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CLUB CAPTAIN~*Vacant*~**RALLY CO-ORDINATOR**~*Vacant*~

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 9am	Newcastle
Sat 11	SUPERCARS	Newcastle 500 9am	Newcastle
Sun 12	SUPERCARS	Newcastle 500 9am	Newcastle
Sun 12	ARDC	State S'sprint Rnd 1 9am	SMSP Gardner
Sun 12	HDCC	State Khanacross Dirt Rnd 2 10am	Hampton
Wed 15	MGCCN	AHC Plan Meet M 7:30pm	Cobby St
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 TR11 9am	Kempsey
Tues 21	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 23	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 25	MGCCN	Working Bee M 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 9am	Albert Park
Fri 31	F1	Australian GP	Melbourne

COMING EVENTS — APRIL

Sat 1	WSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 3 Huntley Hill Practice 9am	Dapto
Sat 1	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Sun 2		Daylight Savings End	
Sun 2	WSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 3 Huntley Hill 9am	Dapto
Sun 2	NSWRRC	State S'sprint Rnd 2 9am	SMSP Druit/North
Sun 2	Sprite CC	CSCA Supersprint Rnd 1 South Circuit 8am	SMSP
Sun 2	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Thurs 6		School Term End	
Thurs 6	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 7		<i>Easter Friday</i>	
Fri 7	MG SA	MG Nationals 9am	Seacliff SA
Sat 8	MG SA	MG Nationals Concours CC5 R5 9am	Glenelg SA
Sun 9	MG SA	MG Nationals Motorkhana CC6 R6 9am	Tailem Bend SA
Mon 10	MG SA	MG Nationals Speed Event CC7 R7 9am	Tailem Bend SA
Mon 10		<i>Easter Monday</i>	
Tues 11	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Tues 11	MG SA	MG Nationals Breakfast 8am	Glenelg Nth
Thurs 13	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 14	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Sat 15	WAC	Rallysprint NSW R1 2pm	Awaba
Tues 18	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 20	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 22	NESCC	State M'khana Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale
Sun 23	MGCCN	Hillclimb A4 M TS3 CC8 9am	Ringwood
Sun 23	NESCC	State M'khana Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale
Mon 24		School Term Start	
Tues 25		<i>Anzac Day</i>	
Thurs 27	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 29		SteamFest 9am	Maitland
Sun 30	MGCCN	Club Run M R8 9am	TBA
Sun 30		SteamFest 9am	Maitland
Sun 30	HDCC	State Motorkhana Tar Rnd4 9am	Nirimba
Sun 30	WAC	Motorkhana 10am	Awaba

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.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

2023 has gotten off to a great start. The weather has been good, the racing great, and the support from our members even better. If this continues, we're in for an amazing year.

A number of our members have answered the call to become officials, but we would still love to see more of you putting your hand up. Having those extra officials makes it easier to set up for and run events. It also means sharing the workload around so that everyone can still have the opportunity to compete.

At our February committee meeting we discussed several proposals, one of which was the introduction of a Saturday working group at Ringwood. Dad's Army do a wonderful job, but unfortunately Thursday's aren't exactly ideal for those of us that want to lend a hand but have work or other commitments during the week. At this stage we will be holding a monthly working bee, with the first being on the 25th of March.

Also discussed was the return of the dirt component at Khanacrosses. Whilst our KC1 round was still a lot of fun, it did show just what is possible and how much smoother things can run with the officials being able to concentrate on one competition area. There was some disappointment from some drivers unable to enjoy the dirt competition as well. With some of our new officials offering their support, I am sure we can have both aspects of the event well covered, whilst everyone still gets a fair chance to compete.

I'd also like to give thanks to Rose and John Collins. They, and a great team of helpers, have been hard at work over the last couple of months. The results of this hard work have been the addition of a shade sail over the children's playground. This was put to excellent use at our last Hillclimb, and was well received by both children and parents alike.

Preparations and planning of the 2023 Motorsport Australia- Australian Hillclimb Championship have now begun. We will be running this on track A2, one of our shorter layouts. This has been chosen to give all driver the opportunity to fit in as many runs as possible. If you would like to sponsor this event, or even just a class, we would love to hear from you.

Looking forward to seeing you all at one of our many events and meetings.

Cheers, Chris Fernance



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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SOCIAL SECRETARY



Our guest speaker **Simon Crane** from **Lovell's Industrial Systems**, talking to us at the February Club Night.

Thanks to **NAPA Auto Parts** for donating the three amazing lucky door prizes.



NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING.

To be held

Friday 7.30 PM 10 March 2023

At the

Club Rooms

10 Cobby Street, Birmingham Gardens.

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but all Members are welcome to attend.

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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members.

Darryl Kerr	Associate Member
Felicity Kerr	Associate Member
Gordon Harris	Associate Member
Tracey Harris	Associate Member
Alyssa Harris	Junior Member
Grant Hill	Associate Member
Ellie Hall	Associate Member
Keith Cosgrove	Associate Member
James Cosgrove	Associate Member
Tyler Cannon	Associate Member
Donald Jarvis	Associate Member
Christopher Maclucas	Associate Member
Robert Maclucas	Associate Member
Marcus Rumsey	Associate Member
Quinn Mallon	Associate Member
Karl Mallon	Associate Member
Roger Davis	Associate Member
Mark Wilson	Associate Member
Angela Holden	Associate Member
Cody McKay	Associate Member
Gerard Veitch	Associate Member
Rohan Vowles	Associate Member
Lynton Bodiam	Associate Member
Daniel Thornton	Associate Member
Alexandra Bramley	Associate Member
Mark Prew	Associate Member
Albert Wood	Associate Member
Tony Stewart	Associate Member
Graeme Stewart	Associate Member
Jake Stewart	Junior Member
Kodi Single	Junior Member
John Longrigg	Full Member
Beverley Longrigg	Full Member
Ian Bracher	Full Member
Ashley McIntyre	Full Member

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

John Garroway

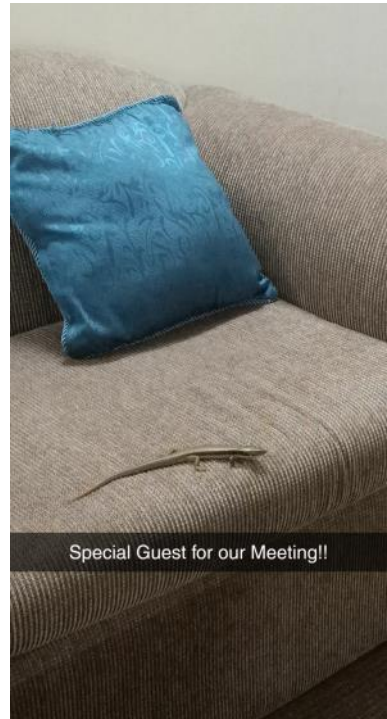
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL REMINDER

Members are reminded that renewals were due on 1 March 2023. If you have not already done so, please complete a renewal form (which you can find on the club website) and pay the applicable fee by direct deposit or credit card. The completed form should be emailed or posted to me - details are on the form.

I'm currently working through a small backlog of renewals, so if you've sent your form and paid already but your membership card has not arrived in the mail, please be patient. If you need your card urgently for an event or if you are having any difficulty at all, please call me.

John Garroway

A new Club Member/Security for the Club Rooms.



SPEED EVENT COORDINATOR

February the Fall'en ... Falling records that is.

Round 2 of the Tar Speed Series was destined for greatness and it proved to be something special.

The day could not have started better with beautiful sunshine and a cool breeze, and with a short delay waiting for the Ambulance the field of 46 took to the hill.

Ron Hammond would start the day by backing up his win in round one, with a 57.61sec placing him immediately in first outright.

Run two, the track was getting more up to temperature and drivers started pushing harder. Ron would clip a course marker earning himself a 5sec penalty, while Adam Single in The Mighty WRX would take the lead with 57.40 and new class record.

The field was getting through quickly and with perfect conditions run three proved exciting. Todd Arkell would push the Elfin into the lead with a 57.34, but the lead changes weren't yet done with Ron banking a clean run and regaining the lead with a 56.29.

Run 4 began and the announcement of 6 official runs was given. Drivers were still keen and pushing hard. The outright spot was banked by Ron, who pushed again to lock the outright honours up at 55.37... a blistering time. Although I can't help but point out, still 2.47seconds off the record pace set by his son Keith in 2016.

The podium honours would be the day of the open wheelers. Ron taking 1st outright, Todd banking a 56.92 securing the silver and car 201 Simon Nicholes with an impressive drive in the new car, twice running a 57.08 for third.



Now I said this was the day of records so let's count them.

- Type 1 Under: 2017 Record - Broken by Garry Christopherson in his Renault Clio 63.97. (Garry then headed off and jumped on a plane to Italy).
- Type 2 Under: Mitch Craig in the TypeR Civic beating his own record ser last year with a 59.22
- Type 4E for 4WD: Adam Single's 57.20 in the WRX beating the 2022 record.
- Production Sport 2B over: the big Corvette of Andrew Fraser beating his 2018 record with a 57.92.
- Junior Production: Hayden Little bettering his 2021 record with a 60.02
- Three other New records were posted where no record for that class had been set on A2A.

Now we breathe a little and get ready for round three on the 23rd of April.

OR

We load up on the 18th & 19th March and head to Mt Cooperabung Hillclimb for round one of the Tri Speed series, and defend the Clubs win in 2022.

With such a narrow margin last year Kempsey Sporting Car Club will be looking to take the honours this year, but don't think Tamworth will let either club just have it without a battle.

The Tri Series is a fantastic series. A proper social series of events at great venues. It offers the opportunity to get away for the weekend and enjoy your motorsport with a team spirit as you represent your club, and a friendly rivalry with our good friend and fellow lovers of motorsport at Kempsey Sporting Car Club and Tamworth Sporting Car Club.

Happy March everyone. Race hard, stay safe, and have a lot of fun.



RINGWOOD PARK - TAR SPEED ROUND 2

26TH FEB 2023 – OUTRIGHT PLACING

Place	No	Name	Vehicle	Class	Time
1	6	Ron HAMMOND	Debron RH75	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	55.37
2	134	Todd ARKELL	Elfin	Tp 5 prod u 2 ltr	56.92
3	201	Simon NICHOLSON	US Open Wheel	Tp 5 spec u 2 ltr	57.08
4	189	Adam SINGLE	Subaru WRX	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	57.20
5	109	Andrew FRASER	Chev Corvette	PS 2B Classic o 2 ltr	57.92
6	999	Ryan BATES	Subaru WRX STi VA	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	58.23
7	129	Colin BROOKES	US Legends 34 Chev	Tp 5 spec u 2 ltr	58.53
8	34	Luke ARKELL (J)	Elfin	Jun Spec	58.74
9	369	Matthew BATES	Subaru WRX STi VA	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	59.00
10	444	Mitch CRAIG	Honda Civic Type R	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	59.55
11	97	Scott MILLER	PRB Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	59.81
12	174	Hayden LITTLE (J)	VW Beetle	Jun Prod	60.02
13	36	Rick YATES	BMW Mini Cooper S	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	60.19
14	89	Amanda SINGLE	Subaru WRX	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	60.27
15	510	Reece ATTWOOD	Lotus Elise	Special Vehicle u 3 ltr	60.42
16	65	Andrew FERENCE	Mazda MX5	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	60.67
17	186	Mathew WOOTTEN	Toyota 86	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	61.16
18	976	Stuart BOWER	Mazda RX8	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	61.22
19	183	Jason PARROTT	Mitsubishi EVO VIII	Special Vehicle o 3 ltr	61.45
20	61	Graham ORR	Honda Civic	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	61.67
21	40	Darren LINDSAY	VN Commodore	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	62.11
22	366	Mark DE GIOIA	Datsun Sunny	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	62.75
23	54	John FINCH	Mazda MX5	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	63.22
24	180	Russell WEST	Datsun 180B	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	63.31
24	66	Peter TURNBULL	Turnham Sports	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	63.31
26	47	Andrew WALKER	Turnham Bandit	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	63.42
27	48	Jeff NEWAY	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	63.56
28	701	Brian SUTTON	Mazda MX5	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	63.81
29	103	Lewis PENFOLD	Audi A4	Special Vehicle u 3 ltr	63.86
30	777	Garry CHRISTOPHERSON	Renault Clio	Tp 1 u 2 ltr	63.97
31	227	Neil FERRY	Mitsubishi Mirage	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	64.97
32	305	Robert ILES (J)	Mazda MX5	Jun Prod	65.18
33	942	Matthew WHITWORTH	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	65.24
34	908	Bruce FRASER	MG F TF 160	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	65.27
35	41	John COLLINS	MG F	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	65.86
36	606	Michael FRASER	MG ZT 220S	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	66.44
37	112	Rohan VOWLES	Subaru Outback	Series Prod AWD u3 ltr	66.86
38	21	Terry LANESBURY	Suzuki Swift	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	67.26
39	94	Paul WHITWORTH	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	67.37
40	451	Tony STEWART	ATR Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	67.43
41	718	David ILES (J)	Mazda MX5	Jun Prod	67.45
42	121	Chad VOWLES	Subaru Outback	Series Prod AWD u 3 ltr	67.71
43	77	Kodi SINGLE	Holden Astra	Jun Prod	70.19
44	83	Steve BRYDIE	Hyundai Getz	Tp 4 u 2 ltr	71.19
45	831	Jack BRYDIE	Hyundai Getz	Jun Prod	71.26
46	104	Hayley NIX	Suzuki Ignis	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	71.48

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MG CAR CLUB REPRESENTED AT THIS YEARS NEWCASTLE 500

MG Car Club Newcastle is proud to announce Club Member Cody McKay will be flying the flag for the Club in the popular Aussie Racing Car category for this year's Newcastle 500.

Cody, an active member who not only enjoys Hillclimb events at the Ringwood, but is also taking on the leadership roll for the young driver development program throughout 2023 and into the future.

Cody, who comes out of the 2022 season securing a 9th in the championship out of 42 competitors, is excited for the race.

“Newcastle is one of the best races on the calendar, as a proud Novocastrian it blows me away on how well the city is represented and just how thrilling the track is”

Cody is hopeful for a great result, with his last race at the Adelaide 500 in a new car securing him 10th outright for the weekend.

“We were able to slowly climb up the ladder at the Adelaide race, and although the racing was stressful with crashes and bangs, we were able to do our best to get the result we wanted”

Cody has encouraged all members of the MG Car Club who might be at the event, to pop down to the Aussie Racing Car pits on Nobbys Beach to come say hello. He will be racing all 3 days with practice and qualifying on Friday, Race 1 and 2 on Saturday, and Race 3 to 4 on Sunday.

We wish Cody and his crew all the best for a successful and safe weekend.





- Interested in becoming an Official?
Looking for expressions of interest for a Training Day to be held at Ringwood hosted by a Qualified Cams Representative
- Hillclimb Flag/Cone Officials (Must have Official Licence) {Lunch/Drink Provided}
- Autotest Time Keepers & Flag Runners {Lunch/Drink Provided}
- Canteen Helpers—
— Butter Bread, Cut Buns, Peel Onions, Restock Drinks in Esky {Free Drink}
— Assisting in Canteen for more than 2hours {Lunch/Drink Provided}
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- pickups & utes
- 4 wheel drives



REGISTER SECRETARY

We have had 5 new vehicles added to our Historic Vehicle Register since the last magazine report.

Vehicles added were as follows: -

1947 MG TC
1971 MGB Roadster
1972 Jaguar XJ6 Sedan
1979 MGB Convertible
1970 Honda SL100 motorcycle

January there were 8 registration renewals, with a further 10 in February.

Now that the RMS are getting pedantic over requiring original documents many members are choosing to have renewal documents returned by post. To add insult to injury Australia Post has just upped the cost of postage to \$2.40 for what they call a large envelope (standard size to everybody else). So please ensure that you put a \$2.40 stamp on the self-addressed return envelope. I got caught out and put \$1.20 stamp on an envelope and got invoiced for the balance plus an admin fee. I am beginning to wonder if the RMS and Australia Post are in collusion. That is inflation for you, twice the price for half the service.

Membership fees were due on 1st March. If you have a vehicle on historic registration and have not renewed your membership **do not** take the vehicle out on to a public road as technically it is not registered. It is a condition of Historic Registration that you maintain full financial membership of your sponsoring club, if you have not renewed yet, better get on with it.

By the time the magazine is published the V8 Super Cars will be underway. Rick Vincent has negotiated with the V8 organisers for our club to display vehicles within the circuit confines for 2 days. Rick is attempting to line up to 50 vehicles of interest, I am taking my Triumph in, hope to see some of you there as well.

Allan Evans

REGISTER CAPTAIN

The next Club Run will be on **Sunday 26th March**.
The place which we will be visiting is the Vacey Café and Gifts for lunch.

We will need to arrive at the Club Rooms at Birmingham Gardens at 9.30 am departure is 10.00am we have booked lunch for 11.30am.

We will need to pre-order our lunch so if you are going please let me know and the menu will be emailed to you.

We have checked the roads and they are pretty good.

For the Maitland Show this year, our Club was invited to carry Showgirl Princess Contestants around the showground ring. The required number of cars turned up, showing the MG Car Club Newcastle flag.

I would like to formally acknowledge and thank the attendance of
Mal & Julie Gilbert MG B,
Paul Whitworth MG B,
Doug Rae MG F,
Bryn Baverstock MG F,
Rose Collins MG F,
(driven by Mario Birelli) Paul Bower Mazda MX5,
Rick Vincent Austin Healey 3000 (driven by myself).

John Collins. 0412 26 03 43

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.

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