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## Coming Events—MAY

Sat 1	KSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 4 Mt. Cooperabung Pract	Kempsey
Sun 2	KSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 4 Mt. Cooperabung 9am	Kempsey
Thurs 6	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
<b>Sat 8</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Khanacross Dirt/Tar D/N M KC2 CC5 9am</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>
Sat 8	SCCA	CSCA Supersprint Rnd3 South Circuit 5pm	SMSP
Mon 10	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
<b>Mon 10</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>NatMeet 2022 Meeting M 7pm</b>	<b>Cobby St</b>
Thurs 13	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
<b>Fri 14</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Club Night M 7:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby St</b>
Sat 15	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd2 Oakburn Park Practice 9am	Tamworth
Sat 15	WAC	Rallysprint 2pm	Awaba
<b>Sat 15</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>YDDC-2 M 9am</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>
Sun 16	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Oakburn Park TRI2 9am	Tamworth
Sun 16	MX5NSW	State S'sprint Rnd 2 9am	Wakefield
Sun 16		Tilligerry Motorama 9am	Tanilba Bay
Mon 17		Private Hire 9am	Ringwood
<b>Tue 18</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Board Meeting M 7:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby St</b>
Thurs 20	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
<b>Sat 22</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Members Working Bee M 9am</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>
Sat 22	NESCC	State Khanacross Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale
<b>Sun 23</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Motorkhana Dirt M MK3 CC6 9am</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>
Sun 23	NESCC	State Khanacross Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale
Wed 26	MGCCN	Mid Week Run 12pm	TBA
Thurs 27	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
<b>Sun 30</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Biggest Morning Tea</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>
<b>Sun 30</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Hillclimb A2A M + Come &amp; Try TS3 CC7 9am</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>
Sun 30	NSWRRC	State S'Sprint Rnd3 9am	SMSP
Sun 30	WAC	Motorkhana Dirt 10am	Awaba

## Coming Events—JUNE

Wed 2	MGCCN	Mid Week Run ** Change of Date ** 9:30am	TBA
Thurs 3	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 6	TCC	State Motorkhana Rnd5 9am	Nirimba
Mon 7	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Thurs 10	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
<b>Fri 11</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Club Night M 7:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby S</b>
Sat 12	GSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 5 Mountainview Practice 9am	Grafton
Sun 13	GSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 5 Mountainview 9am	Grafton
Mon 14		Queen's Birthday Holiday	
<b>Tues 15</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Board Meeting M 7:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby St</b>
Thurs 17	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 19	WAC	Rallysprint 2pm	WAC
<b>Sun 20</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Khanacross D/T M KC3 CC8 R6 9am</b>	<b>Ringwood</b>
Sun 20	HDCC	State Khanacross Rnd4 9am	Hampton
Sun 20	AHRD	Des West Memorial Touring Assy Dirt & Tar TR2 9am	TBA
Thurs 24	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 25		School Term End	

### 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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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

Another busy month is behind us, with a motorkhana, khanacross, hillclimb, supersprint and a register run all being attended by MGCCN members. Not to mention all the other club functions such as the club night and various meetings.

This month looks just as busy with plenty more events coming up on the calendar. If you are planning to attend any events then please let the organisers know or get your entry in early. Unfortunately people still like to leave their entries to the last minute, and with events such as our hillclimbs and the day/night khanacross attracting full fields it has resulted in a few people unfortunately missing out.

The new outright hillclimb championship appears to be attracting some interest in our club hillclimbs, and the competition there can best be described as exciting. A few drivers mentioned low grip levels at the last hillclimb, but that certainly didn't stop them from trying, resulting in a couple of spins but fortunately no damage. After leading most of the day, Andrew Fraser was relegated to second place with just a couple of runs to go. An all out effort on his final run saw him sliding the Corvette back into first place on the very last run of the day, to much applause from the crowd watching on.

The next club hillclimb on the 30th May will also be of interest to anyone that hasn't competed before. A number of places have been reserved for Come-and-Try entrants to come out, have a go, and see what it's like for themselves. It may look easy, and perhaps even slow, when standing on the hill and watching. However, once you're out on the track and in the driver's seat, it suddenly feels much, much faster.

For a more relaxing change of pace, those with a green thumb, or enjoy getting their hands dirty, may find the Working Bee at Ringwood on the 22nd May to be more their cup of tea. There are a number of projects planned, and plenty for everyone to do no matter your interests or area of expertise. Help clear some vegetation and fallen trees and you could score yourself some free firewood just in time for winter.

Another area of interest to club members may be the creation of a Facebook members group, "MG Car Club Newcastle Members Group". This group is open to all members to post up pictures or information that other members may find interesting, ask questions, and share invitations to other events. While still in its infancy, it is proving to be a very good method of communication between club members and also the club itself.



# PRESIDENTS REPORT

Also available to be found online is the new 2022 MG National Meet website. A link to this website can be found on the top left of the MGCCN website, next to the clubs logo. The Nat Meet website has a bunch of relevant information including Bulletin #1, and allows interested members to put in an expression of interest to ensure they are kept up to date with any new developments.

With all these events coming up I look forward to seeing everyone out enjoying this last month of Autumn.

Chris Fernance

# REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT

## Register Captain Report: May

Our last run held consisted of a short local drive run through Port Stephens & Maitland areas and finished at the Riverhouse Café Raymond Terrace for Brunch. Everyone was taken by the location as well as the excellent service & food.

The next run will be a Wednesday “Midweek Run” on the **2th June** and it is going to be through familiar territory, just so we can get a feel as to how they might best work, seeing we have done such a run previously. For the southerners and west lake members we will meet at the club rooms at 9.00 am for a 9.30 am departure. We will head to the Williamtown RAAF Air Strip viewing area and meet up with the members coming from up the valley and Port Stephens areas, leaving from there at about 10.45 am. The drive will then make its way to Nelson Bay and then around to Fingle Bay to the upstairs SaltWATER Restaurant, overlooking the Fingle Bay Beach. Lunch consists of a choice of 4 meals, costing \$15.00 each and a \$5.00 schooner of 2 select beers, or a Red wine or a selection of 3 white wines as well as their regular menu.

Our Christmas in July trip has been locked in and nominations are coming in very well. We will be travelling to Nundle on the 24th July, having morning tea in Muswellbrook, checking into our accommodation booked and prepaid at the Hills of Gold Motel which

Other accommodation packages are available at the

### Fossickers Tourist Park:

- Caravan Sites - cost \$33 per night (one night bookings available).
- On Site Cabin accommodation, sharing bathroom facilities - cost \$75 per night (must be a 2 night booking).
- On Site Cabin with bathroom facilities from \$110 – 2 bedrooms (must be a 2 night booking). Extra persons in a cabin \$20 00pp.

After Breakfast on the 25th July: Tourist Attractions of Nundle. Then the drive home. I will need numbers and money as we get closer to the trip away.

Hope to see as many possible, to attend our next run.

John Collins, 0412 26 03 43.

# REGISTER CAPTAINS REPORT



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**EVENT 2 SATURDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY**  
**Entries close 4.00pm Tuesday 11<sup>TH</sup> May**

**NEW events dates for 2021**

**Event 3 Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> July**  
**Event 4 Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Event 5 Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

**Late entries will not be accepted**

All document will be forward by email for you to complete.

Return completed, ENTRY & SCRUTINY FORMS, FORWARD BY email to

[gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au](mailto:gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au)

GATE OPENS 7.30 AM DRIVERS BRIEFING 8.40 AM EVENT STARTS 9.00 AM

## SUMMARY OF “RETURN TO RACE STRATEGY”

Will be issued with entry DOCUMENTS and included the following REGULATIONS;

No entries on the day of the event.

One support person allowed per entered car, a “pit crew” person.

No Spectators.

All attendees to provide contact details for COVID-19 tracing.

No document checking on the day, all to be done by email.

Driver to complete self-scrutiny via Self -Scrutiny Checklist.

Must Keep SOCIAL DISTANCING

No group gatherings

No Passengers in training vehicles whilst a student is under driving instruction.

One Student per car, No double entries.

PLEASE BRING A PREPARED LUNCH OR MONEY TO PURCHASE A  
 TAKEAWAY LUNCH FROM RAYMOND TERRACE OR MEDOWIE SHOPS

DRIVERS YOU MUST BRING YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIP CARD AS WELL AS  
 YOUR MOTOR AUSTRALIA LICENCE. Without both, your entry cannot be accepted.  
 Please remember you driving apparel required for the day complete with fire resistant  
 clothing. If in doubt ASK.

Confirmation of the above dates by a check, using the club’s website,

[www.mgcclub.com.au](http://www.mgcclub.com.au) or the Club Torque Magazine, if in doubt please call

0412493711 or email Greg Hunter [gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au](mailto:gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au)

**MG Members Working Bee Ringwood Park**

Date Saturday 22nd May 2021 from 8.30 A.M.

An opportunity for all members to participate in valuable improvements to our facility Ringwood Park is planned for this day.

The planned work includes clearing of fallen timber along our northern boundary to reduce the fire risk. Removed timber material is available for members to take offsite for their own use.

Another activity is the clearing of loose small rocks and weeds inside the northern loop of the track. When this is complete we can develop this area into a short mowed grassed area as we have in the lower parts of the hill.

Members with chainsaws and or box trailers are requested to bring and use their own equipment, also any personal protective items such as gloves and enclosed footwear.

The Canteen will not be open on this day, so bring your own refreshments.

Contact Kevin Akers ph 0417405590 if any further info is required.



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# SOCIAL SECRETARY

Social News May 4, 2021

The next club night is Friday 14th May 2021 at the Cobby Street Clubrooms.

Our SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER the Honey Man from Mayfield. Neil has beehives in Morpeth, Stockrington and Morpeth and checks 60000 bees every month to make sure they don't have the Varro Amite bug. Fortunately in Australia this hasn't arrived.

Neil will inspire us with many of the medicinal uses of HONEY and will have some jars of his famous honey to purchase at a very reasonable cost.

Neil is one of the best honey makers in Australia so make sure you don't miss this club night.

Rose Collins

Social Secretary



# MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT

Membership Secretary's Report.

We welcome the following new members to the Club.

Robyn Axelrad Associate  
Brian Butterworth Full Member  
Karissa Hodgson Associate  
Jamie Lind Associate  
Lee Mears Associate  
Ian Nielsen Full Member  
Anthony Seton Associate  
Jarred Threadgate Full Member  
Aidan Trlifaj Associate  
Craig Whyburn Associate

I am pleased to see that we are still having MG Owning members join our Club. Others who have joined have Motorsport as their primary interest, and some have cars that are going to go into the Conditional Registration scheme through our club.

This brings the total of the new members to 56 this calendar year.

We now have passed the magic 500 members, so things are looking good for another strong year in the lead up to the 2022 National Meeting that we are hosting.

Dave Atkins

Membership Secretary.2021

# All-German Vehicle SHOW and SHINE



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9am - 3pm, Saturday May 8th, 2021

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## 2021 OUTRIGHT HILLCLIMB CHAMPIONSHIP @ 27th April - Rev1

	TOP 10 each round						RANK	POINTS Best 4	No. EVENTS Min. 3
	TS 1	TS 2	TS 3	TS 4	TS 5	TS 6			
Adam Single	13	11					1	24	2
Andrew Fraser	5	13					2	18	2
Garry Christopherson	11	2					3	13	2
Dylan Gerrish	11	0					4	11	2
Steven Brydie	-	9					5	9	1
Rick Vincent	7	0					6	7	2
Theo Poteris	0	7					6	7	2
Paul Bower	6	-					8	6	1
Peter Akers	0	6					8	6	2
Karen Wilson	0	5					10	5	2
Ben Southcombe	0	4					11	4	2
Robert Mitchell	4	-					11	4	1
Amy Mrcela	3	-					13	3	1
Simon Nicholson	-	3					13	3	1
Adrian Row	2	0					15	2	2
Adam Harris	0	1					16	1	2
Kenneth Atkins	1	-					16	1	1

Some pics from RND 2 tar series Hillclimb. Thanks to Ray Woods at Appleyes photography, More can be found at <https://appleyes.zenfolio.com>









**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE NOW OVERDUE!**

If you are intending to compete at an event after the 28th February 2021 or you have a car registered under the RMS Historic Plate system through MG Car Club (Newcastle) you must hold current membership for that to be valid.

You should have received your renewal notice by email, if you supplied your details last year. If not, you should have received a letter in the post.

(Please check your “Junk Mail” folder in case it has inadvertently been directed there.)

If you have already renewed, thanks for acting so promptly.



If you have not received your notice.

Please Contact Dave Atkins on 4956 6200 or (m) 0415 963 515

Email: - [membership@mgcarclub.com.au](mailto:membership@mgcarclub.com.au)

If you have not renewed by the end of March, this is the last magazine that you will receive until you renew your membership.



## MG Pre-War and TYme Event 2021

Event Information and Registration is now available for the MG Pre-War and TYme Event to be held in Canberra from 1 to 4 October 2021. The information and registration form can be found at: <https://mgcccanberra.org.au/>

Inquiries concerning the event may be sent by email to [mg-pre-war-tyme@mgcccanberra.org.au](mailto:mg-pre-war-tyme@mgcccanberra.org.au), or by phone to:

- Pre-War Registrants: Malcolm Robertson ph. 0408 627 685
- T Type and Y Type Registrants: Kent Brown ph. 0412 558 029



# CLUB CAPTAINS REPORT

Hi members,

After the completion of the second Tar Speed hillclimb on 24<sup>th</sup> April, the progress pointscores for all the Tar Speed Classes, plus the progress pointscores for the Alan Bates & the Outright Hillclimb Championships, have been sent to all the competitors. Adam Single is currently leading both Hillclimb Championships. Following are the current standings, as at 2<sup>nd</sup> May, for the Club, Ladies, & Junior Championships, & the David Huck Register Series.

Cheers,

Gregg.

## Chris Dodds Memorial Club Championship

	Rank	Points (best 12)	Events (min. 8)
Adam Single	1	32	2
Ben Southcombe	2	30	2
Rod Berwick	3	29	2
John Finch	4	28	2
Garry Christopherson	5	26	2
Harry Harris	5	26	2
Adam Harris	7	25	2
Bruce Ball	7	25	2
Darren Lindsay	7	25	2
Jeff Newey	7	25	2
Rian Humphries	7	25	2
Rick Vincent	7	25	2
Simon Nicholson	7	25	2
Allan Evans	14	24	2
Colin Brookes	14	24	2
Martin McLoughlin	14	24	2
Nicholas Parker-Grivas	14	24	2
Aiden Trlifaj	18	23	2
Andrew Fraser	18	23	2
Dylan Gerrish	20	22	2
Paul Whitworth	20	22	2
Peter Akers	20	22	2
Peter Ball	20	22	2
Theo Poteris	20	22	2

**Judith Rae Memorial Ladies Championship**

	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Points (best 12)</b>	<b>Events (min. 4)</b>
Rose Collins	1	21	2
Tracy Witcomb	2	19	2
Karen Wilson	3	17	2
Amy Mrcela	4	16	1
Katie Moy	5	14	2
Fran Hodgson	6	13	1
Amanda Single	7	12	2
Raewyn Perkins	7	12	2
Robyn Carmody	9	10	1

**Paul Daley Memorial Junior Championship**

	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Points (best 12)</b>	<b>Events (min. 6)</b>
Robert Iles (J)	1	36	3
Connor Morley (J)	2	22	2
Brendon Wood (J)	3	13	1
Hayden Little (J)	4	12	1
Thomas Alchin (J)	4	12	1
David Iles (J)	6	11	1
Meredith Nicholson (J)	7	9	1

**David Huck Register Championship (MG cars only)**

	<b>Rank</b>	<b>Points (best 10)</b>	<b>Events</b>
David Walker	1	38	5
Fran Hodgson	2	31	4
Jeff Newey	2	31	3
Darren Hodgson	4	27	4
Paul Whitworth	5	22	2
Bryn Baverstock	6	18	3
Lyall Clarke	6	18	3
Bruce Fraser	8	16	2
Bruce Condron	9	13	1
Doug Rae	10	12	2
Helen Baverstock	10	12	2
Jan Clarke	10	12	2
Lesley Walker	10	12	2

# SPEED REPORT

Hi All.

Well, everyone is talking about the fantastic finish to Tar Series Hillclimb Round 2 (TS2) on Saturday 24 April 2021 at Ringwood Park Motorsport Complex. With the newly approved MGCCN Outright Hillclimb Championship established for this round, there was plenty of interest and competition for points at the sharp end of the field.

The last car in the final run of the day was the black 1979 Chev Corvette driven by Andrew Fraser. As he approached the starting line, he was in 2nd place outright just a quarter of a second behind Adam Single in his blue Subaru WRX. In his previous run, Andrew had spun out while trying to get the fastest time of the day. So with shadows lengthening and the track cooling, conditions were against a fast time but here was Andrew on the start line with commentator Col Bray telling the crowd and the driver about his last chance to take out the top spot. And take that chance, he did! Showing great determination and car control, Andrew pushed his beast to win by 0.1 seconds. What a finish to a fabulous day!

You can see how he did it by going to the club members facebook page to watch Andrew's video post which includes his spin on run number 3 and his triumphant performance in the final run. The old timers agree that this was the most exciting finish to a hillclimb in MANY years!

I'd like to think I had a small hand in the grandstand finish.... When I set up the running order for the day, I like to group similar cars together where possible and also give running order priority to those who entered early. On the flip side, late entrants can be put further down the order. And so it was with Andrew being the 2nd last entry before the field was full, and 2nd last in the running order. The last driver, Adam Harris did not take his 4th run, making Andrew Fraser the last driver on the day. I didn't predict that Andrew would be fighting for FTD, but couldn't have planned it better if I tried!

It seemed that all drivers enjoyed the perfect driving conditions. New class records for the A4 track configuration were recorded by Steve Brydie, Ryan Bates and Bruce Condon. Congratulations to all.

We were fortunate to have an amateur photographer (with a very big lens) there on the day. You can see Ray Woods' terrific photos here <https://appleeyes.zenfolio.com/p1012870678>

Thankyou to all of the Officials who contributed to a successful event, namely **Col Bray, Lyall Clarke, John Collins, Leo Frodl, John Garroway, Darrell Gregory, Jason Gregory, Tim Harris, Kevin Leggett, Gregg Noonan, Doug Rae and Michael Snow.** Also a big thankyou to Dad's Army led by Kevin Akers for their immaculate preparation of the track, facilities and paddock area. It was good to see the new trailer mounted track blower in action too, with Darrell and Jason jostling for control of the new toy!

## SPEED REPORT

As always, we need more officials so we are not continually relying on the same people. You don't have to have a competition licence to be an official. A non-competing family member can do it - just get in touch and we can show you how. You can also look up the Motorsport Australia website to find out how to become a General Official.

In other news, we had a Motorsport Panel meeting on 14th April. These meetings are your chance to come and have your say on all things motorsport. It was good to see some new faces at the meeting and talk about their plans. The major item of discussion was the hillclimb timing system at Ringwood. It is a wonderful bespoke system developed over many years and as most of you would know, Michael Snow is the current guru on the system. But we now need more people to fully understand and operate the system to ensure that we can continue to run successful hillclimbs going forward. So the call is going out for HELP. Once again, a non-competing family member with a desire to support the sport, learn the system and do a good job would be ideal, but all are welcome. Technical knowledge is optional.

In recent club-level speed events, our club was represented at Round 1 of the Tri-Series hillclimb championship at Mt Cooperabung on 28th March by Peter Akers, Kevin Akers, Simon Nicholson, Terry Lanesbury, Katie Moy, Chris Fernance and Rick Yates. Well done, especially Peter Akers achieving 3rd outright and Katie Moy, fastest lady.

Also on 28th March was Round 1 of the CSCA Super Sprint series at Wakefield Park, where our club was represented by 12 drivers (too many to list!). Fastest of our competitors were Paul Nudd in his Mazda RX8, Graham Baxter in his EVO 7 and Dan Robinson in his crazy powerful Datsun 120Y.

Then on 18th April was Round 1 of the CSCA Super Sprint series at Pheasant Wood Circuit. We had 9 members competing in a field of 48, with Rick Vincent being our fastest on this tight and twisty circuit.

Looking ahead in the calendar, there is a State Hillclimb Championship round and a CSCA super sprint in early May and Tri-Series Rd 2 hillclimb at Tamworth on 15/16 May. Our next Ringwood hillclimb is on 30th May, and includes a Come and Try event for newcomers or drivers who have not competed for at least 3 years. So spread the word and get your entry in early as places will definitely fill up faster than usual.

Go Hard!

**Wanted:****People for Hillclimb Timing duties**

As the MG Car Club Newcastle is getting more enquiries about hiring Ringwood Motorsport Park, there is a critical need to have more people trained to provide timing for Hillclimb type of events.

Next year the Club will be holding a number of high profile events, the MG National Meeting, a NSW State Hillclimb Championship round, the Mattara Tri Series Hillclimb and possibly the Australian Hillclimb Championship.

The aim is to have enough people who can be called upon, thereby spreading the workload and provide suitable backup both for our own run club events and the Private Hires.

If you are interested, please contact Michael Snow by mobile 0432 772 044 or email [michaeljsnow4@gmail.com](mailto:michaeljsnow4@gmail.com)

## 2022 MG National Meeting “MGs by the Lake”

Some members may not realise that our club will be hosting the National Meeting of Australian MG Car Clubs over Easter 2022. The event will be centred around Lake Macquarie and we have named it “MGs by the Lake”. Lake Macquarie City Council have generously provided sponsorship, as well as the use of Speers Point Park for the concours and Rathmines Park for the motorkhana.



We are already well advanced with planning, and the NatMeet pages should be live on our club website by the time this magazine is published. Bulletin 1 for the event is printed elsewhere in the magazine and gives details of the various events over the long weekend.

The planning committee has been meeting regularly for over 12 months now, but are looking for extra volunteers to join us and help with preparation and running of this significant event for our club. If you are interested in being involved, please contact myself, Fran Hodgson or Lyall Clarke, or simply come along to the next planning committee meeting at the Cobby St clubrooms at 7pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> May. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

Bruce Fraser  
Chair of the NatMeet Planning Committee  
Mob 0417 481 480

# 2022 MG National Meeting

## Bulletin 1



### Greetings to MG enthusiasts around Australia and further afield!

With the 2020 and 2021 National Meetings having been cancelled due to Covid-19, we are thinking positively that 2022 will be a better year for us all and we are well advanced with planning for the 2022 National Meeting.

### You are invited to join MG Car Club Newcastle for “MGs by the Lake” 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022!

The event will be based around Lake Macquarie over the 2022 Easter Weekend. We look forward to welcoming you and your MG to this beautiful part of Australia. Lake Macquarie is the largest coastal salt water lake in Australia and is renowned for its beautiful scenery and variety of water sports. It is a city in its own right, just 25 minutes' drive from the centre of Newcastle.

Lake Macquarie City Council has come on board as a major sponsor and we are grateful to them for their support.

### All the traditional activities and events!

All social events will be held at Club Macquarie in Argenton. A variety of accommodation is available close to the main venues, including 36 rooms on-site at the club's own motel.

### Friday - Registration & Noggin n Natter

Club Macquarie is just 5 minutes' drive from the Lake, and is the venue for Registration and all the evening social events. There is ample space for Registration, Scrutineering and the Noggin n Natter including the Rocker Cover Racing.

### Saturday -The Concours

The Concours will be held in beautiful Speers Point Park, right on the shore of Lake Macquarie, with a large paved area available on the off-chance of inclement weather. Speers Point Park features many shade trees, picnic facilities and one of the best children's playgrounds you'll ever see. Food and drinks will be available during the event, or there are many cafes and restaurants in Warners Bay - a 5 minute drive around the Lake.

We are planning an optional scenic cruise on the Lake for those who aren't directly involved in the Concours and want to see more of this lovely area.

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## Sunday - Speed Event

Those with the need for speed will be able to test themselves and their cars on our recently extended and improved hillclimb at the Club's Ringwood Park complex, an easy 40 minute drive north of the Lake.

## Monday - Motorkhana

The motorkhana will take place right alongside Lake Macquarie at Rathmines, a 20 minute drive from Club Macquarie. This is where the famous Catalina Flying Boats were stationed during the 2nd World War, and the area is steeped in history. Competitors can be assured of interesting motorkhana tests to challenge their driving and navigational skills.

## Sunday and Monday - Touring Events

Lake Macquarie will be the backdrop for the Observation Event and Kimber Run. Participants will enjoy the scenic landscape and interesting roads, and maybe a few testing questions to sort the field.

## Saturday and Monday - Social Events

The Theme Night and Presentation Dinner will be held at Club Macquarie. As 2022 marks the 60th anniversary of the launch of the MGB, we will be going "Back to the Sixties" for our Theme Night. Ladies, start searching for your old mini-skirts and knee-high boots, and men, dig out those flared trousers and paisley shirts (if you're game!) for a fun time celebrating the "good old days".

## Tuesday – Farewell Breakfast

The farewell breakfast will be held right on Lake Macquarie at the Belmont 16 Foot Sailing Club. The venue overlooks the sailing boats moored on Belmont Bay, a scenic 20 minute drive along the Lake's edge from Club Macquarie. The Delegates' Meeting will follow at the same venue.

## A Special Note about Accommodation

MGs by the Lake will coincide with the Australian Deaf Games being held in Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, which will create additional demand for accommodation in the area. The NatMeet website provides a list of hotels, motels and apartments that are convenient to most of the event venues, and we strongly encourage you to make reservations as early as possible to ensure you secure your preferred accommodation. There are 36 rooms at "Macquarie 4 Star", part of the Club Macquarie complex, and these are expected to be in high demand.

***To ensure you are kept up to date, please go to our NatMeet 2022 website, click on the "Express Interest" button and provide your contact details so you will be added to our email list to receive further bulletins and updates.***

### Contacts for more Information:

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# Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

**Every dollar raised helps support those impacted by cancer.**

**When:** 30th May 2021

**Where:** Ringwood Park, Italia Rd, Balickera

**Time:** 9.30am till 12.30pm (or the goodies run out)

**Details:** Join us to help raise funds for Cancer research.

There will be Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Goodies to eat and Raffle tickets to purchase.

Call Jennean Bates on 0429 817 393 for more details.

[biggestmorningtea.com.au](http://biggestmorningtea.com.au)



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It is happening again this year!! The Biggest Morning Tea is back helping raise funds for the Cancer Council. Thank you to the MG Car Club and everyone who has helped make our previous morning teas a success. Let us make this year another success!!

Once again we will have available for you Coffee (including Decaf), Hot Chocolate, Teas (including herbal) and cakes, slices and biscuits (gluten and dairy free option also) available for purchase. Along with a Raffle (who doesn't love one of those??) and "Guess which tea cup is full" game.

If you are unable to make it to our morning tea and would like to donate please use the QR code on the opposite page, use the web address below or feel free to contact me.

<https://www.biggestmorningtea.com.au/fundraisers/JenneanBates/nsw>

We are currently looking for Raffle prizes, if anyone has something they would like to donate please contact me and thank you in advance.

So come along on the 30th May, bring your smile, spare change and remember every little bit helps.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Jennean Bates

Mobile 0429 817 393

P.S. These photos are from 2019 when we raised an amazing \$1,898!



## REGISTER SECRETARY REPORT

There have been 3 vehicles added to our Historic Register since those recorded in the April Magazine.

Vehicle details are follows: -

1974 Porsche Carrera

1986 Porsche 930

1974 MGB GT

It is good to see events getting underway again following relaxation of Covid restrictions and we now have the opportunity to exercise and show our Historic and Classic vehicles. Coming up on 20th June will be the Euro Motorfest held at Newcastle Foreshore Park by MG Hunter Region club.

Euro Motorfest 2021 – MG Car Club Hunter Region ([huntermg.com](http://huntermg.com))

There were a number of historic vehicles competing in our Ringwood Hill Climb on 24/04/2021, Andrew Fraser taking out FTD in his 1979 Chevrolet Corvette winning out



Spotted amongst the spectator vehicles parked up in the quarry area was an immaculate Triumph TR5, did not get the opportunity to find out who the owner was so its history remains a mystery.

Allan Evans – Register Secretary

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**About Us   Club Runs   Motorsport   Club Info   Ringwood Hire   Contact**

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.

By scrolling down the Home page, an Events Snapshot bar will become visible showing the next few events. At the bottom, click on View All Events to see events set further in the future.


Michael Snow

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