

2023 MG National Meeting 7-11 April



January Update

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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.

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See you in Adelaide next Easter!!

Cheers,

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