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

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COMING EVENTS — DECEMBER

Thurs 1	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am Ringwood
Fri 2	MGCCN	Wheel Skills Training Track Hire TRA	9am Ringwood
Sun 4	MGCCN	Regularity Hillclimb M	9am Ringwood
Mon 5	MGCCN	Mag Assy	2pm Cobby St
Wed 7	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel (1 week early) M	7:30pm Cobby St
Thurs 8	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am Ringwood
Fri 9	MGCCN	Presentation Night	6pm Club Macquarie
Tues 13	MGCCN	Board Meeting (1 week early) M	7:30pm Cobby St
Thurs 15	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am Ringwood
Tues 20		<i>School Term End</i>	
Sun 25		<i>Christmas Day</i>	
Mon 26		<i>Boxing Day</i>	
Tues 27		<i>Xmas Day Extra Holiday</i>	

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.

COMING EVENTS — JANUARY

Sun 1		<i>New Years Day</i>		
Mon 2		<i>New Years Additional Holiday</i>		
Wed 11	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel M	7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 12	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am	Ringwood
Fri 13	MGCCN	Club Night M	7:30pm	Cobby St
Tues 17	MGCCN	Board Meeting M	7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 19	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am	Ringwood
Sun 22	MGHR	Concours Invite	8:30am	Lambton Park
Thurs 26		<i>Australia Day</i>		
Thurs 26	MGCCN	Club Run M Breakfast	R1 8am	Mt Sugarloaf
Fri 27		<i>School Term Start East</i>		
Fri 27	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am	Ringwood
Sun 29	MGCCN	Hillclimb A3 M TS1 CC1 R2	9am	Ringwood

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Thurs 2	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am	Ringwood
Fri 3		<i>School Term Start West</i>		
Fri 3		Bathurst 12 Hour	9am	Mt Panorama
Sat 4		Bathurst 12 Hour	9am	Mt Panorama
Sun 5	MGCCN	Khanacross KC1 CC2	9am	Ringwood
Sun 5		Bathurst 12 Hour	9am	Mt Panorama
Mon 6	MGCCN	Mag Assy	2pm	Cobby St
Thurs 9	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am	Ringwood
Fri 10	MGCCN	Club Night M	7:30pm	Cobby St
Sun 12	WAC	State Motorkhana Dirt Rnd1 and MGCCN MK1 CC3 10am		Awaba
Thurs 16	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am	Ringwood
Sun 19	WAC	State Khanacross Dirt Rnd 1	10am	Awaba
Tues 21	MGCCN	Board Meeting M	7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 23	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am	Ringwood
Sun 26	MGCCN	Hillclimb A2A M TS2 CC4 R3	9am	Ringwood

PRESIDENTS REPORT

We have reached the end of 2022, and along with it the end of our championship seasons. We finally have the chance to relax and celebrate the year that has been. We also look forward to what 2023 will bring us in the form of new experiences, opportunities, and friendships.

As we move into 2023 the club welcomes the new year with open arms. We are looking into bringing new classes into some of our championships, and welcome many new faces to the club, both on the committee, and as members in general.

Events such as the Australian Hillclimb Championship will give the club an amazing opportunity to showcase Ringwood and our ability to run events of that calibre.

For now though, many of us will take this Christmas period as a chance to relax and catch up with family and friends. Others will take the opportunity to travel or even just to prepare for next year, with many new vehicles and upgrades to be seen in the new year.

Whatever the break holds in store for you, I look forward to seeing you all again back at one of our events in the new year.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Chris Fernance

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members

Mark Hay	Associate Member
Mathew Rose	Associate Member
Gary Cook	Associate Member
Aidan Cook	Associate Member
Bill Boyd	Associate Member
Jack Brydie	Junior Member
Alex Theo	Junior 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

SOCIAL SECRETARY

The year has been busy for most of us but we have still attended many social events throughout the year. The guest speakers provided interesting topics and were well received by all who attended.

The Presentation & Christmas Celebration will be held at Club Macquarie on Friday 9th December 2022. There is a really good number of members and friends attending and I'm sure it will be a very enjoyable evening with a lot of happy Trophy Winners.

I have held the position of Social Secretary for several years and I will be moving to the role of Vice President in 2023. I have enjoyed assisting with the Social events for the Club and I now wish Joy Bower a happy time as Social Secretary and know Joy will be good in this role.

I wish all members and their family and friends a Happy Christmas and great motoring in 2023.

Rose Collins

HILLCLIMB TROPHY WINNERS

Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr

Kevin Akers 1st

Junior Production

Robert Iles (J) 1st

PS 2B Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr

Jeff Newey 1st

Matthew Whitworth 2nd

Paul Whitworth 3rd

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Jeff Newey 1st

Matthew Whitworth 2nd

Paul Whitworth 3rd

Special Vehicle u 3ltr

James Hull 1st

Chris Burrows 2nd

Special Vehicle o 3ltr

Peter Akers 1st

Terry Lanesbury 2nd

Tp 1 u 2 ltr

Michael Dern 1st

Fran Hodgson 2nd

Garry Christopherson 2nd

Tp 2 u 2 ltr

Mitch Craig 1st

Graham Orr 2nd

Martin McLoughlin 3rd

Tp 2 o 2 ltr

Toby Banks 1st

Rian Humphries 2nd

Tp 3 u 2 ltr

Steven Brydie 1st

Tom Clemens 2nd

Mark De Gioia 3rd

Tp 3 o 2 ltr

Rick Yates 1st

Darren Lindsay 2nd

Tp 4 o 2 ltr

Rick Vincent 1st

Tp 4 E

Tim Blake 2nd

Adam Single 3rd

Ryan Bates

Tp 5 u 2 ltr

Colin Brookes 1st

David Wykes 2nd

MOTORKHANA TROPHY WINNERS

Class C

Neil Ferry 1st

Class E

Chris Burrows 1st

Lewis Penfold 2nd

Class JP

Josh Ferry (J) 1st

Robert Iles (J) 2nd

David Iles (J) 3rd

KHANACROSS TROPHY WINNERS

Class C

Fran Hodgson 1st

Class G

Chris Burrows 1st

Adam Glew 2nd

Class MP

Neil Ferry 1st

Class JP

Josh Ferry (J) 1st

David Iles (J) 2nd

William Dern (J) 2nd

PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Mick Nielson Club Member of Year

Chris Fernance	1st
John Collins	2nd
Libby Fernance	3rd

Chris Dodds Club Championship

Fran Hodgson	1st
Chris Burrows	2nd
Paul Bower	3rd

Judith Rae Ladies Championship

Fran Hodgson	1st
Amanda Single	2nd

Paul Daley Junior Championship

Robert Iles	1st
David Iles	2nd

Alan Bates Hillclimb Championship

Steve Brydie	1st
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PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Outright Hillclimb Championship

Tim Blake	1st
Adam Single	2nd
Peter Akers	3rd

David Huck Register Champion

Fran Hodgson	1st
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David Walker Memorial Register Champion

Fran Hodgson	1st
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Bill Martin Best Performance New Member

Neil Ferry

Concours

Lyall Clarke	1st
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The Tour started in Brisbane with stops at Coffs Harbour, Port Macquarie, Port Stephens and ending in Sydney.

At least 50 Ferraris took part in the Tour. All were late models less than 10 years old. There were a number of interstate entries and one from New Zealand.

As part of the celebration tour, they came to our Ringwood Motorsport Park on **Friday 25th Nov.**



This photo is showing some of the cars doing parade laps of Ringwood before the competitive runs. Photo from the Ferrari Australasia Facebook page.

19 Ferraris did timed laps of track A2.

Several cars were under 4seconds to the first split, the best being 3.8 seconds. None of the cars were using launch control.

The fastest time was 41.5 seconds.

MGCCN provided a number of Officials for the event, Clerk of Course, Timing Officials and Flag Marshals.

Michael Snow



NRMA ELECTRIC VEHICLE DRIVE DAY

At Ringwood on **Saturday 26th Nov**, the NRMA conducted a free to NRMA members a drive day of Electric Vehicles.

The types of cars available to drive were Tesla Model 3, Kia Niro, MG HS, Polestar 2 (2 variants) and Volvo XC40 Recharge (2 variants).

There were displays from Tesla Owners Club Australia, NRMA, SIXT (Vehicle Rental company), and EVS (Electric Vehicle Specialists) doing conversions to electric like a VW Beetle. (See photo on next page)

Other displays were the NSW Government Destination Charging (providing grants etcetera for businesses to install EV chargers).

I was fortunate enough to drive the Volvo XC40 Recharge AWD model and the Kia Niro.

Several of our club members also had a test drive including our Club President Chris Fernance.

Michael Snow

I, Libby, took the opportunity to test drive the MG ZS. This was in fact my first drive on the Hillclimb track. I've been around it multiple times as a passenger but haven't actually driven it myself. And although I won't be signing up to race any time soon, I did enjoy the experience.

Libby Fernance



REGISTER SECRETARY

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

1970 VW Beetle
1967 MGB

8 historic registration renewals have been processed through November. We now have approximately 238 Historic vehicles listed on our club register.

Our Annual Car Show and Concourse was held at the park adjacent to our Shortland Club Rooms on 20th November. In addition to some very well-presented MG's there was quite a variety of other vehicles some of which are rare, look for the Orange Bond Bug and the bright yellow JWS in the accompanying photos.

Michael Taylor brought his beautifully restored 1951 Bedford truck with his similar era Morris Minor Race Car loaded on the tray. Showing for the first time at one of our club events since their recent restorations were the Austin Healey's of Bryn Baverstock and Rick Vincent. There were three Morris Minis, 2 on historic plates, a saloon, a Clubman style Countryman and a Cooper partially restored on a trailer.

I was pressed into service helping judge the large saloons comprising a BMW M2, two Holden Monaro's and a Mercedes Convertible. The BMW and the Gold Monaro were immaculate and choosing between them came down to minor imperfections, the BMW being the final winner.

Always great to see a variety of vehicles.

Allan Evans



CONCOURS & PRIDE OF OWNERSHIP DAY



REGISTER CAPTAIN

It has been a busy year with several Register Runs including the Christmas in July celebration at Quirindi. We were made very welcome by the owners of the motel where we stayed at for the weekend.

The Concourse which was held adjacent to the Cobby Street Club Rooms was well attended with a variety of different cars. This gives members an event to display their cars for all to see.

The first Register event for 2023 will be Australia day on Thursday 26th January and will be held at Mount Sugarloaf. Bring along your breakfast, barbeques are available and start time is around the 8.30am mark. It's a good way to start the year off by catching up after the Christmas break.

I wish you all a very enjoyable Christmas and a happy New Year.

John Collins

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