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COMING EVENTS — DEC

Sun 3	MGCCN	Regularity Hillclimb M ** New Date ** RH1 9am	Ringwood
Mon 4	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Wed 6	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel (1 week early) M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 7	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sat 9	MGCCN	Presentation Night M 6pm	Club Macquarie
Tues 12	MGCCN	Board Meeting (1 week early) M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 14	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Tues 19		School Term End	
Mon 25		Christmas Day	
Tues 26		Boxing Day	

COMING EVENTS — JAN

Mon 1		New Years Day	
Wed 10	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 11	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 12	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Tues 16	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 18	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 21	Sprite CC	CSCA Supersprint Rnd 1 8am	SMSP South
Thurs 25	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 26		Australia Day	
Fri 26	MGCCN	Club Run Breakfast M R1 8:30am	Mt Sugarloaf
Tues 30		School Term Start East	

COMING EVENTS — FEB

Thurs 1	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 4	MGCCN	Khanacross Dirt and Tar M AT1 CC1 9am	Ringwood
Mon 5	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2pm	Cobby St
Tues 6		<i>School Term Start West</i>	
Thurs 8	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 9	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Sun 11	WAC	State Motorkhana Dirt Rnd1 10am	Awaba
Thurs 15	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Fri 16		Bathurst 12 Hour 9am	Mt Panorama
Sat 17		Bathurst 12 Hour 9am	Mt Panorama
Sun 18	WAC	State Khanacross Dirt Rnd 1 10am	Awaba
Sun 18		Bathurst 12 Hour 9am	Mt Panorama
Tues 20	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St
Thurs 22	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	Ringwood
Sun 25	MGCCN	Hillclimb A3 M TS1 CC2 R2 9am	Ringwood
Thurs 29	MGCCN	Dads Army 8am	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.

PRESIDENTS REPORT

Our last Motorkhana on the 12th of November was a Huge success. With a large number of competitors, it was a great day and some people even qualified for Championship Trophies.

Our December issue of the Clubtorque Magazine sees the culmination of a busy and eventful 2023. The championship pointscores have been calculated, and many of our members can look forward to seeing some recognition at the Club's Presentation Night being held at Club Macquarie.

I'm sure many of us, myself included, are looking forward to a well-deserved break over the Christmas holidays.

Planning for 2024 is in full swing. You will see that we have the calendar prepared for the first couple of months, and there is a final Motorsport Panel meeting this month to finalise the class rules for 2024.

With the MG National Meeting in 2022, followed by the Australian Hillclimb Championship in 2023, next year is looking to be a slightly quieter affair. That's not to say we haven't got plenty planned. It will be our turn to have two rounds of the Tri-Series, so plenty of opportunity for our members to join the fun and show Tamworth and Kempsey what we are capable of. We also have the full Tar Series Hillclimb Championship to look forward to.

For those looking to compete at a less serious level, we will be running an Autotest Championship combining Khanacross events with Dirt Motorkhana's into a single Championship.

We will also be having plenty of social events for those that like to stay out of the fast lane.

As for me, I'm hoping to have a slightly easier year. The combination of work, running all the Autotest events, helping with the canteen, as well as Presidential duties has been too much workload for me to handle. I really need to thank you all for the support and assistance you've given me, but it's time to hand over the reins. Bryn Baverstock has put his hand up to be your Club President for 2024, and I can assure you that you will be in good hands with his prior experience.

You'll still see me around a lot. I'll still be coming along to club events and competitions, although hopefully with more opportunities to compete.

The MGCCN and I wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and I look forward to seeing you all in 2024.

Chris Fernance

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members.

Shawn Toomey	Full Member
Leeanne Toomey	Full Member
Brian Griffiths	Associate Member
Jason Moore	Associate Member

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

At the start of the year, I set myself a task to implement an online membership system for the club. Circumstances (including spending a lot of time performing the event secretary role for the recent Australian Hillclimb Championship) have conspired to prevent me from getting past first base with this project.

It's not going to get done and bedded in before membership renewal time at the end of February next year, so we'll still be using the current manual system for next year's renewals.

I have a couple of ideas on how to make it a bit easier for members and myself, and I'll let you know about that in due course. And hopefully we can get a new membership system working a bit later in 2024.

John Garroway
Membership Secretary

THANK YOU TO ALL THE PHOTOGRAPHERS
WHO HAVE PROVIDED PHOTOS FOR THE
MAGAZINES THROUGHOUT THIS YEAR

REGISTER SECRETARY

We have 1 new vehicle added to our register since the last magazine article, a 1982 Holden Commodore.

There were 16 registration renewals processed in October, and a further 17 registration renewals processed up to 26th of November.

There are currently 218 vehicles listed on our Historic Register.

With dull weather and sporadic showers on Saturday and heavy rain forecast for Sunday the decision was made to cancel Our Annual Club Car Appreciation Day, so as not to risk damaging the park adjacent to our club rooms. As it turned out Sunday was hot and conditions were favourable for utilising the park. A difficult call, and it just goes to show how unpredictable the weather is these days, when even the experts get in wrong. I ventured to the Club Rooms in case any members had not received the cancellation message, and four cars turned up; two MGB GT's, a beautifully restored Datsun 1600 and my Triumph TR7.

The small group of us enjoyed a chat, before dispersing to revised Sunday activities.



The next opportunity to exercise your historic or special vehicle will be at the Australia Day Breakfast Run. This event should not be weather dependent, sparing bush fire risks. Meet up at the picnic and barbeque area at the top of Mount Sugarloaf, plenty of parking and undercover seating. Enjoy breakfast together and check out the cars in attendance. Great way to kick off the new year. Bring your own everything, see **John Collins Register Captain's report** for details, hope to see you there.

Allan Evans



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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REGISTER CAPTAIN'S

There was a very interesting Register Run in November to the Resource Recycling Company at Kurri Kurri.

Jess part owner of the company spoke to us and gave us some information as to why they started the recycling company following a trip to Thailand.

She also gave an excellent presentation on how the recycling items are collected and manufactured into various items including outdoor and indoor furniture and smaller items such as trophies, coasters, soap holders, trays, key rings and many more.

Then it was off onto a tour of the factory followed by morning tea in their air-conditioned office.

Following this visit it was off for a drive to the Huntley Tavern at Huntley North of Kurri Kurri.

This Tavern is very stylish with a varied menu of appetizing food.

It was so good to see so many MG cars on this Register run and we look forward to seeing more, with some Historic Registered cars at these runs during 2024. *** *** *** *** *** *** *** *** ***

JANUARY 26TH 2024 AUSTRALIA DAY BREAKFAST

AT MT SUGARLOAF FROM 8.00AM

LETS MAKE THIS THE BIGGEST MEET WE'VE HAD

TO START THE NEW YEAR OFF

John Collins



Jess from Resource Recycling Company in Kurri Kurri

Some of the MG's that attended the Register Run
in November



RAFFLE AND JACKPOT DRAW

How to get to do the Jackpot draw

1. Come to the Club Night
2. Purchase some Raffle tickets
3. The winning Raffle tickets are drawn and prices are picked
4. The first prize winner then nominates a number between 1 and the total of the balls remaining in the bucket
If the nominated number is drawn the winner collects
If not, the highest number ball is removed for the next month

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19th Draw of \$1000.00

When the jackpot is won, the Jackpot starts again at \$100

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3	BRIAN	LEAR	10	MICHAEL	SNOW
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5	DAVID	ATKINS	12	DARRELL	GREGORY
6	BRIAN	FORD	13	FRAN	HODGSON
7	JEFF	NEWHEY			



2023 PERPETUAL TROPHY WINNERS

Mick Nielson Club Member of Year

Chris Fernance	1
Libby Fernance	2
John Collins	3

Chris Dodds Club Championship

Neil Ferry	1
Ron Hammond	2
Martin Mcloughlin	3

Judith Rae Ladies Championship

Amanda Single	1
Fran Hodgson	2
Rose Collins	2

Paul Daley Junior Championship

David Iles (J)	1
Robert Iles (J)	2
William Dern (J)	3

Alan Bates Hillclimb Championship

Ron Hammond	1
Adam Single	1
Ryan Bates	3
Mitch Craig	3

Outright Hillclimb Championship

Ron Hammond	1
Ryan Bates	2
Adam Single	3
Nathan Abbott	3

David Huck Register Champion

John Collins	1
Bruce Fraser	2
Michael Fraser	3
Fran Hodgson	3

David Walker Memorial Register Champion

Jeff Newey	1
Bruce Fraser	2
Michael Fraser	3

Bill Martin Best Performance New Member

Helen Gayner	1
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Dad's Army

Darrell Gregory	1
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2023 HILLCLIMB TROPHY WINNERS

Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr

Ron Hammond	1
Scott Miller	2
Andrew Walker	3

Tp 2 u 2 ltr

Mitch Craig	1
Graham Orr	2
Mal Roach	3

Junior Production

David Iles (J)	1
Kodi Single (J)	2
Robert Iles (J)	3

Tp 3 u 2 ltr

Nathan Abbott	1
Mathew Wootten	2
Mark De Gioia	3

PS 2B Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr

Jeff Newey	1
Matthew Whitworth	2
Paul Whitworth	3

Tp 3 o 2 ltr

Rick Yates	1
Stuart Bower	2

PS 2B Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr

Andrew Ference	1
John Finch	2
Brian Sutton	3

Tp 4 o 2 ltr

Rick Vincent	1
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Special Vehicle u 3ltr

Reece Attwood	1
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Tp 4 E

Adam Single	1
Ryan Bates	2
Matthew Bates	3

Production AWD U 3 Ltr

Rohan Vowles	1
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Tp 5 u 2 ltr

Damien Spinks	1
Leslie Crandell	2

Tp 1 u 2 ltr

Garry Christopherson	1
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Tp 5 Spec u 2 ltr

Colin Brookes	1
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2023 AUTOTEST TROPHY WINNERS

Khanacross

Class A

Rose Collins 1

Class C

Michael Dern 1

Martin McLoughlin 2

Russell West 3

Class E

Neil Ferry 1

Class G

Chris Burrows 1

Lewis Penfold 2

Class JP

William Dern 1

Jack Brydie (J) 2

Josh Ferry (J) 3

Class JS

David Iles 1

Aiden Glew (J) 2

Motorkhana

Class D

Martin McLoughlin 1

Neil Ferry 2

Michael Dern 3

Class JP

David Iles 1

Josh Ferry 2

Willian Dern 3



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