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COMING EVENTS — AUGUST

Thurs 4	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 6	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Rnd 7 Ringwood Practice M 9am	Ringwood
Sun 7	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Rnd 7 Ringwood M 9am	Ringwood
Sun 7	MGCCN	Biggest Morning Tea 9am	Ringwood
Mon 8	MGCCN	Mag.Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Tues 9	MGCCN	Meeting Championship and Vehicle Rules Review M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 11	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 12	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Sat 13	KSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd3 Practice 9am	Raleigh
Sat 13	MGCCN	YDDC-3 M 9am	Ringwood
Sat 13	MOCA	CSCA Supersprint Rnd5 Gardner	SMSP
Sun 14	KSCC	Tri-Challenge TRI3 9am	Raleigh
Sun 14	MGCCN	Motorkhana Dirt M MK4 CC14 9am	Ringwood
Sun 14	NSWRRC	State S'Sprint Rnd5 9am	SMSP Druit/ North
Tues 16	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 18	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 20	WAC	State Khanacross Rnd 6 10am	Awaba
Sat 20	AHRG	Touring Assy Heart of the Hunter Tar Only CC15 R11 TR4 9am	TBA
Wed 24	MGCCN	Coffee at the Clubrooms 9:45am	Cobby St
Thurs 25	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 27	MG Sydney	CSCA Supersprint Rnd6 Pheasantwood 9am	Marulan
Sun 28	MGCCN	Hillclimb A5 M TS4 CC16 9am	Ringwood

COMING EVENTS — SEPTEMBER

Thurs 1	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 3	MGCCN	Khanacross D/T D/N M KC5 CC17 R12 2pm	Ringwood
Sat 3	GME	State Hillclimb Rnd 8 Practice 9am	Gunnedah
Sun 4		<i>Fathers Day</i>	
Sun 4	GME	State Hillclimb Rnd 8 9am	Gunnedah
Mon 5	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Thurs 8	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 9	MGCCN	Club Night M - Fortress Newcastle Presentation 7:30pm	Cobby St
Sun 11	MGCCN	Hillclimb A4 M TS5 CC18 R13 9am	Ringwood
Sun 11	NSW MX5	State Motorkhana Rnd8 9am	SMSP
Tues 13	MGCCN	Meeting Championship and Vehicle Rules Review M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Wed 14	MGCCN	** Mid Week Club Run Lunch M 11am	Cobby St
Thurs 15	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 18	WAC	Motorkhana and MGCCN MK5 10am	Awaba
Tues 20	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 22	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 23		<i>School Term End</i>	
Sat 24	WAC	State Rallysprint 2pm	Awaba
Thurs 29	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 30	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St

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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PRESIDENTS REPORT

As I sit down to write this month's report, we have just finished our Round of the NSW State Hillclimb series, and one of the larger events in the MGCCN calendar for 2022. I'm pleased to say that this event was a resounding success. After two days behind a spatula and set of tongs, a warm bed and soft pillow is looking very welcoming. With the early mornings, long drives, and exciting racing, I'm sure I'm not the only one that's looking for a good night's rest.

Looking at the weather report throughout the week, things were looking hopeful. Showers Thursday and Friday. Clear weather for the weekend, then showers returning on Monday. Hopefully that would remain the case. Thankfully the forecast for Saturday proved correct, with many competitors taking the opportunity to get as many laps under their belt as possible during the sunny conditions. I'm sure if we didn't have a finish time they would have continued into the evening.

Sunday's sunrise was beautiful, however the red clouds did cause some minor concern. "Red sky at night, sailors' delight. Red sky at morning, sailors take warning." This old adage proved more correct than the weather forecast, with a brief shower over Ringwood just as we were holding the drivers briefing. Thankfully it was only light, and by the time the first cars were underway the track was dry.

Racing during the day was fierce, with class records being broken left, right and centre. Dean Tighe's runs can only be described as phenomenal, as he took over two seconds off the existing track record and taking the outright win by a comfortable margin. Unfortunately, the rain decided it wasn't through with us, coming back with a vengeance during the fourth run. A few brave souls still went out for their final run, but the now slippery conditions meant there would be no further opportunities to improve on their times.

One positive outcome from this rain was seeing just how well received the spectator shelters that were installed a few months ago worked. As the rain came, the crowd on the hill could be seen to gather under the shelters to wait out the weather. Certainly a much better option than having them hurriedly packing everything away and having to try and get back to their vehicles in an attempt to stay dry.

The State Hillclimb wasn't the only event effected by the weather, as several events during July also suffered. Back on the 3rd we were scheduled to hold our "Escape to the Country" touring assembly. Heavy rain and flooding caused the postponement of this event. A wise decision as a number of the roads planned to be used suffered greatly. Even now things are still on hold, with some of those roads damaged to a degree that it would not be safe to run an event on them till they undergo repairs.

Westlakes run of bad luck with the weather also continued, with almost all of their events in July being postponed or cancelled. As they mentioned on Facebook, it has been a year they would rather forget.

Hopefully things will improve in August, as we have quite a lot planned throughout the month. Starting with our Club Night on this Friday 12th August.

We also have our fourth round of the Motorkhana series to be held at Ringwood on the 14th. With a Young Driver Development Day on Saturday 13th, this will be a great opportunity for our juniors to take their first steps into motorsport. It will also be an amazing chance for the more experienced to let their hair down and come out for a fun, low key enjoyable day.

The following weekend sees WAC host a round of the State Khanacross series (fingers crossed), whilst others may wish to try their hand at the Heart of the Hunter touring assembly. The end of August is filled with a round of the CSCA Supersprint series at Pheasant Wood on the 27th, and our fourth round of our Tar Speed Hillclimb series on the 28th.

We start off September heading back to our Autotest, with our second Day/Night Khanacross of 2022 to be held on Saturday 3rd September.

Followed by our Club Night on the 9th September. We see the return of Bob Cook as a guest speaker. Bob had much to say at his last visit, and all who attended showed a great interest in what he had to say. He'll be back with more to say about "Fortress Newcastle", along with the documentary that he has been a significant contributor too.

Keep it shiny side up, and I look forward to seeing you all soon at one of our events.

Chris Fernance

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Front Cover Photos are of the Khanacross Winners
Photographer — Cameron Gould

Plus photos from other Club Members

NEW MEMBERS

Lee Stevenson -	Associate Member.
Chris O'Neill -	Associate Member.
Neil Brice -	Full Member.
Zdenka Brice -	Full Member.
John Mallam -	Associate Member

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

Dave Atkins – Membership Secretary. 2022



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Wednesday 24th of August 2022

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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The July Club Night had guest speakers Brian Burrell, Allan Butcher and Graham Lilford telling us about their years at the Tomago Speedway.

Firstly, we played a video of some Speedway Test Matches and afterwards they spoke in turn about the various cars they owned and of their favorite ones, also about the major events that they each had won.

Allan was the Australian Super Sedan Champion in his Corvette and spoke of the Australia versus USA Test Matches which all three drivers had raced in against the Americans. He also raced in New Zealand successfully and has been inducted into the Speedway Hall of Fame

They spoke about competing against each other and also other drivers from all around Australia. They told us about the personalities of some of the American visitors that were racing.

There were many questions asked from the members and all who attended enjoyed the night.

Rose Collins



Club Night—Friday 12th August 2022

Cobby Street Club Rooms
Meet new and current members

Club Night—September 9th 2022

Bob Cook will present a video and discussion on *NEWCASTLE FORTRESS DURING THE SECOND WORLD WAR*

The club rooms are air conditioned and supper will be served.

PRESENTATION NIGHT & CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Presentation Night & Christmas Party will be held on Friday 9th December 2022 at Club Macquarie. The cost is \$29 per person for dinner and you will need to let me know by 30th November if you will be attending.



Christmas In July!!! - Quirindi

Entries are now open for the 2022
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We look forward to welcoming you to
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20th to the 23rd of October!



YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

FINAL TWO EVENTS FOR 2022

Finishing time is approx. 3.00pm, for all events

EVENT SATURDAY 13TH OF AUGUST

EVENT SATURDAY 5TH OF NOVEMBER

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MG National Meeting 7-11 April 2023 July Update

www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/

The months are really flying by as we head towards next Easter's National Meet in Adelaide and already, we've had more than 100 expressions of interest. It's a terrific result but please keep them coming in.

Registration is scheduled to open early next year but we'll be keeping you closely informed between now and then on what you can expect.

There's more info on the National Meet website shown at the top of this bulletin, and names, e-mail contact and phone details for expressions of interest should be sent to our Registrar, Chris Bray, at Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au

If you have already done this, encourage your friends to send their details.

And a taster of how the organisation is coming along . . .

- The all-important sponsorship is going well and no doubt many of you will be pleased to hear we have a wine sponsor – crucial when you're coming to the Wine State!
- Key events like the Concours, Motorkhana, Super Sprint, Observation and Social Run, and the Kimber Run are all well in hand.
- So are the social events including the Theme Party night: next year the theme will be 'Disney Characters' (a push to make the theme Port Adelaide Football Club fell short by quite a margin)
- We're close to finalising designs for the NatMeet Regalia
- All venues are locked in.

Easter accommodation is always in high demand so please book early to avoid disappointment. MGCC SA cannot make bookings on your behalf.

The next update will be September, in the meantime please send any enquiries to:

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See you in Adelaide next Easter!!

Cheers,
Tim Edmonds
President, MG Car Club of SA.



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REGISTER CAPTAIN

A fun weekend was held at Quirindi on 23rd and 24th July. Leaving the Club Rooms at 9.30am, the first stop was at a Heritage House Nellibelles at Murrurundi for a light lunch.

It was then onto Quirindi to the Sunflower Motel which seemed more like a B & B rather than a Motel. From our arrival the hosts Jules and Tina made us very welcome, Jules lighting the fire pit adjacent to the Gazebo so that we could have our nibblies and drinks in the sunshine (no wind) and warmth from fire.

A few members visited the Quipolly Dam which was constructed in 1955 mainly to provide drinking water to the residents of Werris Creek and the local community. Others visited the one large shop in the Quirindi shopping center that was open to purchased goods to take home which had a good variety of old and new products.

Christmas Dinner was held at the RSL club, then back to the motel for an early start the next morning.

It was off to Bob's Shed on Sunday morning where the display offered many well restored vehicles, a show of many carburetors & a grocery store with an abundance of old artefacts. A Barbers shop was set up in the 40's and 50's era with the Barnsleys hair products and hairdressing tools on display. The shed was half-way up the Who'd a Thought It Lookout where when you drive to the top you can view the Liverpool Plains.

On the way home we were meant to stop in Muswellbrook at the Eaton Hotel for lunch, but it was closed due to staff shortages, however the RSL Club provided us with a very adequate lunch.

Next month on the 14th September we will be going on a run to have a mid-week luncheon. The venue is yet to be decided and will be advised in the next Club Torque. We will meet at the Club Rooms at 9.00 for a 9.30 departure.

John Collins

REGISTER SECRETARY

Five new vehicles have been added to our Historic Vehicle Register since the last magazine report: -

1972 Holden Torana Coupe
1963 Pontiac Grand Prix Coupe
1990 Ford Capri
1979 Land Rover Series III
1974 Kawasaki Z900

15 historic registration renewals have been processed throughout July. We now have approximately 220 Historic vehicles listed on our club register.

The weather cooperated and the 'All British Display Day' organised by Hunter Jaguar was held as scheduled on Saturday 30th July at the Newcastle Foreshore Park.

Unfortunately family commitments prevented me from entering my car in the display, but our Club was well represented by around 7 vehicles including the following: -

3 Austin Healey's (two recent restorations)
3 MG's (ZF, TF and MGB)
1 TVR 3000

Reports received indicated it was a great day with plenty of interesting British cars including Mini's, Jaguars and Rolls Royce.

Allan Evans

APPRECIATION AWARD

During our Easter Nat Meet, Col Bray asked if Faye & I could man a control point at Freemans Waterhole, which we did.

While we were there, a young chap from the Caravan Park next door came over to offer his help

Well he helped us by running from one end of the Servo to the other with his little board. As each MG Entrant came in, he directed them to the parking area.

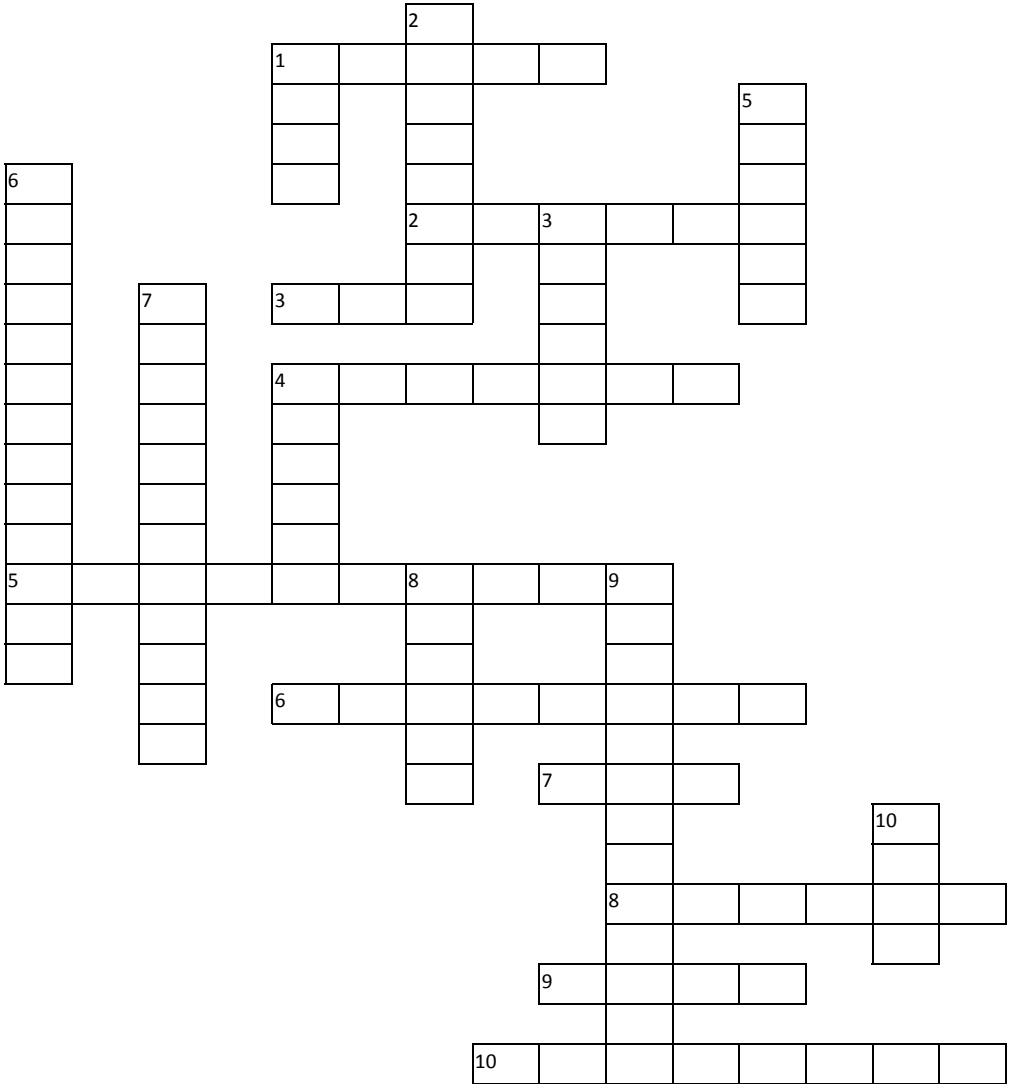
He was such a huge help, so we want to thank him.

From Hal & Faye Moloney

Photo of Wade Brown,
Freemans Caravan Park



CROSSWORD



ACROSS

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2. You need this to attach a trailer?
3. Monopoly Token?
4. Use these to see around the vehicle?
5. Use these to see the road at night?
6. This holds you in the vehicle safe?
7. Use as a fuel or lubricant?
8. Use these to clear the windscreen of rain?
9. You need this to access a vehicle?
10. Cars could have 4, 6 or 8 of these?

DOWN

1. You put the shopping in the?
2. An engine cooling device in a motor vehicle?
3. What do you wind down to let air in the car?
4. Car transmission?
5. A car needs this to run?
6. Coloured circles that you either stop or go at?
7. You need this to legally drive your vehicle?
8. Where do you park a car at night?
9. Use this to control the direction the vehicle moves in?
10. This makes a loud noise when pressed?

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Central Coast, Bateau Bay.

Contact Peter on 0403554766 or email petercarless49@gmail.com



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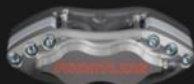
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