
 Motorkhana Series		
Class B	1st	Chris Burrows
 Khanacross Series		
Class A	1st	Chris Burrows
	2nd	Rose Collins
Class B	1st	Daniel Hofmann
Class C	1st	Russell West
Class D	1st	Rick Yates
Class F	1st	Glynn Elliott
Class G	1st	Troy Morley
Class MP	1st	Robert Mitchell
	2nd	Simon Nicholson
Junior Production	1st	Robert Iles
	2nd	Christian Thompson
	3rd	Meredith Nicholson
Junior Special	1st	Connor Morley

END OF AN ERA

After ownership spanning 26 years, the Datsun has gone!



Hand-over of the keys. (Some of you will recognise the new happy owner)
The car was purchased as a project back in March 1994. Following a full renovation, it was ready to go for the 1996 competition year, where both Kenneth and I drove it to pretty much every event we could get to. I picked up 3 Club Championships in the late 90's and a 2nd in my swansong year in 2018. Kenneth won 3 Junior championships and followed them up with a 2nd Outright in 1999 and the Championship in 2000. I don't have a record of just how many events we ran the car in, but it certainly served us well and on a very meagre budget. In all the time we ran the car it only had to come home on a trailer twice, the first was my fault, when it went down side up at Nelson's Plains! The other was when a rear suspension lower control arm fractured at Ringwood. I'm delighted that it has gone to a true Z enthusiast to add to his fleet.
Dave A.

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REGISTER SECRETARY REPORT

There have been three new registrations of Historic Vehicles added to the Car Club's register since the last magazine report: -

1975 Triumph Dolomite Sprint

1974 VW Kombi

1979 Porsche Spyder Replica

We now have approximately 170 vehicles on our register.

The decision to move our Annual Car Show and Concourse to Ringwood to accommodate social distancing requirements worked out well. It would have to be the most well supported event in recent memory. I counted approximately 20 Historic, Modern Classic and Interesting Vehicles in addition to an equally impressive line-up of Historic and Modern MG's for us to cast our eyes over and enjoy. I am often impressed with the variety of vehicles owned by club members, from the immaculate to the well-used and it was great that members and guests brought them along for us see.

Quite a few people elected to enter the concourse competition which set us a challenge of dividing the non-MG entries into nominal classes for judging. Myself and Brian Redford were allocated the task of judging the road registered saloon cars these ranged from Ken Shorts immaculate and pristine presented Audi to a Fiesta motor sport hack that looked like it had had a very colourful life. It was a very close contest for second and third place between two very well-preserved cars, an eighties era Nissan 200SX and a nineties era Holden Monaro.

It was great to see new member Peter Glennie and wife Louise bring his Porsche 356 along for us to enjoy and Ian Eddleston for making the trip up from the Central Coast in his open top Vincent a tribute to an early Riley sports car. There were two very recent restorations, John Collins JWS Special put back into first class condition following a mishap on a Ringwood hill climb a couple of years back and one of Peter Turners hand-built race cars as featured in a previous magazine article. Novelty vehicle of the day goes to Martin Reeves for his six-wheel stretched Toyota Landcruiser.

Allan Evans – Register Secretary

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Kind Regards,
Mandy Dunbar
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I have 33 new books on MG'S and 3 older books on MG'S the older ones are: TUNING AND MAINTENANCE OF MG BY PHILIP H. SMITH A.M.I. MECH. PUBLISHED REVISED 1954.

MAINTAINING THE BREED BY JOHN THORNLEY. SECOND AND REVISED EDITION DECEMBER 1956.

THE MG COMPANION BY KENNETH ULLYETT, FORWARD BY CAPT. G. E. T. EYSTON O.B.E. M.C. FIRST PUBLISHED 1960.

I am asking \$350 for all of them. They are located in NELSON BAY AREA.
Malcolm Bailey 0418 462 005

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Here is the top menu layer of the website.

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

Just below the top menu, the sliding pictures show adverts for the next few events.

Clicking on the picture will take you to the event page where the Supplementary Regulations and Entry Form are stored and can be downloaded.

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