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COMING EVENTS — APRIL

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	Ringwood
Thurs 7	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Fri 8		School Term End	
Fri 8	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Fri 8	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Sat 9	WSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 3 Huntley Hill Practice 9am	Dapto
Sat 9	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Sun 10	WSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 3 Huntley Hill 9am	Dapto
Sun 10	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Mon 11	MGCCN	2022 Natmeet Meeting M 7:30pm	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
Sat 16	EH Holden	National Meeting 8am	** Cancelled **
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
Tues 19	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 21	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 23	Sprite CC	CSCA Supersprint Rnd2 South Circuit 8am	SMSP
Mon 25		Anzac Day	
Tues 26		School Term Start	
Thurs 28	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 30	WAC	Khanacross Dirt 2pm	Awaba

COMING EVENTS —MAY

Sun 1	Private Hire	Come & Try Event /Race The Reaper M 8am	Ringwood
Sun 1	HDCC	State Motorkhana Tar Rnd4 9am	Nirimba
Thurs 5	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 7	MGCCN	Khanacross Dirt/Tar D/N M KC2 CC9 2pm	Ringwood
Sun 8		Mothers Day	
Mon 9	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Thurs 12	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 13	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Fri 13		Bathurst 12 Hour	Mt Panorama
Sat 14	KSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 4 Mt. Cooperabung Pract 9am	Kempsey
Sat 14	MGCCN	YDDC-2 M 9am	Ringwood
Sat 14	NSWRRC	State S'Sprint Rnd3 4pm	SMSP Gardner/GP
Sat 14		Bathurst 12 Hour	Mt Panorama
Sun 15	KSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 4 Mt. Cooperabung 9am	Kempsey
Sun 15	WAC	State Rallysprint 2pm	Awaba
Sun 15	RCC	State Motorkhana Rnd5 9am	Nirimba
Sun 15		Bathurst 12 Hour	Mt Panorama
Tues 17	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 19	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 21	MGCCN	Members Working Bee M 9am	Ringwood
Sat 21	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd2 Oakburn Park Practice 9am	Tamworth
Sun 22	MGCCN	Motorkhana Dirt M MK3 CC10 9am	Ringwood
Sun 22	WAC	Khanacross Dirt 10am	Awaba
Sun 22	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Oakburn Park TRI2 9am	Tamworth
Sun 22		Tilligerry Motorama 9am	Tanilba Bay
Wed 25	MGCCN	** Mid Week Run M R7 12pm	TBA
Thurs 26	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 28	NESCC	State Khanacross Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale
Sun 29	MGCCN	Hillclimb A4 M TS3 CC11 9am	Ringwood
Sun 29	NESCC	State Khanacross Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale

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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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Once again, we have had another busy month, with plenty for all our members to enjoy. Guest speaker Bob Cook started off the month with a very interesting presentation on the William the Fourth along with Fortress Newcastle at our March Club Night. It was great to see so many of our members at the Clubrooms learning about our local history.

We also had our second round of the Hillclimb series. Some tightly fought battles were held throughout the day, some of which were not decided till the final run. Even the rain that has been on and off all month gave us a reprieve, with all competitors having the opportunity to run on a dry track for most of the day.

The following weekend saw several of our members brave the ongoing wet weather and head up to Kempsey for the first round of the Tri Series for 2022. This contingent was well rewarded for their efforts, with Peter Akers taking 1st outright, Kenneth Atkins 2nd outright and even more of our members scoring class wins.

We are now counting the number of sleeps to Easter and the 2022 MG National Meeting – MGs by the Lake. A number of brave souls took to a wet Ringwood Hillclimb track for some practice and fine tuning last weekend, with another private practice planned for Thursday 14th. The national meeting is a big effort for the club, and any help from volunteers to assist in the various events over the Easter weekend would be greatly appreciated. This is your chance to see some of the best MG's in Australia being displayed in all their glory, taking in the sights of Lake Macquarie, or showing off their racing pedigree in the Hillclimb and Motorkhana.

Other events coming up over the next month include our always popular Day and Night, Dirt and Tar Khanacross on the 7th of May. Recent Khanacrosses have seen large entry numbers, and the Day/Night event is one of the most popular, so don't delay putting in an entry or you could risk missing out. Dust off the old Cibie Super Oscars or cover the car in more LED's than the Vegas Strip, for one of the most fun and enjoyable events on the MGCCN calendar.

In other news the Club is still looking for a replacement Treasurer for the remainder of 2022. This role has been filled by John Finch for a number of years, but with the club in a strong financial position, he is now seeking to take a well-deserved break. If budgeting isn't your strong point, we also have vacancies for the roles of Autotest and Rally Co-ordinators.

Chris Fernance — President

PAT GOULDING



Pat Goulding

12 April 1936 - 3rd March 2022

On the 3rd of March, Pat Goulding passed away at his nursing home in Belmont, NSW. He was 85 years of age.

Pat, born in Gulgong NSW on 12/4/1936, first became involved in motorsport at Craboon, in the early 1960's. He drove the family FB Holden Ute and Simca Aronda in gymkhanas on the neighbouring lan and Paddy Fergusson's property. He then purchased a home built grey engine Holden special, and for a few years, raced that in various gymkhanas and dirt Hillclimb in the local area.

In 1967 he bought his first, but not last Nota clubman sports car. This car, which he ran almost continuously from 1967 till 2018, was Nota Owner and creator Guy Buckingham's personal race car, and thus a factory entered race car from its build in mid 1962. When Pat purchased the car, it was mainly used in Hillclimb, and that is where Pat had the most success. From 1968 till 1998 Pat won 8 class – Group A sports cars under 1600cc and then VHT class – State Hillclimb championships plus numerous top three finishes in Australian Hillclimb Championships. Pat had class records at Silverdale, Bathurst, Grafton, Parkes, Dapto and Ringwood Hillclimb.

In 1970 Pat and Maureen, his late wife, moved to Belmont where they set up life for the family. Race car in tow, he soon joined the MG Car Club, a club that was very dear to his heart over the next 50 years. Pat competed in many Mattara Hillclimbs over the years, a record 36 events for a car/driver combination. KEP/Mattara was his favourite Hillclimb, with Silverdale a close second. One of Pat's most cherished moments is being given the honour to be the last car to ever race and grace the KEP track, a moment that he was immensely proud of.

PAT GOULDING

In the early 1990's Pat and his trusty red Nota ventured to the tracks of NSW. Amaroo was a particular favourite, as was the short track at Oran Park. He competed at Winton and Eastern Creek in his later years.

With his lovely late wife Maureen – or the Duck as she was known – always by his side, the pair of them, often with kids in tow, travelled and raced all over the State. Dad driving, mum making the tea and coffees, biscuits and cakes, for the drivers and crews that camped or pitted near us. They were a complete team, and both loved everything about the motorsport fraternity.

Sadly, when Maureen took ill, the motor racing slowed down as Pat stayed at home to care for her. And when she passed in 2012, Pat's desire and will to race slowly ebbed away. His last event was the 25th anniversary event at Wakefield Park, back in November 2019.

I completed a cosmetic rebuild of the Nota just before that WP anniversary event, and the look on his face when he saw just how nice the Nota looked and went after a few years of being untouched in the shed, was very much worth it.

Over the years, Pat has also owned a total of 4 Notas, an MGTC, MGA, MGB, a couple of Austin A90 Atlantic convertibles and an A90 Saloon, a 1929 Morris Cowley plus a Mk 3 Sprite. A car enthusiast he certainly was. On top of these cars, his friendships with this clubs stalwarts – The Rae's, Baldwin's, Bayliss, Newey's, Lear and Davies families amongst a host of others have been life long and much treasured.

So in finishing, yes, Pat loved his motorsport. He loved his time with the club and their members. From driving, spectating, scrutineering or being an official; -

IT was a 50 odd year association that meant the world to him!!



The 25th Wakefield Park Anniversary event,
and his 1962 Nota Sportsman



Above
1972 Mattara Hillclimb, a round of the Australian Hillclimb championships.

Below
The last Mattara at KEP.



**Above**

Oldest son Brad – now the custodian of the red Nota, Maureen and Pat at a very very chilly Oran Park FOSC event in the mid 2000's

On behalf of the MGCCN & all its members over the past 50+ years, We would like to send our condolences to Brad and the rest of the family.

We would like to THANK Brad for taking the time to write, research & find the information & pictures in this article about Pat Goulding.

NEW MEMBERS

We Welcome the following new members.

Miss Darcee Staunton - Associate	Mrs Jan Barwick - Associate.
Mr Jeff Keyte – Associate.	Mrs Jo Keyte –Associate.
Mr Michael Dern – Associate.	Mr William Dern – Associate.
Mr David Wykes – Associate.	Mr Vince Blanch – Associate.
Mr Geoff Mead – Associate.	Mr Robert Dawson – Associate.
Ms Hayley Nix –Associate.	
Mr Colin Mason – Associate.	Mrs Dianne Mason: - Associate.
Mr Nathan Crocket – Associate.	Mr Cooper Crocket – Junior Member.
Mr Oran Harrison – Junior Member.	Mr Cohen Street – Junior Member.
Mr Mark Fenner - Full Member.	Mr Luke Fenner - Full Member.
Mr Stuart Bower - Full Member.	Mrs Karen Bower - Full Member.
Mr. Jack Grant - Full Member.	Mr James Hill - Full Member.
Miss Michelle Taylor - Full Member.	

We look forward to having you join us at future events, be it a Club Night, Social Outing, or a Competition Event.

With us hosting the National Meeting over Easter, it is a great chance to come out and be involved as a spectator and witness many of the best MGs from across Australia on display at Speers Point Park for the Concours or at Rathmines for the Motorkhana or Ringwood for the Hillclimb.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE OVERDUE

A reminder to any member who hasn't yet renewed their Membership, you need to do so before you drive your car on historic rego, or enter into a Competition Event. Those who had elected to receive their Magazine in the post, rather than via the website, won't receive anymore until they renew.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR — From Rob Rowe

Thanks for the invite to assist the MG club to put on a display representing club motorsport at the Newcastle Show.

I took the opportunity to show the 1931 Australian Grand prix winning Day Bugatti/Ford Special. The Day Special represents a significant period in Australian motorsport history from the late 1920s to the early 1950s.

As the current custodian of this car, I have a responsibility to let the car be seen at public events, whether racing or static displays.

What an enormous pity that our club members, by their non-attendance, let down not only the MG Car Club but motorsport in general!

A golden opportunity to represent club motorsport to a different demographic was selfishly squandered by the appearance of only FIVE cars from the club.

Do people realise the increasing challenges that sporting motoring will be facing in the near future?

Public opposition to fossil fuelled cars will ramp up with the now obvious changes in the climate.

Autonomous vehicles will be seen as a safer way of moving our children around thus weaning off the next generation of sporting drivers. With reducing numbers and the increasing age of motor sport competitors, the sport will become even more expensive.

All of this plus a huge loss of credibility for the club for any future invites to public events here in the lower hunter.

FOOTNOTE

Rob was one of well over 50 members who were invited to present their car at the show, which he did. Perhaps if time had permitted more direct invites could have gone out.

I received the initial contact from the Show Committee and asked Rick Vincent if he could look after it which he did. Because of the relatively short notice, it was only possible to send emails as phone conversations all take time.

I was disappointed by the relatively low number of responses to the emails that I sent out. 25 out of 50 is not really good enough. (perhaps the email method is not a suitable communication medium!)

Rick worked hard and had about 18 cars lined up to attend at some stage over the 3 days of the show, but only about 8 of these turned up, most of those who didn't, didn't even give him a call to let him know. NOT GOOD!

From Dave Atkins – Membership Secretary. 2022

If you have NOT renewed.... This is your last magazine!!!!!!

If you have already renewed, THANK YOU

SOCIAL SECRETARY

There was a good attendance at the last Club night with such a lot of information provided by Bob Cook on the historic heritage boat William The Fourth, the operational replica of Australia's first steam powered ocean-going paddlewheel steam ship. Bob advised that they now have a shed to store the ship prior to getting a permanent facility.

Bob also advised us of an ongoing Fortress Newcastle history site which shows many historical facts about Newcastle during the war including the women who worked at BHP and at the Williamstown RAAF BASE (the Women's Air Training Corp) so the men could go to war. There is one particular site at Fullerton Cover that I have never heard of that was in place during the war. A big thank you to Bob Cook for his attendance at the Club night.

The Rocker Cover Race, in preparation for the MG National Meeting to be held at Lake Macquarie over Easter, was run and this is a very competitive event particularly now with Darren Hodgson's photo finish machine in place to prevent any indecisive finishes.

The next Club night will be held at Cobby Street club rooms on **Friday 9th April 2022**. It is good to see club nights back with members having a good time meeting and discussing what they have done over the last several months. It's also a good chance to meet new members. There will be another Rocker Cover Practice.

Rose Collins - Social Secretary

INVITATION TO MEMBERS

Wednesday 27th April 2022
To
“COFFEE AT THE CLUB ROOMS”
 (Tea & Soft Drink also available)



From 9.45 am until mid-afternoon.

Just call in for 'as short or as long' a break as you please.

Meet like-minded members and share your passion.



This is an opportunity to get involved in a low-key social outing during the day.

- Check out what the Club Rooms have to offer.
- Play some of our extensive collection of motor sport and motoring DVD's.
- Visit the Library, look through archived Magazines, minutes etc.
- Use the morning to go for a run in your favourite car and share the story with others with a similar interest.
- Swap stories from the past, present. (Or future!!)

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SPEED EVENT COORDINATOR

The **Tar Series Championship** just keeps going from strength to strength. Round 2 of the hillclimb series was run at beautiful Ringwood Park Motorsport Complex on Sunday 20th March 2022. Once again it was a big day of strong competition in many of the classes and also for outright positions and points. As in round 1, there were 8 new records set on the day - very, very impressive. Helped of course by wonderful weather, unlike the wet we've experienced before and after that lovely day.

From my vantage point at the Turn 2 flag point, I saw many strong performances and I'll mention a few here. Championship defender Adam Single showed the way with FTD and a track record, using every bit of the track and routinely controlling his WRX back in the right direction when it was starting to go a bit wayward. James Hull using the new technology of his GR Yaris to go fast. Double entered father and son Paul and Matthew Whitworth separated by a slim 3 hundredths of a second in the MGB! Brothers Bruce and Peter Ball just 6 hundredths apart. Former Come and Try drivers Michael Dern and Hayley Nix joining the competitive ranks for more fun. A glorious Austen Healey 3000 driven by Mick Scott. Ryan Gorton driving the wheels off his Hyundai I20N for a class record and nudging out Rob Dawson who was also pushing hard in Type 1 over 2 litres. Jeff Schmitt wrestling with the black racing machine, the West WR1000. And Peter Akers nudging out Steve Brydie by 0.03 seconds for 2nd place outright.

I'm sure many drivers are looking forward to Round 3 in May.

But before then, it's **National Meeting** time, and I'm looking forward to lots of action from the MG's at the Hillclimb at Ringwood and the Motorkhana at Rathmines.

As I've mentioned before, my favourite form of motorsport for participation is the Supersprint. Why don't you join me at Sydney Motorsport Park South Circuit on Sat 23 April for **Round 2 of the CSCA series** hosted by the Sprite Car Club of Australia? I enjoy doing lap after lap on a full size circuit which lets me get my tyres hot and try to fine tune each corner, gear change and braking point for the best possible lap time.

CSCA is the Combined Sports Car Association, a group of British marque sports car clubs including our own Newcastle MG Car Club. Wayne Movigliatti is our delegate on the organising committee. Each Club takes a turn to run a round of the Supersprint series. We will be running Round 3 on 25 June at Pheasant Wood Circuit near Marulan (yikes - we better start making some preparations!).

Go Hard !
John Garroway

HILLCLIMB - TRACK A2A - 20 MARCH

Place	Name	Club	Vehicle	Time
1	Adam SINGLE	(MGCCN)	Subaru WRX	56.61
2	Peter AKERS	(MGCCN)	Subaru WRX	57.25
3	Steve BRYDIE	(MGCCN)	Datsun 1200	57.28
4	Kevin AKERS	(MGCCN)	Carroll Clubman	57.68
5	Paul BOWER	(MGCCN)	Mazda MX5	58.00
6	James HULL	(MGCCN)	Toyota GR Yaris	58.25
7	David WYKES	(WAC)	Toyota Special EC5	58.35
8	Tim BLAKE	(MGCCN)	Subaru WRX	58.45
9	Colin BROOKES	(MGCCN)	US Legends 34 Chevy	58.63
10	Richard MEARS	(MGCCN)	Lucalia Clubman	58.93
11	Jeff SCHMITT	(MGCCN)	West WR1000	59.19
12	Connor MORLEY	(MGCCN)	Subaru WRX	59.36
13	Cody SKOUMBOURDIS	(ARDC)	Ford Fiesta XR4	59.62
14	Troy MORLEY	(MGCCN)	Subaru WRX	59.75
15	Rick YATES	(MGCCN)	BMW Mini Cooper S	60.20
16	Bruce CONDRON	(MGCCN)	MG B	60.22
17	Ryan BATES	(MGCCN)	Subaru WRX	60.30
18	Mitch CRAIG	(MGCCN)	Honda Type R	60.42
19	Ryan GORTON	(MX5 NSW)	Hyundai i20N	60.48
20	Toby BANKS	(MGCCN)	Honda City	60.66
21	Robert DAWSON	(ARDC)	BMW M135i	60.72
22	Amanda SINGLE	(MGCCN)	Subaru WRX	60.92
22	Darren LINDSAY	(MGCCN)	VN Commodore	60.92
24	Matthew BATES	(MGCCN)	Subaru WRX	61.07
25	Tom CLEMENS	(MGCCN)	VW Beetle	61.45
26	Andrew FERENCE	(MGCCN)	Mazda MX5	61.66
27	Stuart BOWER	(MGCCN)	Mazda RX8	61.91
28	Rod BERWICK	(MGCCN)	Mazda MX5	61.98
29	Russell WEST	(MGCCN)	Datsun 180B	62.46
30	Graham ORR	(MGCCN)	Honda Civic	62.54
31	Rian HUMPHRIES	(MGCCN)	Holden SS Ute	62.69
32	John FINCH	(MGCCN)	Mazda MX5	62.93
33	Michael ALCHIN	(MGCCN)	Amaroo Clubman	63.39
33	Mark DE GIOIA	(MGCCN)	Datsun Sunny	63.39
35	Nat HAILS	(MGCCN)	Toyota Sprinter	63.53
36	Garry CHRISTOPHERSON	(MGCCN)	Holden Ute	63.73
37	Martin MCLOUGHLIN	(MGCCN)	Renault Clio	64.33
38	Luke GARLAND	(MGCCN)	Ford Focus Zetec	64.94
39	Jeff NEWAY	(MGCCN)	MG B	64.97
40	Tristan HOUGH	(ARDC)	Toyota 86	65.29

HILLCLIMB - TRACK A2A - 20 MARCH

Place	Name	Club	Vehicle	Time
41	Nathan APPS	(MGCCN)	Suzuki Swift	65.40
42	Chris BURROWS	(MGCCN)	Audi A4	65.42
43	Joel BOSCH	(MGCCN)	Suzuki Swift Sport	65.54
44	Michael SCOTT	(MGCCN)	Austin Healey 3000	65.56
45	Trevor COOK	(MGCCN)	Mitsubishi Mirage	66.13
46	John COLLINS	(MGCCN)	MG F	66.16
46	Matthew WHITWORTH	(MGCCN)	MG B	66.16
48	Paul WHITWORTH	(MGCCN)	MG B	66.19
49	Fran HODGSON	(MGCCN)	MG ZR 160	66.88
50	Scott BRYDIE	(MGCCN)	Toyota Celica	67.14
51	Brendan JEFFRIES	(MGCCN)	Mazda 2	67.24
51	Jeremy RAUCH	(MGCCN)	Holden Astra	67.24
53	Bruce BALL	(MGCCN)	BMW 330i	67.99
54	Peter BALL	(MGCCN)	BMW 330i	68.05
55	Hayley NIX	(ARDC)	BMW M135i	68.15
56	Barry MAGENNIS	(WAC)	VW Golf	68.38
57	James BARTLETT	(MGCCN)	Mitsubishi Mirage	68.62
58	Michael DERN	(MGCCN)	Ford Fiesta	70.64
59	Lindsay CLOUT	(MGCCN)	Mini Cooper S	71.03
60	Allan EVANS	(MGCCN)	Triumph TR7	71.53



Photo of MGCCN Members at Wakefield Park
for the CLA Rd1 CSCA Super-Sprint — 27/03/22

TRI-CHALLENGE HILLCLIMB - 27 MARCH

Kempsey Sporting Car Club hosted Round 1 at their Mount Cooperabung Hillclimb, and as so often happens for KSCC the weather was not ideal. They had 29 entries but lost a couple by start time, so 27 brave souls took on the Mt Cooperabung hillclimb, which is usually one that is quite slippery and more so when wet.

Saturday saw 10 people have a practice run, including MGCCN members Kenneth Atkins, Troy and Connor Morley, Colin Brooks and Mitch Craig. Some having quite a few runs while others used the day just to get a feel for the hill in the wet. Kenneth used the WRX's AWD to good effect and posted the quickest time for the day of 31.232 on his 4th and final run, 1.406 ahead of the next best time set by Mitch Craig who took advantage of the opportunity to get in 7 runs, improving with each one.

The weather for Sunday wasn't looking too good either so it was apparent that the AWD system would be an advantage. That proved to be the case.

Nine MGCCN members entered and attended, 5 in SV over 3000cc (all Subaru), 2 in type 2 under 2L, (Mitch Craig in his Honda and Graham Orr in his Honda), Rick Yates Type 3 Over 2L in his Mini and Colin Brooks in Type 5 under 2L in his US Legend Chevy.

Peter Akers was probably always going to be the man to beat under the conditions with his well developed WRX and his ability and experience in the car and at Kempsey all improving the odds in his favour, despite not being able to make it to practice the day before. That was a strong motivator for Kenneth, who does tend to manage the slippery conditions reasonably well and doesn't mind seeing the wet stuff on the ground. After all had taken their first run Kenneth was in the lead with a 31.763, with Peter 2nd on 32.748 and 3rd Connor Morley 33.904.

Run 2 was to prove to be the driest of the day, but not dry enough to be a true dry run. Peter took the honours with 31.232 which proved to be FTD and set the pace for others to chase. Kenneth had his worst run, messing up the start to a degree then taking 5th gear instead of 3rd not the best approach to a good run, leaving him in 2nd outright ahead of Darren Read in the Hayward on 32.811 which was his best for the day and locked him into 3rd Outright.

The rest of the day went to Kenneth. Peter couldn't match his times in the wet.

Kenneth set his best on the last run with the wipers on, to record a 31.467 which didn't change the placings as his first run was still good for 2nd outright anyway.

Connor Morley showed how he has advanced his skills to take out 4th outright and 3rd in Class with 33.029 set on run 4. Troy Morley 4th (33.920) & Terry Lanesbury 5th (33.966)

Mitch Craig and Graham Orr were the only two in T2 Under both in Hondas. Mitch setting 33.576 on run 3 to win the class and 5th outright. Rick Yate proved too good for the other entry in T3 over and Colin Brooks took out 2nd in T5 under.

By all reports our crew all had a reasonably enjoyable day and came home with trophies and also set us up with a good points tally for the initial round of the series.

Right -
Kenneth Atkins accepting the trophies for 2nd outright and 2nd in SV over 3L.

Below -
Peter Akers arriving at Mount Cooperabung ready for fun day in the rain and taking out 1st Outright and 1st in Class.



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REGISTER SECRETARY

Several Club Members took the opportunity to display their cars at the Newcastle Show though given short notice. There were 5 cars present on Friday and a similar number on the Saturday. Previous bad weather and forecast rain discouraged many from attending and Sunday was abandoned due to a lack of response. The Newcastle Show has been jinxed in recent years, so hopefully next year will be pandemic and foul weather free. Thanks to Rick Vincent for coordinating this event on our behalf.

New vehicles added to our Historic Vehicle Register since the last magazine report: -
1963 Chevrolet Corvette Convertible
1973 Holden Torana
1971 Datsun 1600

10 historic registration renewals have been processed throughout March up to 24th.

The next car show that we have been invited to is Euro Motorfest on 20th June at Newcastle Foreshore Park hosted by Hunter Region MG Car Club 8am – 4pm.

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.

When you renew your club membership ensure that you update your contact details, a number of invitations I sent out for the Newcastle Show bounced back as undeliverable.

Allan Evans – Register Secretary

REGISTER CAPTAIN

The Register Run to the Cookabarra Restaurant at Bobs Farm proved to be a very enjoyable day for members who attended.

Quite a few MG's were in attendance and the weather proved very favourable.

We dined on the very large verandah, though they also have quite a large indoor restaurant and there is a moat around the verandah with very colourful fish swimming around.

The next event will be the mid week run on **25th May 2022**, the drive information will be provided in the May magazine.

John Collins
Register Captain

One happy
exhibitor at the
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