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COMING EVENTS — FEBRUARY

Thurs 2	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Thurs 2	Private Hire	Driver Training Day 9am	Ringwood
Fri 3		<i>School Term Start West</i>	
Fri 3		Bathurst 12 Hour	Mt Panorama
Sat 4		Bathurst 12 Hour	Mt Panorama
Sun 5	MGCCN	Khanacross Tar M KC1 CC2 9am	Ringwood
Sun 5		Bathurst 12 Hour	Mt Panorama
Mon 6	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Thurs 9	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 10	MGCCN	Club Night M - Guest Speaker Simon Crane - Lovells Springs 7:30pm	Cobby St
Sun 12	WAC	State Motorkhana Dirt Rnd1 and MGCCN MK1 10am	Awaba
Wed 15		AHC Plan Meet M 7:30pm	Cobby St
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 CC3 R3 9am	Ringwood

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 — MARCH

Thurs 2	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 4	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 1 Mt. Panorama Esses 9am	Bathurst
Sun 5	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 2 Mt. Panorama Mtn Straight 9am	Bathurst
Sun 5	WAC	Khanacross	Awaba
Sun 5		Morpeth Motorama 10am	Closebourne House
Mon 6	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Wed 8	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 9	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 10	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Fri 10	SUPERCARS	Newcastle 500	Newcastle
Sat 11	SUPERCARS	Newcastle 500	Newcastle
Sun 12	ARDC	State S'sprint Rnd 1 9am	SMSP Gardner
Sun 12	HDCC	State Khanacross Dirt Rnd 2 10am	Hampton
Sun 12	SUPERCARS	Newcastle 500	Newcastle
Thurs 16	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 18	KSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd1 Mt Cooperabung Practice 9am	Kempsey
Sat 18	AHRG	Fluffy Duck Tour Assy Dirt & Tar CC4 TR1 9am	TBA
Sun 19	KSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd1 Mt Cooperabung TRI1 9am	Kempsey
Tues 21	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 23	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 26	MGCCN	Club Run M R4 9am	TBA
Sun 26	WAC	State Motorkhana Rnd2 and MGCCN MK2 10am	Awaba
Thurs 30	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Thurs 30	F1	Australian GP Albert Park	Melbourne
Fri 31	F1	Australian GP Albert Park	Melbourne

PRESIDENTS REPORT

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable and relaxing break over the Christmas holiday period. As we all know, a new year brings with it a fresh start to the championship seasons for the year.

Our first events have been run with our Hillclimb and Khanacross drivers taking advantage of the clean slate to get some early points and start building them up for the year. Many of our championships though will allow competitors to drop a round if required, so those of you yet to compete can still enter our upcoming events and be in contention for a championship winning result at the end of the year.

Our social events are also off to a flying start, with the Australia Day breakfast at Mt Sugarloaf seeing an excellent turn out of members enjoying the chance to take their cars for a drive, catch up with fellow members, and show off what they've been up to over the break.

Looking at our upcoming events, we welcome Simon Crane from Lovells as our guest speaker at our February club night. With "A lifetime playing with cars, and half a life wasted mucking about with springs." I am sure he will have plenty of interesting tales to keep us interested and entertained.

Speaking of our club nights, we have decided that we will remove the cover charge normally paid on entry. No longer will you need to go hunting through the car or your pockets looking for some loose change, unless you'd like to grab a drink or two while you're there.

2023 is also our opportunity to shine on the national stage with our hosting of the 2023 Motorsport Australia Hillclimb Championship on the 26-29th October. Work has already begun at Ringwood in preparation, with ongoing track drainage improvements, new shade cover over the playground, and improved spectator viewing areas. Whilst great to have for a major event like this, these improvements will benefit all of our competitors, as well as their family and friends, for a long time to come.

One thing that is not new for 2023 is our ongoing request for more help and assistance. To keep facilities like Ringwood and Cobby St maintained is a massive job. The running of events is also a major undertaking requiring many officials in various roles. If you feel you could be of help to us in any way, we would love to hear from you.

As always, I hope to see you soon at one of our many events.

Cheers, Chris Fernance.

VICE—PRESIDENTS REPORT

A big thank you to all who attended Ringwood today to get the shade cover over the children's playground installed. With more spectators and families attending race meetings at Ringwood it was important that this was done. A thank you also to Joy Bower for providing lunch and drinks to all who attended.

All of these improvements help to encourage spectators to attend events and with improved facilities this will continue to happen.

With MG Car Club Newcastle hosting the Australian Hillclimb in late October, making Ringwood more appealing to those who attend will make it a very exceptional event.

Rose Collins



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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**CLUB NIGHT WILL BE ON FRIDAY
EVENING 10TH FEBRUARY 2023
Put it in your diary, Club Nights are every
2nd Friday of the month at 7.30 PM**

Thanks to Rose & John Collins for organising our Australia Day breakfast at Mt Sugarloaf, unfortunately I was unable to attend but from all accounts a great annual event.

I would like to thank Rose Cogger-Collins for being our social secretary over several years. I hope I can live up to the standards set .

Next meeting we are looking forward to having a special guest speaker from Lovells Spring in Newcastle, so please come along & welcome our guest.
As usual a light supper will be served at the conclusion of the meeting.

Even if you are not interested in competing in a motor sport event & are just interested in cars either new or vintage, as well as social events, come along , support the club & meet like minded people & enjoy the fellowship that our car club brings.

If you are a new member & think a bit apprehensive about coming to a club night, don't hold off, come & make yourself known to myself, Joy Bower or any of the other board members.
Take a look at the memorabilia displayed in our club room at Cobby St, Shortland.

Do you know of some one who would be a guest speaker?, please let me know & I will follow up.
Well enough from me, see you at the club night 10th February 2023

Joy Bower

RINGWOOD PARK - TAR SPEED ROUND 1

Place	No	Name	Vehicle	Class	Time
1	6	Ron HAMMOND	Debron RH75	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	73.58
2	189	Adam SINGLE	Subaru WRX	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	73.72
3	49	Bill MCBRIDE	BBB Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	73.96
4	153	Nathan ABBOTT	VW Beetle	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	74.30
5	134	Todd ARKELL	Elfin	Tp 5 Prod u 2 ltr	74.80
6	29	Kevin AKERS	Carroll Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	75.15
7	129	Colin BROOKES	US Legends 34 Chevy	Tp 5 Spec u 2 ltr	75.34
8	56	James HULL	Toyota GR Yaris	Special Vehicle u 3 ltr	75.92
9	34	Luke ARKELL (J)	Elfin	Jun Spec	76.11
10	999	Ryan BATES	Subaru WRX STI	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	76.54
11	369	Matthew BATES	Subaru WRX STI	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	76.79
12	444	Mitch CRAIG	Honda Civic Type R	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	76.92
13	811	Theo POTERIS	Ford Focus RS	Special Vehicle o 3 ltr	77.50
14	36	Rick YATES	BMW Mini Cooper S	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	77.83
15	75	Damien SPINKS	SRT Mk1 F Vee	Tp 5 Prod u 2 ltr	78.22
16	174	Hayden LITTLE (J)	VW Beetle	Jun Prod	78.28
17	555	Troy MORLEY	Subaru WRX	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	78.60
18	510	Reece ATTWOOD	Lotus Elise	Special Vehicle u 3 ltr	78.89
19	97	Scott MILLER	PRB Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	79.24
20	149	Liam MCBRIDE	BBB Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	79.25
21	99	Rick VINCENT	Lotus Elise 111R	Tp 4 o 2 ltr	79.33
22	81	Karen WILSON	Ford Focus RS	Special Vehicle o 3 ltr	79.36
23	89	Amanda SINGLE	Subaru WRX	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	79.42
24	687	Bruce RIDGE	Lotus 7 Replica	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	79.52
25	976	Stuart BOWER	Mazda RX8	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	80.14
26	61	Graham ORR	Honda Civic	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	80.23
27	40	Darren LINDSAY	VN Commodore	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	80.25
28	335	Phil LIMBERT	BMW 335i	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	80.26
29	91	Leslie CRANDELL	Sierra Renault	Tp 5 Prod u 2 ltr	80.46
30	63	Bevan TANNER	Holden Commodore	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	80.53
31	11	Tom CLEMENS	VW Beetle	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	80.96
32	5	Malcolm ROACH	Toyota 86	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	81.18
33	95	Jeremy RAUCH	Subaru WRX Hatch	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	81.32
34	180	Russell WEST	Datsun 180B	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	81.50
35	54	John FINCH	Mazda MX5	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	81.91
36	47	Andrew WALKER	Turnham Bandit	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	82.15
37	103	Lewis PENFOLD	Audi A4	Special Vehicle u 3 ltr	82.37
38	691	James GRAHAM	Hyundai Excel	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	82.89
38	777	Garry CHRISTOPHERSON	Renault Clio	Tp 1 u 2 ltr	82.89
40	48	Jeff NEWEY	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	83.35

29TH JAN 2023 – OUTRIGHT PLACING

41	701	Brian SUTTON	Mazda MX5	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	83.59
42	227	Neil FERRY	Mitsubishi Mirage	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	83.83
43	942	Matthew WHITWORTH	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	84.46
44	305	Robert ILES (J)	Mazda MX5	Jun Prod	85.36
45	718	David ILES (J)	Mazda MX5	Jun Prod	85.53
46	23	Martin MCLOUGHLIN	VW Golf	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	85.92
47	94	Paul WHITWORTH	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	85.97
48	22	Josh FERRY (J)	Mitsubishi Mirage	Jun Prod	86.28
49	351	Chris BURROWS	Subaru Impreza	Special Vehicle u 3 ltr	87.14
50	908	Bruce FRASER	MG F TF160	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	87.58
51	112	Rohan VOWLES	Subaru Outback	Series Prod AWD u 3 ltr	88.09
52	92	Malcolm SMITH	Subaru Forester GT	Special Vehicle o 3 ltr	88.14
53	3	Bryn BAVERSTOCK	MG F TF	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	89.90
54	190	Fran HODGSON	MG RV8	PS 2B Modern o 2 ltr	91.95
55	183	Steve BRYDIE	Hyundai Getz	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	92.61
56	121	Chad VOWLES	Subaru Outback	Series Prod AWD u 3 ltr	92.72
57	77	Kodi SINGLE	Holden Astra	Jun Prod	93.50
58	831	Jack BRYDIE	Hyundai Getz	Jun Prod	94.34
59	8	John STUART	MG B GT	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	102.06

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SPEED EVENT COORDINATOR

Fast, Fun, & Flaming Hot... would have to be a fair description for the first round of the Ringwood Park Tar Series Hillclimb Championship.

59 drivers took on the heat on Sunday 29th of January to open the point scoring for the 2023 season.

In the past few years we have seen a dominance of the Turbo AWD cars and they were back to stamp their place again, but the lightweight open wheelers had other plans.

When Adam Single (189) took the start line, I have to say the car sounded special. He set the pace early in the high-powered Subaru WRX, and held the lead after run 2 with his fastest time of the day 73.72



Come run 3 the heat was at it harshest, conditions that suited no driver... other than 'perhaps Ron Hammond (6) in his Debron RH75. Ron sent the lightweight 1.6ltr Debron around the track and banked the FTD 37.58. I spoke with Ron early in the day and was happy to hear that this was not a shakedown. Ron will return to Ringwood Park and challenge the field throughout the 2023 season.

Now I mentioned that the AWD dominance had some shake up, and Bill McBride (49) would be the next driver to shake that branch, in his BBB Clubman. Bill's fastest run of the day, a 73.96 banked him the final spot on the outright podium.

Who doesn't love a bug? A super bug. A super bug driven to it limits consistently and that's exactly what we seen from Nathan Abbott, (153) who came out on his very first run of the day and broke the class record for Type 3 Under 2ltr with a 74.30. Over 3 tenths faster than the previous record of Steve Brydie set just last year. The heat would punish the heavier bug as the day went on, but the theoretical best suggests Nathan has even more in it.



The open wheelers would make up 6 of the top ten spots, including Todd Arkell's Elfin (134), Kevin Akers in his Carroll Clubman (29), Colin Brookes with the US Legend (129), and Junior competitor Luke Arkell in the family Elfin (34). Look out Dad??? We think so...

James Hull's Toyota GR Yaris (56) & Ryan Bates in a new to motorsport WRX STi (999) were in the mix of the top ten, letting us know the AWD's are still on the pace in 2023.

For sure the heat of the day made spectating an experience for the die-hard lovers of motorsport, & it was well worth it...

A chance to see that old school rivalry in later model cars, as seen in Type 3 over 2ltr. V6 & V8 Holdens vs 13B Rotary Mazda vs Turbo charged Mini.

One of the best representations of all MG owners competing. Some getting ready for the MG National Meeting in S.A. come Easter, all having a great day and no doubt returning throughout the season.



7 Junior members competing and not only perfecting their skills, but showing their parents that they mean business. It's always great to see club motorsport being a true family event.

A big welcome back to all competitors, and a HUGE thank you to all officials who run a stand-out event no matter how difficult the conditions. You are truly appreciated.

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MY RETURN TO MG OWNERSHIP — —IT'S NOT THE REAL Z CAR!

Having retired from competition and sold my Datsun 240Z to a good home, I have been contemplating re-joining the ranks of MG ownership for some time. However having previously owned an MGB way back in the 70's, I wasn't keen to go back to that. So what do I buy? I don't consider the mass produced SIAC MGs to be of the style that I like so they were not on the list.

I think most longer-term members of the Club will all have admired the lines of the Rio Red MG ZS180 first owned by The Hodgsons, (and subsequently other Club members) and now in the hands of Lyall Clarke and looking as good as ever. Having missed the opportunity to own that one, I went back to wondering what I might buy.

Shortly after the "All British Day" I was contacted by a chap from Sydney who had seen Lyall's car at the display and because he was also a ZS180 owner, he wanted to talk with Lyall. That did happen, then a few weeks later, Lyall told me he had been advised that the Sydney based owner was putting his on the market. I did the search on Gumtree Cars and found the advert. The result of a trip to Sydney is that I am now the owner of an MG again.

In a way it is a shame that MG Rover failed as an automobile manufacturer because at the time they were creating some quite interesting and different cars. The ZS 180 update model introduced in the latter part of 2004, was imported into Australia in just one shipment of 34 cars before things went bad back at Longbridge. (I understand that the MG ZR was also only imported in similar numbers, and the 2022 Club Championship winning car was one of those. Perhaps a report on that car from the Hodgsons would be a good read!)

The ZS180 is a fun car to drive, considering my bias is toward rear wheel drive. I'm fairly sure nothing the MG can be made to do will ever match the fun factor of a full power slide on the dirt that the Datsun 240Z created, but those days are now in the past. I just hope that I can get the car back to a level of presentation that such a rare car deserves, it hasn't had near the TLC that Lyall's car has had, but it is in really good condition even after having been through many owners prior to me, the paintwork is very good and the interior trim almost like new, apart from a common issue with the door lining cloth material ceasing to be stuck the way it was when new.

My car had done just 89,130 Km in the 17 years and 11 months since its build date, I have quite a lot of documentation with the car which indicates that it did spend several years in storage. I have the original copy of the purchase document from McCarroll's MG Rover indicating the on-road cost was \$46938.00 on 25/11/2004.



The Starlight Silver MG ZS180 on its first visit to Ringwood.

From the documents I have, the original owner had the car serviced and a "blue slip inspection on an unregistered car" done on 4/11/2015 with 66207 Km on the clock. (This may have been so that the car could be sold). The next document I have is an advertisement on Carsales dated 20/10/2016, where the seller says "I purchased the car off a passionate MG enthusiast who held the car in storage unused for over 5 years. I have since cleaned her up and have used her as a daily driver ever since" The advertised speedo reading was 80,500 km. The asking price was \$8000.00.

The next owner only added a further 1,500 Km when it was advertised for sale again and sold on 17/1/2017 due to "unforeseen circumstances see me needing to sell the majority of my collection."

The next owner had a few small jobs done on 14/3/2017 at 82098 Km. and a full service on 31/3/2017. The next Service was done on 23/1/2018 with 83022 Km on the clock. Then on 19/2/2019 at 84805 Km another service was done. On 21/2/2020 a major service was done with timing belts, water pump, idler pulleys thermostat and drive shaft boots all being replaced. (The paperwork doesn't show a Speedo reading)

The next Service was done with a speedo reading of 88,607 Km on 22/11/2021

The car was then sold to the person I purchased it from in March 2022 before he too had a change of circumstances, making him put the car on the market in mid-August 2022. I took delivery on 21/8/22 with 89130 Km on the clock. So that's the history.

So what does the MGZS have to offer as an 18 year old? Apart from limited access to maintain most things under the bonnet and scarce supply of parts in Australia, it looks like a sporty sedan, sounds like a sporty sedan, goes like a sporty sedan, handles like a sporty sedan and rides like a race car. Very firm!

Power comes from a 2497 cc V6 with compression ratio of 10.25:1 delivering 133 kW at 6500 rpm. (I haven't tried that yet!) and torque 240Nm@4000 rpm. All producing an alleged 0-100km/h 7.4 sec and top speed of 225km/h (something I won't get to test)

The Z range of MG's from the early 2000's are not overly common now, As far as I am aware we have only had 3 ZS180s in the club. Two remain, the very well known Red one which has a constant connection with the Club. An Xpower Grey one that was owned by James & Courtney Pearson, then John Fraser, who was the unfortunate owner when it was written off in an accident and now my Starlight Silver example.



It is a bit of a coincidence that the 3 ZR's that I know of in the Club were one of each of the same colours as the ZS group. Of course we know David and Lesley Walker were long term owners of the ZT model. It is great to see that we now have another rare MG sedan in the Club now that Michael Fraser has picked up his ZT220S. (A Story about that car would be great to read, I'm sure.)

Now I'm on a steep learning curve about working on MG's again. (HELP Darren!!!)

Dave Atkins

2023 MGCCN VEHICLE RULES

There have been additional classes to the Vehicle Rules *Series Production Electric Vehicle* for Road Registered unmodified Electric Vehicles.

In 2022 for the MG National Meeting, the Club was granted accreditation for Electric Vehicles to compete at Ringwood. With the increasing variety and availability of Electric Vehicles, it has decided to create this class to encourage other competitors with Electric Vehicles.

The details of the class can be found here on the Motorsport Australia Website

<https://motorsport.org.au/regulations/manual/electric-vehicle-appendix>

Series Production All Wheel Drive for Road Registered unmodified All Wheel Drive vehicles.

In 2022, the Club created a class Type 4E for vehicles that non longer complied with Type SV (Special Vehicle) due to more extensive modifications consistent with 3D Sport Sedan rules.

It has been recognised that the Type SV class can disadvantage unmodified All Wheel Drive vehicles where there are limited modifications as outlined in Type 1, so the class for *Series Production All Wheel Drive* has been created.

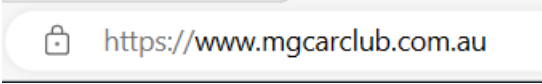
This class will have a capacity split of Under and Over 3 litre (engine capacity multiplied by 1.7 if force induction is present.

WEBSITE UPDATES

There will be some maintenance and upgrade work done on the website during this year. Although no personal information of club members is present on the website, we are increasing our security of the website.

First item is to check that you are accessing the secured website <https://mgcarclub.com.au>

It should display a locked padlock symbol adjacent to the URL.



<https://www.mgcarclub.com.au>

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INVITATION MOTORFEST 2023

Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club Inc has pleasure in once again Inviting you Club to participate in our MOTORFEST 2023, to be held at Myall Sports Park, Hawks Nest on;

Saturday March 11th 2023

An entertaining programme has been arranged with exhibits of VETERAN, VINTAGE, CLASSIC and UNIQUE cars and Motorcycles.

There will be displays from local volunteer organisations with food and refreshments available for purchase at the Event.

A number of Trophies will be awarded for selected categories and entries can be made on the day for the various awards.

An entrance fee of \$10/vehicle will apply and proceeds will be distributed across a range of Community Organisations.

Vehicles can assemble at the Park from 7.30AM and all vehicles need to be in position on the Park by 9.45AM to allow for the Official Opening at 10.00AM.

A Registration Form is available should you be in a position to register prior to the Event on March 11th 2023. Please ensure that we have any Pre—Event Registration by Friday 3rd March 2023.

Should you wish to enjoy a full weekend in our beautiful area, the following accommodation may be available:

Hawks Nest Motor Inn — Yamba St	49971166
Tea Gardens Club Inn — Yalinbah St	49970911
Tea Gardens Hotel/Motel — Marine Dr	49970203
Jimmys Beach Holiday Park	49970466
Boathouse Resort — Marine Dr	1800336922
Hawks Nest Holiday Park — Booner St	49970239

We very much look forward to the participation of your Club.

Ross Anderson, President. For information 0400320611



2023 MG National Meeting 7-11 April
January Update
www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/



Registrations have now been open for over a month. The registrar has been kept busy processing over 100 registrations. The standard registration fee applies for another month. After this a late fee will be charged.

There have been several questions about Motorsport Australia licence requirements. As per section 4 of the National Meeting Supplementary Regulations, competitors must: possess a current Motorsport Australia licence, minimum of a Motorsport Australia Speed Licence for the Super Sprint, Motorkhana and Observation Run events, and a Motorsport Australia Speed Junior Licence for junior competitors in the Super Sprint and Motorkhana events. You do not need a motorsport licence for Concours, Kimber Run or the Social Tour.

The link to the Motorsport Australia (formerly CAMS) website to obtain a licence is <https://motorsport.org.au/licence>. Since a Motorsport Australia review on licencing, single event and non-speed licences no longer exist. The minimum licence is a speed licence. This is very annoying to many people who compete in a small number of events; however, this is how Motorsport Australia now issues licences.

In this update we are providing information about the social events.

The first social event is the **Noggin 'N' Natter** which will be held at the Festival Function Centre, Findon on **Friday April 7**. This event gives you the opportunity to catch up with fellow MG enthusiasts, some of whom you may not have seen for several years. Food will be provided at tables.

Once you have been fed you can take part in or spectate at the Rocker Cover racing. The rules for constructing a Rocker Cover Racer are in the Supplementary Regulations.

Saturday is the **Concours**, being held at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg. This is, of course, always a highlight and attracts attention from the public and owners alike.

Saturday night is the **Theme Night** at The Stamford Grand in Glenelg. The theme for this year is "A night at the movies, Disney Style". Fancy dress is not mandatory but you may feel left out if you do not try to match your clothing with the theme. The name Disney suggests lots of Mickey Mouse ears, perhaps some ducks in sailor suits or muddled Goofy look alikes.

Google Disney Movies and you will be surprised at the range of possibilities. If your club representation is eight people, what about Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs? Did you realise that Cool Runnings is a Disney movie? Word of warning, the dining room is on the first floor and a 4-man bob sleigh may not fit in the lift. The Disney studios have also produced pirate movies so you can dig into the wardrobe and resurrect your costumes from the Pirates of Abbingdon night at the 2010 National Meeting. During the night the class trophies from the Concours will be presented and there will be spot prizes for group and individual costumes.

On **Sunday**, the **Motorkhana** will be staged at The Bend Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend, and for those looking for a gentler pace, the **Kimber Run** will end with lunch at the Hahndorf Oval. If you haven't been before, this Adelaide Hills town is a prime tourist spot and well worth a lengthy wander during the afternoon.

Sunday night is a free night. You can have a quiet night after a hectic day at the motorkhana or the Kimber run or you can join with others at an Adelaide restaurant.

Monday it's back to The Bend for the **Supersprint**, coinciding with the **Observation Run and Social Tour** which will end with lunch at the Lobethal Bierhaus, who are also a sponsor and have arranged a special National Meeting bottling of a fine brew as a souvenir of the event.

Monday night is the **Presentation Dinner** which will be held at the Festival Function Centre, Findon, the same venue as the Noggin 'N' Natter. Traditionally National Meeting participants gather in their finest clothing to have a meal and collect trophies from the Motorkhana, the Super sprint and the Observation run. After this has been completed, the winners of the perpetual trophies will be announced, culminating with the presentation of the John Wratten Memorial Trophy to the best performing club at the meeting.

Tuesday morning is the **Farewell Breakfast** which will be held at The Stamford Grand. The last time the Farewell Breakfast was held at The Grand (2002) no-one started their trip home with an empty stomach.

Enquiries about registration can be sent to our Registrar, Chris Bray, at Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au

The National Meeting **website** is a primary source of information and contacts for the event and is updated as more details become available, so check it out at www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au

And if you haven't booked your **accommodation**, I urge you to get onto it ASAP! Adelaide is hosting the AFL Magic Weekend featuring all teams from April 13th – 16th (the weekend after Easter) and as this also falls within School Holidays from most Eastern states there is likely to be very strong demand for hotel/motel rooms. The Stamford Grand at Glenelg, for example, is filling up fast. Straight after the footy is the LIV Golf Tournament at Grange which will put further pressure on accommodation.

There has been a request from visitors for **Trailer parking** over Easter, and Peter Micklem in Hahndorf has some space available. His contact details are pbmicklem@gmail.com or 0411238514. The Bend Motorsport Park has also confirmed trailers can be left there but at owners' risk.

Further enquiries can be sent to:

Tim Edmonds, President, Chairman2023natmeet@adam.com.au
Chris Bray, Registration, Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au
Sandra Cardnell, Secretary2023natmeet@adam.com.au

See you in Adelaide next Easter!!

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

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— Assisting in Canteen for more than 2hours {Lunch/Drink Provided}
- Qualified Officials in Clark of Course, Secretary, etc wanted

PUBLICITY

We have been advised by Supercars that Ford and GM will be conducting the Drivers Parade next month.

I requested if we can show up to 20 cars within the event complex they have shown interest in this proposal and will confirm details shortly

The cars will need to be of racing style I assume or cars of considerable interest .

Requested free entry for two days.

Keep in touch if your interested.

Cheers,

Rick Vincent

REGISTER SECRETARY

We have had 10 new vehicles added to our Historic Vehicle Register since the last (December) magazine report.

Vehicles added were as follows: -

- 1978 Leyland Mini Moke
- 1979 Yamaha XT motorcycle
- 1961 Austin Healey Sprite
- 1985 VW Transporter
- 1970 MGB
- 1985 Nissan Motorhome
- 1992 Subaru liberty RS Turbo
- 1972 BMW R75/5 motorcycle
- 1988 Toyota Landcruiser
- 1962 Nota Sportsman

December was a busy month with 40 registration renewals, with a further 7 so far in January.

It was good to see several members bring their historic vehicles out for a run to our Australia Day picnic at Mt. Sugarloaf including Douglas Lord's beautifully preserved 1948 MG TC, see event report elsewhere in the magazine.

The RMS are becoming more pedantic and insisting on the original endorsed copy of the Historic Declaration, rather than electronic documents (scanned and printed) which they have been accepting for many years from my experience. This is a tiresome administration process currently when electronic documents are the norm rather than the exception. I have made representation to the Transport Minister through my Local State Government Representative and apparently my suggestions on this issue were to be considered in a Department Review. I have not received any feedback.

In the meantime to avoid the possibility of having your Declaration rejected you should consider posting the renewal documents to me and include a self-addressed stamped envelope so I can post them back to you. Text me to obtain my home address. You will need to get yourself organised early as with the current delivery performance of Australia Post turnaround could run out to 2 weeks if it does not get lost altogether as has happened to one member.

The MG Hunter Region Concourse to which we were invited was again affected by the weather. Two of our members braved the wet to enter the event. Lyall Clarke entered two cars and took out class wins with both his MGF and MG ZS. The MGF also took out 1st Outright in the MG Moderns category making it three years in a row. Well done Lyall, worth getting the cars wet.

Allan Evans



REGISTER CAPTAIN

A very successful Australia Day breakfast at Mount Sugarloaf.

The morning started out cool which was refreshing following the hot and humid days prior to this.

There was a variety of cars including many MG's, Austin Healeys, Falcons, Kia's, Mercedes and several more interesting marqueses.

We were the only club there so we could have the whole area to ourselves. I think people were so happy they could be out and about catching up on what they had been doing in the past year or two with other members and friends.

The next Club run will be on Sunday 26th March, the venue will be advised in the next magazine.

John Collins

WANTED

The Club is looking for a 195/50/15 serviceable tyre for a Ford Fiesta which is used as the Young Driver Training Kids Car.

Preferably FREE or very cheap.

Please Contact Paul Bower



FOR SALE

1963 MGB - \$25,000

Nurburg White. On Club registration (non Transferrable). Used as club car weekend runs. 96,000 miles. Soft top like new.

New wiring harness, new battery (12 months), new brake light switch, new 123 ignition, new brass/copper radiator.

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Paint has some humidity spots, Interior very clean.

More info on request.

Contact Phil Morrow &
Katrina Barder 042896579



FOR SALE

MGB hood frame believed to be c1970 and complete with tattered material.

View Central Newcastle or Central Coast on request.

Selling for a third party. Offers over \$100 please.

Rob Dunsterville 0457 612 152 - best text me first.

FOR SALE

MGB Project.

The last body shell sold by Leyland when the factory closed in 1980.

Includes about 90% of parts required to complete the build.

Offers around \$10,000.00

Contact Peter 0434 066 125

FOR SALE

If your interested or have any questions,
please contact : -

Rick Vincent

0418 494 663

rickrevhead3@gmail.com

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FOR SALE



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FOR SALE

I have a 1973 MG Midget restoration project which has been in storage for 3 years that I would like sell (I will never get round to it) and I would prefer it went to a sympathetic home.

The project is in Yandina QLD

Paul— 0415 873 397

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