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Coming Events - October

Fri 1	MGCCN	Mag Assy ** CANCELLED **	2pm	Cobby St
Sat 2	SDMA	State Hillclimb Rnd 8 Fairbairn Park Prac- tice ** CANCELLED **	9am	Queanbeyan
Sun 3		Daylight Savings Start		
Sun 3	SDMA	State Hillclimb Rnd 9 Fairbairn Park ** CANCELLED **	9am	Queanbeyan
Mon 4		Labour Day		
Tues 5		School Term Start		Bathurst
Thurs 7	MGCCN	Dads Army ** CANCELLED **	8am	Ringwood
Fri 8	MGCCN	Club Night M ** CANCELLED **		Cobby St
Sat 9	MGCCN	YDDC-4 M ** CANCELLED **	9am	Ringwood
Sat 9	WAC	Rallysprint	2pm	Awaba
Tues 12	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel M ** CANCELLED **	7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 14	MGCCN	Dads Army ** CANCELLED **	8am	Ringwood
Sat 16	TSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 6 Oakburn Park Prac- tice ** CANCELLED **	9am	Tamworth
Sun 17	TSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 6 Oakburn Park **		Tamworth
Sun 17	WAC	Motorkhana	10am	Awaba
Sun 17		All British Day ** CANCELLED **	8am	Sydney
Tues 19	MGCCN	Board Meeting M	7:30pm	Zoom meeting
Thurs 21	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am	Ringwood
Thurs 28	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am	Ringwood
Sat 30	MGCCN	Motorkhana Dirt M ** New Date **	MK6 CC17 9am	Ringwood
Sun 31	MGCCN	Hillclimb A5 M ** New Date **	TS4 CC13 9am	Ringwood
Sun 31	AHRG	Touring Assy Evan Green Memorial ** CANCELLED **	CC18 TA5 9am	TBA
Sun 31	JDCA	CSCA Supersprint Rnd7 North** CAN- CELLED **	9am	SMSP

Coming Events - November

Mon 1	MGCCN	NatMeet 2022 Meeting M 7pm	Cobby St
Thurs 4	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 7	MGCCN	Khanacross D/T M ** New Date **	
		KC5 CC14 9am	Ringwood
Mon 8	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Fri 12	MGCCN	Dads Army ** Changed Date ** 8am	Ringwood
Sat 13	MGCCN	Tri-Challenge Ringwood M ** New Date ** CC16 TC4 9am	Ringwood
Sun 14	MGCCN	Hillclimb A4 M ** New Date ** TS5 CC15 R10 9am	Ringwood
Tues 16	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Wed 17	MGCCN	Register Run ** New Date ** R12 9am	TBA
Thurs 18	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 20	MGCCN	YDDC-5 M	Ringwood
Sat 20	HDCC	State Khanacross Rnd7 9am	Hampton
Sun 21	MGCCN	Concours + Pride of Ownership M CC19 R13 9am	Ringwood
Sun 21	MGCCN	AGM M ** New Date ** 11:30am	Ringwood
Sun 21	ARDC	NSW State S'Sprint Rnd7 and Nationals 9am	SMSP Gardiner
Thurs 25	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Thurs 25	MGCCQ	Aust H/C Champ priv prac ** New Date **	Mt Cotton QLD
Fri 26	MGCCQ	Australian Hillclimb Champ practice ** New Date **	Mt Cotton QLD
Sat 27	MGCCQ	Australian Hillclimb Championship ** New Date **	Mt Cotton QLD
Sun 28	MGCCN	Hillclimb A6 TS6 M ** New Date ** TS6 CC20 9am	Ringwood
Sun 28	MGCCQ	Australian Hillclimb Championship ** New Date **	Mt Cotton
Tues 30	SUPER-CARS	Bathurst 1000 + ARG Mt Panorama ** New Date **	Bathurst

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.

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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

Things are looking promising!!

With the government releasing their roadmap to freedom it now looks a lot more certain that we will be out of lockdown and able to hold events in a Covid Safe manner by the end of the month.

We will still have to abide by any restrictions imposed by any governing bodies, and unfortunately the means that only vaccinated persons or those with an exemption will be permitted to come to any events for the next couple of months. The club does recommend that all attendees are vaccinated, particularly for the health of other members, once the restrictions are eased further in December.

A calendar has been decided on for the remainder of the year, and the only way to describe it is busy. There are a number of different autotest events, some hillclimbs including a late Mattara, the Concours as well as the Christmas presentation, Young Driver Development, a club night and even register runs. Surely there has to be something for everyone.

Members of the club have been hard at work in preparation for the return of these events. Work has been undertaken at Ringwood to have the tracks prepared and everything ready for our return. I'll excuse Dad's Army if they miss any cobwebs though. We can just call them Halloween decorations.

And the work isn't just at Ringwood. There is plenty to do online still with Supp Regs to be written, permits applied for, and meetings to be had.

As you can probably gather, there is quite a lot that goes into running the club. And as you will see elsewhere in the magazine it is coming up to that time of the year where we start looking for some fresh faces to put there hand up and join us on the committee.

As the saying goes, many hands make light work. Myself and the club would love to see more people showing an interest in the club and coming

PRESIDENTS REPORT

on board to have some input into the clubs future.

I know many people have there own ideas on where they would like to see the club heading, what upgrades they'd like at our facilities, and the type of events we have. It would be great to have you on the committee so your opinions can be heard and you can help make a difference.

And finally I hope I can now sign off with a closing that will hopefully ring true; and I will see you all soon.

Chris Fernance

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members to the Club.

AUGUST		SEPTEMBER	
Ryan Moores	Associate	John Dunn	Full Member
Lizzy Holroyd	Associate		
Benjamin Jackson	Associate	Craig Dunn	Full Member

We now have 556 members, so things are looking good for a wide range of interests to be catered to once the COVID Restrictions ease. It appears very likely that many venues are going to require double vaccination proof as a condition of admission. Sydney Motorsport Park have already advised that will be the case. We may also be forced into that guideline, so I encourage anyone still to get their shots to do so to avoid any issues and disappointments in the future.

Dave Atkins

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The current outright record stands at 35.25 seconds set by Malcolm Oastler (Vic.) at the 2017 Qld Hillclimb Championships.

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SPEED EVENT COORDINATOR

Does anyone else feel an urge to strap in and hit some corners really hard, or is it just me??

Well the opportunity is coming soon! Provided you have had your jabs, that is.

Check out the updated calendar to find all of your hillclimb action for the remainder of the year. There are 3 rounds of the Tar Series Championship and also our round of the Tri Challenge at Ringwood. And if we don't all run out of puff, we will also try to run the fun speed event of the year, Teams Regularity hillclimb after Presentation Night.

Entries for Tar Series Round 4 are now open. For those who previously entered for the dates that turned out to be not possible, your entry is still in the system so you don't have to do it again. But you do need to confirm that you will be fully vaccinated ahead of the competition date, and also re-submit your scrutiny forms.

Then keep your eye on the entry system for the next events - they will be opening for entries soon.

The requirement for full vaccination is a NSW government requirement. You can check the details online - search for NSW covid roadmap. We will be running our events after the 80% vax target is reached, so hopefully the target will be reached in time for our planned date of 31 October (we are quite confident). At the time of writing it is not clear what the club is expected to do to ensure compliance with the vaccination requirement. This will be an issue for many businesses before our hillclimb, so we'll see how that develops in the community.

Events after 1 December should be open for all, regardless of vaccination status. But as we know with Covid, things can change quickly so we need to listen to the government's announcements.

In a bit of unfortunate news for super-sprinters, a CSCA sprint that was scheduled to be run by the Jaguar Club on 31 October has been cancelled

due to Supercars deciding to run at Sydney Motorsport Park for a series of weekends including that date. Goliath wins over David. Anyhow, we grabbed the date for TS4.

With all this activity coming up, be sure to thank your volunteer officials, or better still get in and help! See you at the track.

Go Hard

John Garroway

SOCIAL SECRETARY

Unfortunately there will be no October Club Night however we are hoping that the November Club Night (The Annual General Meeting) will go ahead at the club rooms. Further details will be provided on the Web site and the November magazine.

PRESENTATION AND CHRISTMAS PARTY EVENING

A reservation has been made for the **Presentation/Christmas Party at the Charlestown Bowling Club on Saturday 11th December 2021.**

As the Club is just putting in place requirements for opening up the club this month further details are not available but I will let you know as soon as I receive them.

Please let me know if you would like to attend this event.

Rose Collins –Social Secretary

Explanation of MG car adverts

0 Miles on restoration—Couldn't get the car to start.

95% Completed—Just needs a frame!

Actual documented miles—Seller just created and printed all the service records last week.

All options—Still has the original AM pushbutton radio and cigarette lighter. (Neither work, of course!)

All original—Right down to the oil, tires, and plugs! Nothing was ever done to the car.

Always garaged—Because the car would never start to back it out of the garage!

Always starts—But has no brakes, so you can't drive it anywhere.

Be the only one on your block—To have a car that really belongs at a salvage yard.

Car has some imperfections—Most people will agree that a rusted through shock tower is an imperfection.

Celebrity owned—Everybody is a star.

Collector's item—If you hang on to it long enough, it might actually be worth something.

Convertible—Roof rusted through, so it was cut off. Not recommended in the rain.

Clean title—The car is a real mess, but the title doesn't even have a smudge on it.

Daily driver—300-Mile round trip.

Drives like a dream—If it drives good, you must be dreaming!

Elderly owned—And they've hit the garage, the tree in the front yard, and the neighbour's car.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice to all members of MG Car Club Newcastle Inc.

The Annual General Meeting and Election of Board of Directors of MG Car Club Newcastle Incorporated will be held at the Ringwood Park, Italia Road, Raymond Terrace, on Sunday 21st November 2021. commencing at 11.30am.

Agenda:

- Apologies
- Confirmation of minutes of the last Annual General Meeting held Friday, 15th November 2020
- Summary of the Club's activities over the past 12 months
- Treasurer's Report and Report from the Auditor
- Election of the Board of Directors for 2021 (all positions become vacant)
- Any other business as submitted in accordance with the Club's Rules.

Members are reminded that Special Business needs to be submitted to the Board before the meeting.

Rules: Members are reminded of the following: -

- Only full Members are allowed to vote
- Both Full and Associate Members can accept a nomination for a position on the Board of Directors
- Both Full and Associate Members can nominate any Club Member for a position on the Board of Directors
- Associate Members will be granted Full Membership if elected to the Board of Directors
- Members must financial to 28th February 2022 to be able to vote
- Current Financial Membership Cards should be produced in order to obtain Voting papers.
- Voting papers will not be issued after the current Board positions are declared vacant
- Nominations should be completed and posted or handed to the Secretary at least 7 days prior to the commencement of the meeting
- Associate Members are permitted to cast proxy votes for a Full Member who is absent; only if the Proxy form is completed and posted to or handed to the Secretary prior to the commencement of the meeting.
- All Proxy forms must be signed by the member appointing the proxy and must comply with our constitution.

BOARD POSITIONS

SUMMARY OF ROLES

President - the leader, chairs Board meetings, and has the casting vote in case of a deadlock decision. Delegates jobs to Board persons, encourages members at events, and always acts with the best interests of the Club and its members. Supports Board members in the performance of their roles. Is the Public Officer of the Club.

Vice -President - assists the President, stands in for him/her when the President is absent. Helps other committee members with any special projects.

Honorary Secretary - takes the minutes, deals with the incoming and outgoing correspondence, circulates information to members, via the magazine and passes on information to the various panels. Answers enquiries about the club and its activities. Is the Club's primary contact with Motorsport Australia.

Honorary Treasurer - handles the Club's accounts, receives the money, deals with banking and investments. Is responsible for paying the accounts, keeping records and making sure that the books are audited at the end of the financial year. Prepares the Annual Financial Reports and has them audited for presentation to the AGM and subsequent lodgement with the Department of Fair Trading.

Publicity Officer - informs members and the general public of our activities. Always striving to keep a high profile of the Club whenever possible. Extra promotion for large events such as State Hillclimb events at Ringwood Park, etc. Endeavour to get Club information into newspapers, radios or magazines. May assist the Register Captain with displays and parades, and the Editor with advertisers for the magazine.

Club Captain – Receives event results, working bee records and attendance sheets for the point score. Keeps the point score for the Club and Event Championships and maintains the Club Member point score, assists with preparation of the calendar. Co-ordinates with the various panels to organise trophies for distribution after the events.

Social Secretary - provides supper for Club Nights each month, (does not have to cook, supper items can be purchased.) Organise other social outings as well as Christmas/Presentation Dinner and Natter Nights. Ideally forms a social committee of helpers.

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Magazine Editor - does not write the magazine, but receives articles written by others to edit and produce the magazine. Ensures the magazine is delivered to and from the printer. Organises the Magazine Assemblies and posting. Co-ordinates the gathering of advertisers, artwork and invoicing.

Register Captain - Someone who is likely to attend most of the Club runs. Organises the monthly Register Runs, also the annual Concours. Keeps the register point score for MG owners, contacts MG members for promotional parades or displays. Maintains a close liaison with the Register Secretary to promote the interests of MG owners. Works with the Event Co-ordinator to ensure activities are included in the calendar.

Register Secretary - assists the Register Captain to plan and conduct MG events. Ensures enquires and correspondence specifically relating to MGs are considered and answered. Looks after the Club's Historic Registration Scheme. Keeps abreast of MG information in Australia and overseas. Maintains a close liaison with the Register Captain to promote the interests of MG owners. May act as National Meeting Co-ordinator organising accommodation and travel arrangements.

Event Co-Ordinator – Works with all Panel Co-ordinators to set up the year's calendar along with the Club Captain to construct the list of Club Championship point score events. Helps other panel members to promote their events. Is responsible for keeping the calendar current with event changes that often happen, and supply to Editor a list of coming events for the current magazine.

Chairman of Rally Panel – Keeps abreast of Rallies, Rallysprints, Touring Road Events and Touring Assemblies that are scheduled for the year. Works with Event Co-ordinator to schedule "Rally" events in the calendar. Ensures that scheduled events are organised in a timely manner, does not have to set or run them himself. Brings "rally" matters to the Board for attention as required

Chairman of Speed Event Panel – Co-ordinates a panel of like-minded members to organise Speed events such as Ringwood Hillclimbs, Supersprints etc. This person does not have to direct the events, but is responsible for making them happen and can assist. Ensures event permits from Motorsport Australia are in place and supp regs are available and distributed in a timely manner. Make sure enough officials are organised and that the venue is ready. Results to go to the Club Captain. Works with the Event Co-ordinator and Publicity officer to maintain accuracy of the calendar and promote .

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the events.

Chairman of Autotest Panel - Co-ordinates a panel of like-minded members to organise Motorkhana/Khanacross events for the year. Locate suitable venues. Once again does not have to organise the events, but ensures events are organised in a timely manner and arrange for officials, timekeepers, paperwork to Motorsport Australia etc. Sends results to Club Captain.

Membership Secretary - processes new membership applications for presentation to the Board for approval. Processes member renewals. Keeps the database of club members up to date. Ensures new members receive relevant information on joining.

Chairman Land Panel- Co-ordinates a panel of like-minded members and is responsible for the maintenance of the Track and surrounding areas at Ringwood. Organises any work to be done by other parties or organises and advertises working bees of club members for general maintenance of the Complex. Works closely with the Event and Equipment Maintenance Co-ordinators. Makes recommendations to the Board on improvements and works at Ringwood.

Chairman of Equipment Maintenance Panel - Co-ordinates the work required to maintain of mechanical equipment at our Ringwood Complex. Does not have to fix it personally, and may organises necessary work to be done by others, so that equipment is fully functional. Makes recommendations to Board regarding equipment.

Member No.1 - This person has no direct responsibilities, helps other Board members with projects, and may have previously been on the Board.

Member No.2 - Must be first appointment to the Board, assists other Board members. Is a good introduction to the running of the Club, its business and activities.

The Board positions are covered by the Club's Constitution, which should be read in conjunction with the above.

The Nomination for is on the next page or can be downloaded from the website.

<https://mgcarclub.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/AGM-Nomination-Form-A4.pdf>



MG Car Club (Newcastle) Incorporated
NOMINATION FORM
Annual General Meeting

I, _____ (Please Print)

Being a current member of MG Car Club Newcastle Inc. hereby nominate

For the position of

At the Annual General Meeting of the club to be held on Sunday 21st November 2021 commencing at 11:30 AM at Ringwood Park, Italia Road, Raymond Terrace or at any adjournment thereof.

Signed _____ Membership No. _____

Seconded by _____ (Please Print)

Signed _____ Membership No. _____

I, _____ (Please Print)

Hereby, accept the nomination for the above position.

Signed _____ Membership No. _____

NB This form must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least 7 days before the scheduled date for the Annual General Meeting.
MG Car Club (Newcastle), P.O. Box 632, Hamilton, 2303

MGA FACTORY PROTOTYPES - VT-101

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Concept cars are often non-running physical mock ups or models for styling exercise. Prototypes are usually thought of as being nearly complete and operational cars for evaluation and testing. This page shows some of the MGA era concept and prototype cars.

Early concepts



1953 mock-ups of possible replacements for the TD, by Gerry Palmer

EX-175 1952

This was the first factory prototype for the MGA, generally based on the 1952 EX-172 Le Mans car (which was actually built on a highly modified MG TD chassis). There were two of these cars built. One car was to become **HMO 6**, used for wind



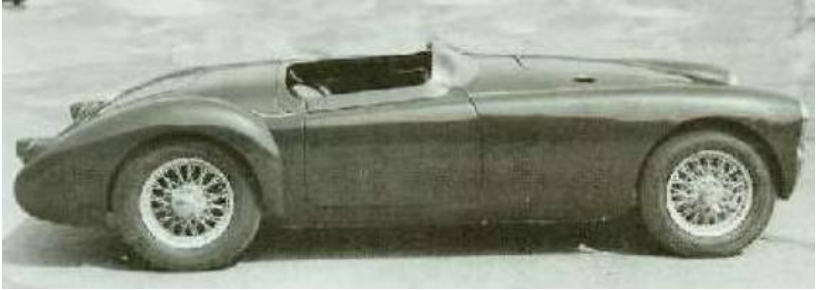
tunnel tests and installation of some accessories. There were long delays, and after being used as a test bed for disc brakes, the car was cut up.

The other car was taken to the Bonneville Salt Flats in the USA, fitted with an under tray, passenger tonneau cover, spats and a bubble type windshield. When the test results were not as expected due to



aerodynamic design problems, it was ultimately renamed **EX 179** and fitted with a streamlined aerodynamic skin. At one time EX179 held almost 100 International and World speed records.

When the go ahead was finally given for a new MG model, in 1954, the plans for the HMO 6



were dusted off and a factory designation of **EX 182** was given to the new prototype for the MGA. It became one of the works competition cars when it was fitted with the new B-series engine. Four of these were built for the 1955 Le Mans race.



EX-197 1954-1964

Development "hack" starting life as a preproduction prototype 1500 roadster, later converted to a 1600 Coupe body, sporting various engines, finally 1842cc with MGB disc brakes.

EX-??? 1956

MGA Coupe prototype. Developed from a production 1500 roadster chassis 13355.



Fruea bodied MGA



Concept for MGA Replacement. The Italian Coachbuilder Fruea built this custom-bodied MGA as a styling exercise. MG however decided, that it was too “Italian looking” to put into production as an MG.



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2022 MG National Meeting

“MGs by the Lake”

Bulletin 2_- September 2021



Planning is progressing well for MGs by the Lake and much has happened since our first Bulletin. We have confirmed arrangements for all of our competition and social venues and detailed planning for all events is underway.

Expressions of Interest

Thank you to everyone who has visited the NatMeet 2022 website and provided your contact details via the “Express Interest” form. All of you should have received this Bulletin directly to the email address you provided.

If you are considering attending and have not yet completed an expression of interest then please go to the website, click on the “Express Interest” button and provide your email contact details.

At the time of writing this Bulletin we have received over 160 EOIs representing more than 300 people, including over 280 who have indicated that they are likely or very likely to attend.

Maximum Numbers of Registered Entrants

The very strong response received so far has prompted the organising committee to carefully consider the maximum numbers of entrants that we can cater for at each event. Assuming that covid-19 restrictions allow a “traditional-style” NatMeet event, then the limiting factor for overall full competition and social entries will be the capacity of Club Macquarie’s auditorium for the evening social events, which will vary depending on the specific covid restrictions in place at the time.

We may need to consider alternative registration options that might enable more people to attend and participate, but perhaps in different ways to those we have been accustomed to.

Given the uncertainty of predicting covid outbreaks, lockdowns and other government restrictions, we intend to make final decisions regarding the meeting towards the end of 2021. We are quite confident that the meeting will be able to proceed in some form, barring a lockdown affecting Lake Macquarie or closure of state borders.

Details of the registration options available and the process to be used, including payment and refund arrangements, will be determined and published at the time when registrations open.



2022 MG National Meeting

Latest information



Covid-19 might have us in the grip of lockdown, but we are still working towards hosting the MG Car Clubs National Meeting over Easter 2022.

The planning committee has been meeting over Zoom and working through all the details that go into running such events.

We have now received expressions of interest through the NatMeet website from almost 300 people across Australia who are keen to attend. That is more than we could accommodate at Club Macquarie for social events, so we are exploring options for registrations that would enable more people to participate.

Bulletin 2 for the event has been finalised and appears in this magazine. It will be emailed to everyone who has registered their interest, and will also be available for download from the “documents” page of the NatMeet website.

If you are interested in attending and have not yet completed an expression of interest, PLEASE GO TO THE NATMEET WEBSITE AND DO SO. It will help us to better judge numbers and will also ensure you receive all future updates directly to your email inbox.

The planning committee are still very keen to find extra volunteers to help with preparation and running of the National Meeting. If you are interested, please contact myself, Fran Hodgson or Lyall Clarke. Meetings are held at the Cobby St clubrooms when covid allows, but otherwise via Zoom. Details will appear on the “coming events” pages in the magazine and on the club website.

The next meeting will be on Monday 27th September. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

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

MG CAR CLUB WEBSITE TIPS

The calendar on the website shows or hides events depending on where the calendar is accessed.

Under the Club Info Heading / Calendar – this shows all events in a list view

Clicking on the List icon will give more options, List, Month or Day

FIND EVENTS

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Upcoming Events › Motorsport

view.

Under the Motorsport Heading / Calendar – this shows all motorsport events in a list view

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Under the Motorsport / Motorkhana / Upcoming Events– this shows all motorkhana events in a list view

Under the Motorsport / Khanaross / Upcoming Events– this shows all khanacross events in a list view

Under the Motorsport / Supersprint / Upcoming Events– this shows all supersprint events in a list view

Under the Motorsport / Circuit Racing / Upcoming Events– this shows all circuit racing events in a list view

Under the Motorsport / Young Driver Training / Upcoming Events– this shows all YDDV events in a list view

YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

Finishing time is approx. 3.00pm, for all events

NOTE DATE CHANGE

EVENT 3 SATURDAY 11TH OF SEPTEMBER

EVENT 4 SATURDAY 9TH OF OCTOBER

EVENT 5 SATURDAY 20TH OF NOVEMBER

Late entries will NOT be accepted

All documents will be forwarded by email for you to complete.

Return completed, ENTRY & SCRUTINY FORMS, FORWARD BY email to
gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au

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

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 MOTORSPORT AUSTRALIA LICENCE. Without both, your entry cannot be accepted.

Confirmation can also be checked by using the club's website, www.mgcarclub.com.au.

POSITION VACANT

**THE YDDC TRAINING PROGRAMME HAS 2 VACANT POSITIONS
FOR 2 EXPERIENCED DRIVING INSTRUCTORS TO TEACH
CAR CONTROL TO OUR JUNIOR MEMBERS**

STUDENTS 12 TO 18 YEARS

IDEAL APPLICANTS WILL HAVE A HISTORY IN MOTOR SPORT WITH DRIVING EXPERIENCE

SOME TEACHING ABILITY AND A PAST IN WORKING WITH CHILDREN

It will be necessary to have or apply for a Working with Children Check to comply with the Child Protection Act, a Motorsport Australia Licence and an NSW Road licence.

A desire to work for no money, BUT YOU WILL FIND JOB SATISFACTION WHICH CANNOT BE EQUALLED.

CONTACT: GREG HUNTER 0412 493 711 OR EMAIL gh.hunter@bigpond.com.au for further info.

REGISTER SECRETARY REPORT

There have been 3 vehicles added to our Historic Register since those recorded in the September magazine, with 18 renewals this month. We now have 215 Historic Vehicles on our register.

The three additional vehicles are: -

1979 Holden Sunbird

1986 Holden Commodore


1969 Volvo 144S

The demise of Holden manufacturing in Australia has raised interested in preserving earlier Holden models.

Attempting to keep myself suitably entertained during lockdown and get my fill of motorsport activity I took the opportunity to go onto YouTube and watch some of the historic racing action from the UK Goodwood Revival meeting. I visited the Goodwood Revival 4 years ago and still have fond memories of watching the spectacular motorsport action around the circuit. There was an amazing variety of vehicles competing, from historic sports cars, open wheelers and period saloon cars. Some of the vehicles are priceless but it does not stop the competitors throwing them around the circuit in spectacular fashion. One of my favourite races is the Historic Pedal Car race, powered by children in period dress, along the main grid in front of the grandstands. It brought back memories of my first car, my introduction to motorsport and the first vehicle that I rolled.

My first car was similar to the one shown, with the exception that it was red and I think the down-market version, as I do not recall it having pneumatic tyres which the one above appears to have. It was powered by two stirrup like pedals that pivoted on a bar





running across the bottom of the dash and was connected to the double crank rear axle by two connecting rods. It could be propelled along at a gentle pace and had very direct Ackerman steering. Braking was applied by resisting the motion of the two pedals. It had an opening boot lid that hinged down to reveal a telescopic security handle that a parent could use to stop a child getting away from them.

My parent's house was located on a moderately steep hill that ran down to a T junction with a major suburban street. It was in Oxford UK within site of the Morris Motors Cowley Works car factory. My early motorsport activities comprised of a reverse hill climb, where my friend and I would freewheel down the hill and negotiate the left hand turn onto the footpath of the main road.

Outside my house, 4th one up the hill, was a lamppost which was the starting point for the usual run. On one particular day, when I was out the front waiting for my father to come home from Morris Motors on his bicycle with many other employees, I decide to test my skills and take a run down in my pedal car from Mrs Rose's house, which was two houses further up from the lamp post.

I positioned the car, hopped into the seat and put my feet up on the pedal pivot bar, as there was no way one could pedal fast enough to match the speed of descent. The car was going quite a bit faster than usual by the time I reached the turn at the bottom. I gently steered to the left only to get severe understeer and dropped the front wheel off the curb at which point the car tipped over, launching me, the car and a boot full of clothing pegs (I had helped Mum get the washing in) out into the roadway amongst all the cyclists making their way home.

The works traffic came to a halt as the men jumped from their bicycles to retrieve me, the car and all the pegs from the roadway. Both the car and I were somewhat worse for wear when my dad came along on his bicycle wondering what all the commotion was about. Dad carried me home for Mum to patch me up, whilst a few of the workers returned my car and the pegs to our driveway.

You could say I was "slow to learn", as a while later my friend Colin and I decided to do a tandem run from Mrs Rose's house in my sister's twin dollies pram. This was a modern version of the traditional Victorian pram with four large wheels, hood one end and handle the other. The pram had no steering but it did have a hand brake on one side that engaged one of the tyres. The plan was that if the pram went too fast, I could lean over and apply the brake. We lined up the pram, both squeezed in, and then I lent over to release the brake. The pram took off like a rocket. About halfway down, we decided that the brake needed to be applied, so I leant over and the pram then veered right, jumped off the curb, went across the road, coming to an abrupt halt when it hit the curb on the other side. Both Colin and I were ejected from the pram, landing in Mrs Atkins' immaculately trimmed front hedge. We both escaped physical injury, but have PTSD brought on by the reaction of Mrs Atkins when she observed the big depression in her hedge that was her pride and joy, that she trimmed immaculately at regular intervals. I met up with Colin at Goodwood, still good mates after all these years, even though our lives have gone in different directions.

Allan Evans



Are you using Motorsport Australia EVENT ENTRY to help your event officials run better events?

Our Event Secretaries have now got an increased work load for setting up events, you can help greatly by: -

- a) Making sure that all of your details are up to date, like: -
 - 1) Your address.
 - 2) Your email address
 - 3) Your contact phone number
 - 4) Your emergency contact person and their contact details.
 - 5) Your Club (Make sure you put MGCCN as your 1st Club if you wish to be scored for our championships)
 - 6) Update the expiry date of your membership (now 28/2/2022)
- b) List your car appropriately.

Many people compete in various types of events and at different levels, the classes are different for each of these as you know. Unfortunately, "Event Entry" lists every class you link to your car, this can be too many and the event organiser has to go through and sort your entry into the appropriate Class and that may not concur with your preference.

Make sure that you have the car listed with just one class showing.

How do you do that??

First, delete the vehicle that you have listed, then you add the vehicle as a new vehicle for each type of event you wish to enter.

The EVENT ENTRY list of your vehicles as shown below. (For example)

MY CARS

+Add Car

MAKE	Model	Year	Colour	Photo
NISSAN	370Z (HC)	2012	White	
NISSAN	370Z (KC)	2012	White	
NISSAN	370Z (SHC)	2012	White	

So, if you are to enter an MGCCN Hillclimb you select the "370Z (HC)" listing which will have the Class "MGCCN Marque Sports over 3000" as its Class.

If you are entering a Khanacross you select the "370Z (KC) which will have Class E attached as it's Class.

If you are entering a State Hillclimb and have registered for the series, you would select "370Z (SHC) which you may be running in the Class "Road Registered Non-Log Booked over 2500 cc Excl FI and AWD" (as an example)

If you do put this little bit of effort into setting up your details, it will certainly be appreciated by the busy volunteers who do the work to make your participation possible. Once you have done the update, entering an event will be just as quick and easy as it is now. You will not have to sort out any details later.

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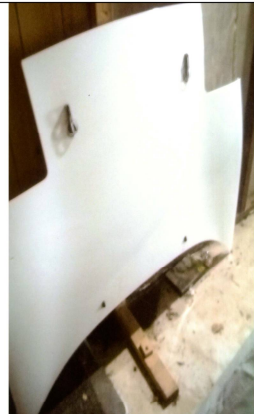
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Contact Barrie Coady on 0408490528 re the above items.

FOR SALE

“MGB SALES BROCHURE”

16 full colour pages in landscape A4 format. Cover states “with five bearing crankshaft 1800 c.c. engine”. Very good condition. Has “L1420” hand written in biro on the cover (for L read pound sterling symbol). \$25 excluding postage. Or pick up in central Newcastle.

“MGB SERVICE MANUAL”

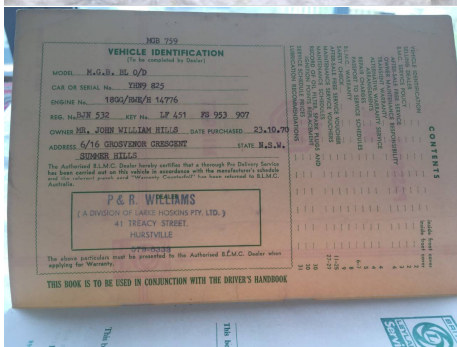
This manual specifically relates to MGB BL O/D YHN9 825 Registered in NSW as BJJN 532 and purchased new by John Hills from P & R Williams on 23 October 1970. Part No. TP619D. Pertinent document for any owner of a similar MGB. 16 A5 pages including the plasticised cover and full Maintenance Schedule. Good condition.

“Owner’s Manual”

for Diamond Dot car radio fitted to MGB BJJN 532 by Talent Car Radios at Kogarah on 22 October 1970. 16 A5 pages including the cover in good condition.

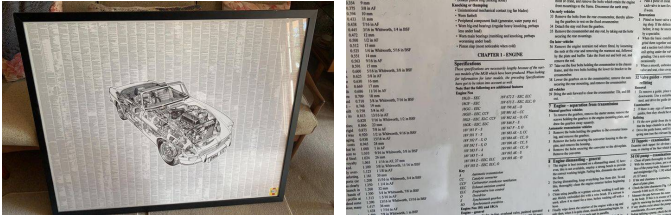
“Austin Morris Dealers and Service Centres in Australia” Leaflet listing all dealers, locations and tel. numbers. A4 in size but folded into eight panels. Printer’s code indicates 1970 in line with documents above.

As these three items are related to each other they are offered as one lot at \$25 excluding postage. Or pick up in central Newcastle. Rob Dunsterville robertanddenny@gmail.com



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