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

COMING EVENTS — APRIL

Thurs 13	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am		Ringwood
Fri 14	MGCCN	Club Night M	7:30pm		Cobby St
Sat 15	MGCCN	YDDC-1 M	9am		Ringwood
Sat 15	WAC	Rallysprint NSW R1	2pm		Awaba
Tues 18	MGCCN	Board Meeting M	7:30pm		Cobby St
Wed 19	MGCCN	AHC Plan Meet M	7:30pm		Cobby St
Thurs 20	MGCCN	Dads Army	8am		Ringwood
Sat 22	NESCC	State Motorkhana Concrete Rnd3	9am		Armidale
Sun 23	MGCCN	Hillclimb A4 M TS3 CC8	9am		Ringwood
Sun 23	NESCC	State Motorkhana Concrete Rnd3	9am		Armidale
Mon 24		<i>School Term Start</i>			
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.

COMING EVENTS — MAY

Thurs 4	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 6		<i>King Charles III Coronation</i>	
Sat 6	KSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 4 Mt. Cooperabung Pract 9am	Kempsey
Sat 6	TSOA NSW	<i>Private Hire Come & Try Hillclimb</i> 9am	Ringwood
Sat 6	WAC	Rallysprint 2pm	Awaba
Sat 6	MBDHR	All German Day 8:30am	Foreshore Park Newcastle East
Sun 7	KSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 4 Mt. Cooperabung 9am	Kempsey
Mon 8	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Wed 10	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 11	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 12	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Sat 13	MGCCN	Khanacross Dirt/Tar D/N M KC2 CC9 2pm	Ringwood
Sun 14		<i>Mothers Day</i>	
Sun 14	RCC	State Motorkhana Rnd5 9am	Nirimba
Tues 16	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 18	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 20	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd2 Oakburn Park Practice 9am	Tamworth
Sun 21	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd 2 Oakburn Park TRI2 9am	Tamworth
Sun 21	WAC	Khanacross Dirt 10am	Awaba
Sun 21		Tilligerry Motorama 9am	Tanilba Bay
Thurs 25	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 27	MGCCN	YDDC-2 M 9am	Ringwood
Sat 27	NESCC	State Khanacross Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale
Sun 28	MGCCN	Motorkhana Dirt M MK3 CC10 9am	Ringwood
Sun 28	NESCC	State Khanacross Concrete Rnd3 9am	Armidale

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Last month was relatively quiet for events at Ringwood, but that hasn't stopped our members from being busy in other ways.

As this month's calendar reaches you all, we should be starting to hear some stories of our members efforts and adventures at the 2023 MG National Meeting in Adelaide. I'm sure there will be lots of stories to be told on Friday night from those that have returned, and I'd love to see plenty of pics, stories and reports in next month's magazine.

The 2024 event will be much closer to home, being just a short drive (comparatively) up the road in Tamworth.

The Newcastle 500 has also been run for 2023. Although a somewhat controversial event, it was none the less a great opportunity for the club to show off some of our members vehicles to the wider community. With a great spot on one of the major pedestrian thoroughfares, a large number of the Supercars attendees were able to check out our member's vehicle display, talk to members, as well as find out more about our club and the events we hold. Our hope is that it will drive more interest in the club, with more people wishing to join and come to our events.

Other members have also been busy on the competition stage with several competitors competing at the Huntley round of the State Hillclimb series, Tri-Challenge series, and even at the Bathurst 6hr.

Like the Nat Meet, I'm sure we'd all love to hear some more reports on these events for future magazine issues.

Our first regular Saturday working bee at Ringwood was a successful event. A good showing of enthusiastic volunteers braved the poor weather forecasts to attend this event, and plenty was done. Completed jobs included a new roof on the canteen, as well as moving a large amount of dirt from the quarry to the lower Motorkhana areas for improvement to all our dirt areas.

Projects still on the horizon for this month include installation of some paddock lighting, new handrails/fencing, cleanout/removal of the rusty shipping container, and further improvements to the dirt area in preparation for the next day/night Khanacross in May.

Some of these Ringwood improvements, as well as many others the regular Dad's Army group have been working on, will be able to be enjoyed at our next Hillclimb which is coming up on the 23rd.

This will be a very busy week for many, as it also includes our monthly board meeting, as well as an Australian Hillclimb Championship planning meeting.

As always, I hope to see you at one of these mentioned events, or one of our many other calendared events.

Cheers,

Chris Fernance

LIFE MEMBERS

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4	RAE	DOUGLAS
5	ATKINS	DAVID
6	FORD	BRIAN
7	NEWY	JEFF
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I have secured a special guest for our **May 12th** 2023 Club Night.

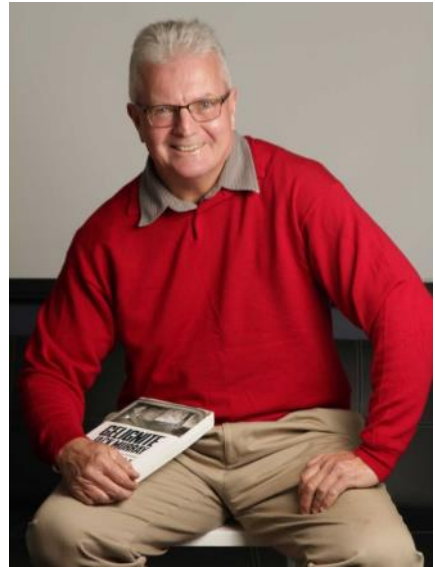
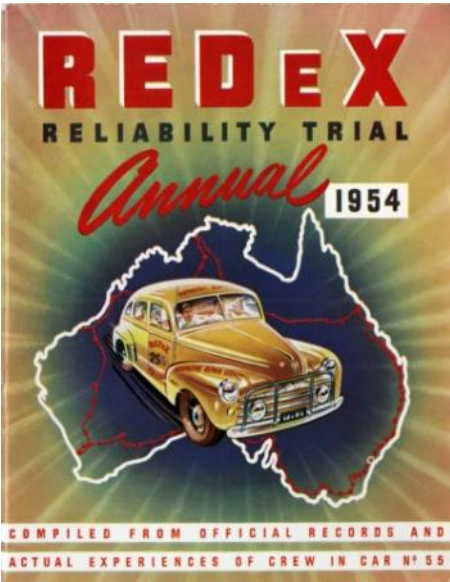
Mr Phil Murray will be our special guest speaker for the evening.

Phil is the son of 'GELEGNITE' Jack Murray, he is also his fathers biographer, writing 2 books about his fathers' life & exploits over his life time.

Jack Murray was one of motorsports characters winning Redex trials, also entering & winning many local & international motoring events, as well as competing in various forms of other sports.

Phil will bring along copies of his books so you can purchase them & have them signed.





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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NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members.

Jason Parrott—Associate Member

Peter Brock—Associate 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

SPEED EVENT REPORT

2023 Tri Series Round 1 Mt Cooperabung 19th March

The first round of the 2023 Tri Series Hillclimb Series was held on the Sunday 19th March with Practice on the Saturday afternoon. The course at Mt Cooperabung was in the best condition we have experienced for many years. The track was dry, clean and with warm to hot weather kept it that way with no rain or wind to spoil the track.

Temperatures were about 35 C during the warmer periods of the days. Practice went well for all on the Saturday afternoon. A field of 40 entered the event and 39 competed in the timed runs on Sunday.

11 MG car club members competed to represent our club. Most of our group and some of the Tamworth team stayed at the Powerhouse Motel on the Saturday night. We went to the West Kempsey Hotel for a hearty dinner with some banter on the expected performances the next day.

The competition commenced on time and everyone was offered five runs up the hill. Sunday's activities concluded with the presentation of trophies from the 2022 series. Catering was conducted by the local Lions Club

The event ran smoothly all day, no car damage happened, a few failed to complete the course due to car issues.

Darren Read was Fastest, Luca Cox second and Peter Akers third outright, fastest sedan and with a new class record. Les Maloney kept Peter in site all day to come second in class. Simon Nicholson drove the Yamaha Legend car hard to come third in class and fifth outright. Connor Morley finished second in class, ninth outright behind Michael Boaden in his Mitsubishi Evo. Mitch Craig drove well to record first in class and twelfth outright. Terry Lanesbury was fifth in class and sixteenth outright. Christopher Maclucas in his Mx5 was first in class and nineteenth outright.

Kevin Akers recorded first in and twenty second outright. Rick Yates pushed the mini hard to first in class, twenty fourth outright. Roman Vowles in the six cylinder Forrester was first in the class Type 1 4WD thirty first outright, his brother Chad in the same car second in class thirty third outright. Nathan Apps punted the Suzuki Swift up the hill for a best time of 34.779 to be first in class, thirty seventh outright.

These results have put our club in a good position to retain the outright club award for the series this year if we can maintain the numbers participating. Next event in the series is at Tamworth on the 21st May with practice on the Saturday afternoon 20th. The third round this year is also at Tamworth on the 20th August & the final round at Ringwood on the October long weekend.

Kevin Akers

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PLEASE HELP OUR HILLCLIMB OFFICIALS

The work involved in doing the Event Secretary duties for our Hillclimb events is not insignificant, particularly for our newer volunteer officials who are younger and still working full time.

The function of entering via the Motorsport Australia Member Portal, does take a little time for you to get set up, once you have done that, it is a very quick and easy operation.

HOWEVER, if you don't get everything as it should be, it simply adds to the amount of time required for our officials to prepare for the event.

There are a few things that you need to check.

1. Once you have your chosen car in the system, make sure that you have selected just ONE Hillclimb class. That Class must be one of those listed in the Club's "MGCCN Vehicle Rules 2023 V2" available on the website. The correct class to be selected will come from the drop-down list on Event Entry for "Hillclimb" Classes. All of our classes have the prefix 'MGCCN'.
Unfortunately over time some of those have become redundant and for reasons unknown to me can't be deleted. Hence the need to refer to the Current version of our vehicle rules. You should only nominate the current 2023 Class against your car. If you compete in events from other series, the best thing is to add the car again and add some letters to the description.
Several people have now got their cars set up for Ringwood Hillclimb by adding the letters "RW" after the model. (eg. Mazda MX5 RW). That way they can select the correctly set up details for our events and not get mixed up with State Classes or Supersprint Classes. By doing this it will assist in getting you allocated correctly into the Class that you intend to run in. The entry list of cars and drivers can be downloaded from event entry and then can be sorted into class order etc. This spreadsheet then assists in setting up the "Running Order" and "Sign On" sheets.
2. Currently you also have to complete and submit to the Event Secretary your Self Scrutiny and Vehicle Compliance forms. Make sure you have actually read the Supplementary Regulations properly and sent the documents to the nominated email address.
3. Make sure you have read and completed all details on each of the forms. Many people neglect to tick the boxes indicating that the car complies with

Schedule A & B of the current Australian Motorsport Manual. That may be because they don't know what Schedule A & B actually says! (These are printed in this edition of Clubtorque to make it easy for you.)

4. Making the entry fee payment. There are two options, however by selecting to pay using the Event Entry Credit Card method, you do three negative things.
 - a. Firstly, it costs you more.
 - b. There is a delay in the information coming through to our Bank Account from the MA Event Entry System, so we don't know if your payment has gone through successfully. Technically your entry is not valid until payment has been received.
 - c. If you pay by this system, the Treasurer has more work to record who has paid and to enter your payment into the Accounting Software.

5. If you pay by Direct Deposit straight into the Club's Nominated Bank account, it automatically assigns it to you and uploads daily to the Xero Accounting package. From that it is a very quick process to print a list of payment received and forward it to the Event Secretary so that they can then "Accept" your entry. Assuming of course you have also sent the Self Scrutiny and Vehicle Compliance forms in too. (As Treasurer, I already have more than enough time devoted to car club work and your help with this simple issue will be appreciated!)

Should you be having difficulties getting set up, there are many people who know what to do and I'm sure would be happy to assist.

The Motorsport Event Entry system is there to make it easier for all, and it can if everyone gets their inputs correctly done.

Thanking You in anticipation!



ADVISE TO COMPETITORS ABOUT —

There has been a small change to some of the MGCCN Vehicle Rules 2023.

36 Engine Block from other than Vehicle Manufacturer, for Special Vehicles this is allowed YES!!

In the Motorsport Australia Event Entry, a number of classes have been renamed and some others have been added.

If you have a vehicle in a class in the Original Class list below, can you update your details in Motorsport Australia Event Entry system to the corresponding Class Name in the New Class Name list.

For the “MGCCN - Type 5 Prod Block” classes, this means the engine is based on a car or truck engine block. Engine blocks from Motorcycles are considered to be in the “Special Block” classes

— VEHICLE RULES AND CLASSES

Original Class Name	New Class Name
MGCCN - Classic Cars Over 2 ltr	MGCCN - Classic Car pre 1986 Over 2 ltr
MGCCN - Classic Cars Under 2 ltr	MGCCN - Classic Car pre 1986 Under 2 ltr
MGCCN - Marque Sports Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	MGCCN - Prod Sports 2B Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr
MGCCN - Marque Sports Classic Over 2 ltr	MGCCN - Prod Sports 2B Classic Over 2 ltr
MGCCN - Marque Sports Classic under 1.4 ltr	MGCCN - Prod Sports 2B Classic Under 1.4 ltr
MGCCN - Marque Sports Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	MGCCN - Prod Sports 2B Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr
MGCCN - Marque Sports Modern Over 2 ltr	MGCCN - Prod Sports 2B Modern Over 2 ltr
MGCCN - Marque Sports Modern under 1.4 ltr	MGCCN - Prod Sports 2B Modern Under 1.4 ltr
New class	MGCCN - Series Production AWD Over 3 ltr
New class	MGCCN - Series Production AWD Under 3 ltr
New class	MGCCN - Series Production Electric
New class	MGCCN - Type 4 E for AWD or > 6.0 ltr
MGCCN - Type 5 Prod Over 2 ltr	MGCCN - Type 5 Prod Block Over 2 ltr
MGCCN - Type 5 Prod Under 2 ltr	MGCCN - Type 5 Prod Block Under 2 ltr
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— Assisting in Canteen for more than 2hours {Lunch/Drink Provided}
- Qualified Officials in Clark of Course, Secretary, etc wanted

PUBLICITY

Further to our attempts to host the drivers parade at this year's Supercars event, unfortunately we lost out to Ford and GM.

Not accepting defeat, we made an offer to Supercars management for our club to provide a Car Display which was accepted.

A request was made to club members to provide their cars for the display.

So it is with thanks that 32 members entered the event for the two day event, it was quite a challenge as all drivers were requested to be available at Honeysuckle Drive at 6.00 am each morning, keeping mind some members had car trailers to manage.

The procession travelled along wharf road through the circuit course to finish at Telford Street right in the middle of all the action, only a short distance from the intersection of Zara Street and Scott Streets ,you couldn't get much closer to all the action, particularly with free access passes.

Telford Street was the main throughfare for the public to travel from the south and the north section of the viewing area, resulting in at least 120 000 people pasting our display.

Resulting a lot of interest in all cars particularly from John Collins JWS – Le Mans Coupe.

A video was produced of the display and placed on Facebook with an enormous reaction from the social media, I will admit with the feather flags and roll up banners our display looked very impressive and really heightened the quality of the presented cars.

So hopefully with the attention our club presented to the public will result in an increase in future club membership.

Please see attached photos ,and a thank you from the management of Supercars for our effort with the display.

Cheers

Rick Vincent



Euro Motorfest 2023

Sunday 18th June

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REGISTER SECRETARY

We have had 1 new vehicle added to our Historic Vehicle Register since the last magazine report.

In reality, it is not an additional vehicle but a transfer of ownership. For those of you who attended the V8 Supercars event in Newcastle, and visited our car club display within the circuit confines, you probably would have admired a very nice 1988 Austin Mini Cooper in the display. This vehicle has been purchased by a new club member and historic registration has been reinstated through the club. Looking forward to seeing this car appear at some of our future events.

February there were 10 registration renewals, with a further 13 in March.

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 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. I have individually contact members to advise them that their membership is overdue and many have subsequently renewed, failure to renew membership will void your registration.

It was nice to see a good selection of vehicles in the V8 Super Cars Display. Look for an article featuring this activity elsewhere in this magazine. A number of historic vehicles were displayed including 3 very nicely presented Holden Torana's, the previously mentioned Mini, a few MG's, my Triumph TR7 and a Ford Capri rally car.

There are a number of car shows being organised again now that Covid restrictions have been relaxed.

The Tilligerry Motorama is scheduled for 21st May. In previous shows I have attended, there has been a large and varied selection of cars to admire drawn in from the Port Stephens, Maitland and Newcastle districts. The run out from Newcastle takes around one hour along nice country roads.

MG Car Club Hunter Region is again hosting their Euro Motorfest at Newcastle Foreshore Park on 20th June 2023. As the title suggests the show is open to the display of old and new vehicles of European manufacture origin. At this event you should get the opportunity to cast your eyes over the latest and greatest of European sports cars as well as a mixture of classic and historic vehicles from that part of the world. I am assuming, as the MG Club is organising this event, that British Cars will still be included despite Brexit removing Britain from the EU. The geographical definition of Europe will apply no doubt.

Allan Evans

REGISTER CAPTAIN

Photos from the last Register Run to Vacy Café.

John Collins



FOR SALE

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