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## **Coming Events - March**

Thurs 3	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 4	SUPERCARS	** Postponed ** to later date	Newcastle
Sat 5	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 1 Mt. Panorama Esses	Bathurst
Sat 5	SUPERCARS	9am ** Postponed ** to later date	Newcastle
Sun 6	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 2 Mt. Panorama Mtn	Bathurst
Sun 6	SUPERCARS	Straight 9am ** Postponed ** to later date	Newcastle
Mon 7	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Mon 7	MGCCN	2022 Natmeet Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 10	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 11	MGCCN	Club Night M William the Fourth	Cobby St
Sun 13	MGCCN	Presentation 7:30pm ** Club Run M 9am	TBA
Sun 13	HDCC	State Khanacross Dirt Rnd 2 POSTPONED	Hampton
Tues 15	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 17	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 19	MGCCN	YDDC-1 M 9am	Ringwood
Sat 19	AHRG	Fluffy Duck Tour Assy Dirt & Tar CC3 TR1	TBA
Sat 19	WAC	Rallysprint 2pm	Awaba
Sun 20	MGCCN	Hillclimb A2A M TS2 CC4 R3 9am	Ringwood
Mon 21	MGCCN	2022 Natmeet Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 24	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Cobby St
Thurs 24	MGCCN	All Wheel Training Track Hire TRA 9am	Ringwood
Fri 25	MGCCN	All Wheel Training Track Hire TRA 9am	Ringwood
Sat 26	KSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd1 Mt. Cooperabung Practice 9am	Kempsey
Sun 27	WAC	State Motorkhana Rnd2 10am	Awaba
Sun 27	KSCC	Tri-Challenge Mt. Cooperabung TRI1 9am	Kempsey
Sun 27	Club Lotus	CSCA Supersprint Rnd1 9am	Wakefield
Thurs 31	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Cobby St
7.50			-

Legend

M - Club Member R - Register pointscore CC - Club Championship

TA - Touring Assembly

KC - Khanacross MK - Motorkhana TC - Tri-Challenge TS - Tar Speed Series

Please contact the respective Panel Chairman or Michael Snow to confirm that an event is still being conducted. Also check the website as late cancellations do happen.

# **Coming Events - April**

Sat 2	NESCC	State Motorkhana Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale
Sun 3		Daylight Savings End	
Sun 3	MGCCN	Motorkhana Dirt M MK2 CC5 9am	Ringwood
Sun 3	NESCC	State Motorkhana Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale
Sun 3	NSWRRC	State S'sprint Rnd 2 9am	SMSP Druit/North
Mon 4	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Mon 4	MGCCN	2022 Natmeet Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 7	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Cobby St
Thurs 7	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Fri 8		School Term End	Welbourne
Fri 8	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Fri 8	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park
Sat 9	WSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 3 Huntley Hill Practice 9am	Melbourne Dapto
Sat 9	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park
Sun 10	WSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 3 Huntley Hill 9am	Melbourne Dapto
Sun 10	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park
Mon 11	MGCCN	2022 Natmeet Meeting M 7:30pm	Melbourne Cobby St
Wed 13	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 14	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 15		Easter Friday	
Fri 15	MGCCN	MG Nationals M 9am	Club Macquarie
Sat 16	MGCCN	MG Nationals Concours M CC6 R4 9am	Speers Point Park
Sun 17	MGCCN	MG Nationals Speed Event Track A2A M CC7 R5 9am	Ringwood
Mon 18		Easter Monday	
Mon 18	MGCCN	MG Nationals Motorkhana M CC8 R6 9am	Rathmines
Tues 19	MGCCN	MG Nationals Breakfast M 8am	Belmont 16s
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Tues 19	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 21	MGCCN MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm Dads Army 8am	Cobby St Ringwood
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Thurs 21 Sat 23	MGCCN Sprite CC	Dads Army 8am CSCA Supersprint Rnd2 South Circuit 8am	Ringwood SMSP
Thurs 21 Sat 23 Sun 24	MGCCN Sprite CC	Dads Army 8am  CSCA Supersprint Rnd2 South Circuit 8am  Mazda Nationals 9am	Ringwood SMSP
Thurs 21 Sat 23 Sun 24 Mon 25	MGCCN Sprite CC	Dads Army 8am  CSCA Supersprint Rnd2 South Circuit 8am  Mazda Nationals 9am  Anzac Day	Ringwood SMSP
Thurs 21 Sat 23 Sun 24 Mon 25 Tues 26	MGCCN Sprite CC MX5 NSW	Dads Army 8am  CSCA Supersprint Rnd2 South Circuit 8am  Mazda Nationals 9am  Anzac Day  School Term Start	Ringwood SMSP Ringwood

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# PRIVATE PRACTICE & TESTING AT RINGWOOD.

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

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## PRESIDENTS REPORT

Time flies – here we are in March already.

With all the rain we have had lately, including the flooding to our North and South, the club has been very lucky this month. Thankfully all of our planned events have been able to be held as scheduled, even our two Autotest rounds held by Westlakes Automobile Club at Awaba, who traditionally have a lot of bad luck with the weather.

MGCCN members have also been busy in events other than just our club events. A few of our members had entered the State (downgraded to Multi-Club) Hillclimb rounds at Bathurst. I'm sure we'll hear plenty from them over the next couple of weeks about what it's like to drive on the Mountain and how they went. I'm sure there won't be too many exaggerations or tall tales either.

The Whiteline Tarmac RallySprint was another event that we were well represented in. Looking through the results shows a number of familiar names; however, congratulations are particularly in order for Tim Blake (with Jai Fisher navigating) who came third outright in some very wet and slippery conditions after an early evening storm.

As usual the next month is looking to be very busy with a large number and variety of events that should appeal to most of our members. Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> will be our Club Night with a presentation on the William the Fourth Steamship. We will then conclude the weekend with a Club Run on Sunday the 13<sup>th</sup>. The following weekend sees the Fluffy Duck Touring Assembly and our TS2 Hillclimb all being held. The 27<sup>th of</sup> March will see our hillclimbers heading to Kempsey for the first round of the Tri-Series, before we start off April with the first Ringwood motorkhana of the year. Plenty for all – and I haven't even mentioned the numerous WAC events that are in our calendar as well.

Entries are still open for the 2022 MG National Meeting - "MG's by the Lake", although the earlybird discount has now finished. With Covid restrictions now being removed, we are receiving entries from all over Australia and are looking at having International guests as well. You still have until the 23<sup>rd of</sup> March to get your entry in.

On the following page you will notice that I have included a vehicle check list (cheat sheet) of which modifications are allowed in our MGCCN hillclimb classes. With self scrutineering being in use for a lengthy time due to Covid, we have been seeing more and more cases of competitors nominating the wrong class when they put an entry in. Looking at the sheet it should be clear that a modified and unregistered car would not be eligible to run in Type 1, but that is an easily spotted example of what has been happening. I suppose we are all a little guilty of just paying the rules a cursory glance and not fully reading and/or understanding them, but hopefully this will make things a little clearer, resulting in less work for our scrutineers and timekeepers.

In some sadder news, I'm sorry to report the passing of our long-time Member, Pat Goulding. Many of you will be familiar with him driving his red Nota Sportsman, which he raced from 1968 till just a couple of years ago. He was also the very last driver to complete a run up the no longer used King Edward Park Hillclimb track. Our condolences go to Pat's family.

Chris Fernance — President

☐ The following Table is intended to provide a basic scrutineers reference to assist in
determining the correct MGCCN Class into which a vehicle falls.
☐ It is NOT A SUBSTITUTE for the MGCCN Vehicle Rules, the Motorsport Australia

☐ It is NOT A SUBSTITUTE for the MGCCN Vehicle Rules, the Motorsport Australia Group 3J Improved Production regulations, 2B Production Sports Cars, or the Group 3D Sports Sedans regulations.

☐ These are the basic modifications which would elevate a vehicle through the Type Classes.

☐ In determining the eligibility of a vehicle for Type 3, it will be necessary to consult the Group 3J Improved Production regulations as per the current Motorsport Australia Manual of Motorsport.

☐ In determining the eligibility of a vehicle for Production Sports, it will be necessary to consult the Group 2B Production Sports Cars regulations as per the current Motorsport

	Y indicates an approved modification / freedom		Freedom allowed for vehicle type							
Details of Specific Freedom		1	2	3	4	4E	5	SV	PS	
1	Slick Tyres. Tyres marked "Racing use only" or words to that effect.				Y#	Υ	Υ			
2	Vehicle is unregistered			Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y#	Υ	
3	Grey Import Vehicle		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
4	4WD or AWD driveline				Y#	Υ	Y#	Υ	Y#	
5	Non standard exhaust system		Y#	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y#	
6	Road wheels wider than standard width		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
7	Hydraulic Handbrake		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
8	Non standard brakes (other than pads / linings)			Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
9	Individual Turning Brakes						Υ			
10	Sports steering wheel		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
11	After market seats	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
12	Removal of carpets and/or sound deadening		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
13	Removal of hood lining without ROPS fitment			Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
14	Removal or rear seats without ROPS fitment	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
15	Removal of door trims/or and window mechanisms				Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ	
16	Removal of dash board and supporting metalwork				Υ	Υ	Υ			
17	Replacement of original body panels and/or bumper bars with alternate materials				Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ	
18	Replacement of window glass with Perpex, etc (excluding windscreen)				Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ	
19	Removal of central heating console and/or heater core			Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ		Υ	
20	Air filter housing or air box. (Note that the filter element is free for all classes)		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
21	Replacement carburetor		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
22	Replacement inlet manifold			Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y#	
23	EMS modifications		Y#	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
24	Shock absorbers (other than OE style replacements)		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
25	Rate and length of springs		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
26	Non original sway bars		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
27	Camber adjusting kits allowing 25mm increase in track width		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Y#	
28	Strut brace attaching only to the front suspension towers		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
29	Bracing attaching to any points other than the front suspension towers		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
30	Aftermarket suspension bushes, neg Nolathane		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
31	Limited slip (or locker) differentials – manufacturer's option		Y#	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
32	Locked or welded differential			Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
33	Non-standard gear and differential ratios, - manufacturer's option		Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
34	Non original engine block – same configuration and manufacturer			Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	
35	Engine block from other than vehicle manufacturer				Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	Υ	

E&OE # - Check with type rules for more details.

## NEW MEMBERS

## We Welcome the following new members.

### Joined in February 2022

Jason Lunn(FULL MEMBER)AH Sprite 1961Leone de Ferranti(FULL MEMBER)MGB 1974Geoff Limbert,(FULL MEMBER)(Cobra Replica)

Stephen Foldhazy (FULL MEMBER) MGC GT 1968, MGB V8 1973. MG ZR 2004

VW GOLF 2000

Marguerite Taylor ASSOCIATE MEMBER
Barry Magennis ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Michael Baxter ASSOCIATE MEMBER
Gai Shylan ASSOCIATE MEMBER

Ben Fieldus (JUNIOR MEMBER) (Suzuki Swift)

We look forward to having you join us at future events, be it a Club Night, Social Outing or a Competition event. It is indeed pleasing to see additional MG owning members join us as well as those who have expressed an interest in the competition side of the Club's activities.



## The 2022 MEMBERSHIP CARD.

2022 marks 60 years since the release of the first of the many variants of the MGB.

This year we are recognising that milestone on our membership card.

What better to feature on the card than the line-up of assorted MGBs at Ringwood as we celebrated 90 years of the MG Car Club movement.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE OVERDUE

If you are intending to compete at an event after the 28<sup>th</sup> February 2022 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.

If you supplied your contact details last year, you should have received your renewal notice by email. 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.)

The forms are available on the club's website.

But if you have not received your notice and can't access the website.

Please Contact - Dave Atkins on 4956 6200 or (m) 0415 963 515 Email: - membership@mgcarclub.com.au

## From Dave Atkins – Membership Secretary. 2022

I am trying to process each renewal form as quickly as possible after I receive them and can verify that the payments have come through to the Club's Bank Account. Due to the large number of renewals and the fact that not everyone gets the payment and form emailed together, some delays in processing have occurred. I do require completed forms for a number of reasons.

Most importantly to check that our records of contact details are still current and the form being a Tax Invoice, is required to match against transactions in the Account at Audit Time.

# This is your last magazine, unless you renew your Membership BEFORE the end of March

If you have already renewed, THANK YOU



## SOCIAL SECRETARY

# The next Club Night will be on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2022 at 7.30pm and it will be held at the Club Rooms

The guest speaker will be **Bob Cook**, the well-known Historian who will provide us with the history of the heritage boat **William the Fourth** which is an accurate operational replica of Australia's first steam powered ocean-going paddlewheel ship. Bob Cook also knows a great deal of history on Fort Scratchley.

After the guest speaker, there will be Rocker Cover Racing.

The MG National Meeting is taking place in Newcastle over the Easter 2022 period and Rocker Cover Race Competitors will be keen to test their machines.

Hoping to see you at the Club Rooms on 11<sup>th</sup> March. Covid 19 rules will apply with masks, distancing and sanitizing of hands.

Rose Collins- Social Secretary







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## SPEED EVENT COORDINATOR

The Twin Rivers Revival Commemorative Hillclimb + Come & Try Event was a great success. The outright results and trophy winners are listed on the next pages

Here are a few of the positive feedback gathered about this event.

I thought it was a great format running the A1A. Something different from the longer setups. Maybe the club could make it an annual event. Cheers and thanks for all your time and effort. Much appreciated.

Apart from damn rain, it was a great day! Enjoyed the double run deal, would be good during winter months. Cheers n good job

Excellent event - well run & a credit to all involved - Totally enjoyed the day. It reminded me of how I ran similar events with the ARDC. Looking forward to next year.

Enjoyed the event, even the weather added some spice. I believe this particular course is a real leveller between the lower power handling cars and the high horsepower cars.

Would have liked a "top ten" shootout at the finish. Very possibly would be a special ending to the day. Would enjoy it as an annual event including the come and try component.

John Garroway — Speed Event Coordinator

## Twin Rivers Revival - Track A1A on 27 Feb 2022

- 1 29 Kevin AKERS Carroll Clubman 34.67
- 2 27 Paul BOWER Mazda MX5 35.57
- 3 79 Darrell PEATTIE Aztec Formula Ford 35.74
- 4 90 Darren HODGSON MG F Trophy 35.81
- 5 174 Hayden LITTLE (J) VW Beetle 36.01
- 6 556 Connor MORLEY Subaru WRX 36.51
- 7 5 Bruce CONDRON MG B 36.52
- 8 53 Harry HARRIS Honda Civic 36.58
- 9 36 Rick YATES BMW Mini Cooper S 36.66
- 10 98 Michael BIRD Subaru WRX 36.67
- 11 106 Robert DAWSON BMW M135i 37.87
- 12 180 Russell WEST Datsun 180B 38.00
- 13 65 Andrew FERENCE Mazda MX5 38.11
- 14 16 Mitchell BIRD Mazda 323 38.31
- 15 48 Jeff NEWEY MG B PS 38.42
- 16 369 Matthew BATES Subaru WRX 38.76
- 17 21 Scott CRAIN Mazda 323 38.77
- 18 91 Brandon LUCAS Mazda 2 38.89
- 19 32 John Henry BAILEY Lotus Clubman S3 39.09
- 20 109 Andrew FRASER MG F 1.4 2 ltr 39.78
- 21 305 Robert ILES (J) Mazda MX5 39.86
- 22 94 Paul WHITWORTH MG B 39.88
- 23 942 Matthew WHITWORTH MG B 39.91
- 24 51 Lyall CLARKE MG F 40.14
- 25 991 Brendan JEFFRIES Mazda 2 40.19
- 26 999 Ryan BATES Subaru WRX 40.55
- 27 31 David MILLER Opel Astra OPC 40.59
- 28 190 Fran HODGSON MG ZR 160 40.60
- 29 315 Michael MILLER Opel Astra OPC 40.66
- 30 138 Scott BRYDIE Toyota Celica 40.79
- 31 50 Trevor COOK Mitsubishi Mirage 41.08
- 32 92 Barry MAGENNIS VW Golf 41.23
- 33 710 Nathan APPS Suzuki Swift 41.47
- 34 296 Gary PIPER MG B 41.64
- 35 72 Michael TAYLOR Morris Minor 43.44
- 36 64 Peter ROBINSON BMC Mini Cooper S 43.84
- 37 47 Andrew WALKER Mazda MX5 44.23
- 38 7 Doug RAE MG F 45.37
- 39 539 Elizabeth HOLROYD Nissan Pulsar 47.78

## TROPHY WINNERS

7/7/7/

Type 1 Under 2 Itr New Record Fran HODGSON

Type 1 Over 2 Itr New Record Robert DAWSON

Type 2 Over 2 Itr New Record David MILLER

Type 3 Under 2 ltr New Record - 1st in Class Russell WEST

Type 3 Under 2 ltr 2nd in Class Mitchell BIRD

Type 3 Under 2 Itr 3rd in Class Scott CRAIN

Type 3 Over 2 ltr New Record Harry HARRIS

Type 4 Under 2 Itr New Record Michael TAYLOR

Type 4 Over 2 Itr New Record Matthew BATES

Type 5 Under 2 Itr New Record Darrell PEATTIE

Sports Grp 2A/2C Under 2 ltr F.T.D. - New Record Kevin AKERS

Prod Sports Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr New Record - 1st in Class Bruce CONDRON

Prod Sports Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr 2nd in Class Jeff NEWEY

Prod Sports Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr 3rd in Class Paul WHITWORTH

Classic Car pre 1986 Under 2 ltr New Record Peter ROBINSON

Prod Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr New Record - 1st in Class Paul BOWER

Prod Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr 2nd in Class Darren HODGSON

Prod Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr 3rd in Class Andrew FERENCE

Special Vehicle Over 3 ltr New Record Connor MORLEY

Junior in Production Vehicle New Record Hayden LITTLE (J)



## Photographer—Smart Artist



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2022 MG National Meeting

"MGs by the Lake"



## Bulletin 5 (Final) - March 2022

**THANK YOU** to the over 260 people who have already registered, and to those who will register in the final weeks before **ENTRIES CLOSE** on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. This final bulletin provides some important additional information and reminders to help you prepare.

## Registration Arrangements on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April

Registration will be at **Club Macquarie**, **458 Lake Road**, **Argenton**, between **11am and 4pm**. There will be MG Car Club flags near the entry to help guide you in. Look for the maroon and yellow "Club Macquarie" signs, and don't turn into the Waratah Golf Club next door by mistake! Lake Road is the major arterial route (B53) between Newcastle and western Lake Macquarie. Driving from Newcastle, Club Macquarie will be on your right. There is a short turning lane, but if it's full continue 400m to the roundabout, go around it and return so the club is on your left.



There is ample parking down the left side of the club, with plenty of space for trailers.

Everyone will need to sign in at the main club entrance before proceeding into the auditorium for registration. All entered cars will need to be presented for eligibility checking and basic safety scrutineering once registration paperwork has been completed. Also, don't forget bring your photo competition entries to hand in at registration.

If you are running late and are unable to get to Club Macquarie before registration closes at 4pm, please ring Bruce Fraser on 0417 48 480 as early as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

## Regalia

Pre-ordered regalia will be available for collection at Registration from the Regalia table. Limited quantities of caps, bucket hats, lapel/cap pins and stubby holders will also be available for sale at Registration.

## Single Event Licence for the **Touring Assembly**



Competitors who have entered the Touring Assembly (Observation Run) as a driver but do not hold a suitable current Motorsport Australia licence will be able to purchase a Single Event Speed Licence at Registration for that event. The cost will be \$35. Note that this licence is not valid for the motorkhana or hillclimb. for which a full MSA Speed licence is required.

## **Theme Night**

Our Theme Night will be transporting us "Back to the Sixties" as we celebrate the 60th anniversary of the launch of the MGB. We are looking forward to this fun night of celebration, and we encourage you all to come suitably dressed for the occasion.

## **Hillclimb Private Practice**

A number of people have enquired about the possibility of private practice at Ringwood before the start of the National Meeting. Private practice will be available to limited numbers of drivers on Thursday 14th April between midday and 3pm, at a cost of \$30.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Lyall Clarke on 0481 359 759 to register your interest and obtain further details.

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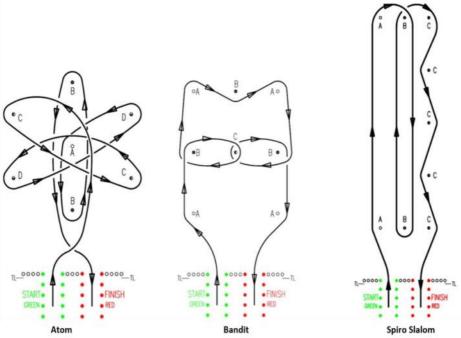






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As mentioned in the Supplementary Regulations, the tests for the Motorkhana will be:



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# MGCC(N) Khanacross Series Round 1 Westlakes Automobile Club – Awaba 20/2/22

WAC were the hosts of Round 1 of the NSW Khanacross Championship, an event we used as part of our Khanacross Series. They attracted an entry of 67 with 64 actually making it to the start-line. Nine of our members entered under MGCCN with a further two who hold joint membership with WAC entering under that Club, as this was also Round 1 of their Khanacross series.

The Westlakes crew prepared four sections of their complex for the event with each "test' being between 700m and 1 Km long. After the usual Reconnaissance Run, the field was split into two groups and competition got underway using each test once in that direction. The course markers were repositioned as required during a lunch break and then the field did each "test" in the reverse direction. I was a Steward at the event and must admit that it has been a few years since I visited AWABAWAC Park, I was impressed by the many safety improvements made to accommodate spectators at their events. The tracks used were inn excellent condition and much better than I remember them from when I last competed there.

Of our members Paul Karpathy in his Subaru Impreza was best with a 7<sup>th</sup> outright and 2<sup>nd</sup> in Class G. (Unfortunately, he was running as a WAC member). Neil Ferry in his Mitsubishi Mirage running in Class C was 9<sup>th</sup> outright and 1<sup>st</sup> in Class. (Well done!) Also running in Class C was Martin McLoughlin in his Honda Civic coming in 9<sup>th</sup> in the Class and 34<sup>th</sup> Outright. Chris Iles in the Mazda 2 was just behind Martin in 36<sup>th</sup> Outright and 2<sup>nd</sup> in class. (Again, well Done!) Next was Malcolm Smith in his Subaru Forester which was always going to be up against it in the largest class, class G (4WD) he managed 44<sup>th</sup> Outright and 13<sup>th</sup> in class of 18 cars. Ben Hales ran his Mitsubishi Sigma in Class D to 46<sup>th</sup> outright and 3<sup>rd</sup> in class.

The 3 Juniors from our club were David Iles Mazda 2 who was  $5^{th}$  in the J (Junior Males Class) and  $47^{th}$  outright. Followed by Lachlan hales in the Sigma  $6^{th}$  in Class  $53^{rd}$  O/R. Josh Ferry in the Mirage was just 1.56 secs behind Lachlan to be  $7^{th}$  and  $54^{th}$  O/R.

The remaining MG members didn't have such a great day with Russell West having issues in his Nissan Pulsar that saw him finish on the trailer way too early. Chris Burrows ventured out in his Audi A4, but it apparently didn't want to play either and spat water from the cooling system from somewhere behind the engine. It too went on the trailer early. The full results are available on the WAC website. I think most people had a great day.

Dave Atkins

## REGISTER SECRETARY

The new year has been busy with 9 new historic vehicles being added into our register in January and a further two in February. New vehicles added since the last magazine report: - Jaguar E Type 1973
2 MGB's 1968 and a 1970 all Roadsters Nissan Figaro 1991

18 historic registration renewals have been processed throughout January and February.

With the relaxation of Covid restrictions we are starting to see invitations arriving to display vehicles at events. If your car club records are up to date you would have received by email information on the opportunity to display at the Newcastle Show on the weekend of  $4^{th}-6^{th}$  March.

This prompts a reminder that Club Membership Renewals were due on March 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have a historic vehicle registered through the Club and have not organised to renew your membership then your registration is invalidated and you should not use the vehicle on the road until your membership has been reinstated. It is an RMS condition for Historic Registration that the operator must be a fully financial member of the sponsoring club.

Allan Evans – Register Secretary

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## REGISTER CAPTAIN

A couple of weeks ago, a good selection of MG's attended the Maitland Show to drive the Show Princess contestants around the Show Ring to a good crowd of onlookers. The weather was fine and the Show Committee was very thankful of MG Newcastle Inc. providing the cars.

The next Register Run is on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Meeting at the Club Rooms about 9.00am and leaving at 9.30am. First stopping off at McDonalds for a coffee, then a drive to the Cook-a-Barra Restaurant at Bobs Farm, which has both an indoor eating area and a wrap around covered verandah. The restaurant has plenty of parking and is in a bush area with a good varied menu.

Please let me know if you will be attending so that I can let the restaurant owners know.

John Collins — Register Captain

Below is Hayley Johns, The Maitland Showgirl 2022









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