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COMING EVENTS — FEB

Thurs 1	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 4	MGCCN	Khanacross Dirt and Tar M AT1 CC1	9:00am	Ringwood Park
Mon 5	MGCCN	Mag Assy	2:00pm	Lesley Walkers house
Tues 6		<i>School Term Start West</i>		
Thurs 8	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 9	MGCCN	Club Night M	7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Sun 11	WAC	State Motorkhana Dirt Rnd1	10:00am	Awaba
Thurs 15	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 16		Bathurst 12 Hour	9:00am	Mt Panorama
Sat 17		Bathurst 12 Hour	9:00am	Mt Panorama
Sun 18	WAC	State Khanacross Dirt Rnd 1	10:00am	Awaba
Sun 18		Bathurst 12 Hour	9:00am	Mt Panorama
Tues 20	MGCCN	Board Meeting M	7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 22	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 25	MGCCN	Hillclimb A3 M TS1 CC2 R2	9:00am	Ringwood Park
Thurs 29	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park

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

Sat 2	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 1 Mt. Panorama Esses 9:00am	Bathurst
Sun 3	BLCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 2 Mt. Panorama Mtn Straight 9:00am	Bathurst
Sun 3	WAC	State Motorkhana Rnd2 10:00am	Awaba
Mon 4	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2:00pm	Lesley Walkers house
Wed 6	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 7	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 8	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Sat 9	MGCCN	Working Bee M 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 10	HDCC	State Khanacross Dirt Rnd 2 10:00am	Hampton
Thurs 14	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 16	KSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd1 Mt Cooperabung Practice 9:00am	Kempsey
Sun 17	KSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd1 Mt Cooperabung TR11 9:00am	Kempsey
Sun 17	WAC	Rallysprint	Awaba
Tues 19	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 21	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Thurs 21	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Fri 22	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Sat 23	NESCC	State Motorkhana Concrete Rnd3 9:00am	Armidale
Sat 23	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Sun 24	NESCC	State Motorkhana Concrete Rnd3 9:00am	Armidale
Sun 24	F1	Australian GP	Albert Park Melbourne
Thurs 28	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 29		<i>Easter Friday</i>	
Fri 29	MG Sydney	MG Nationals 9:00am	Tamworth
Sat 30	MG Sydney	MG Nationals Concours CC3 R3 9:00am	Tamworth
Sun 31	MG Sydney	MG Nationals Motorkhana CC4 R4 9:00am	Tamworth

PRESIDENTS REPORT

G'day all,

Well it seems the well has gone round again and now I am back in the chair for another year!

I would like to thank Chris and his team for last year and he is still working hard for the club.

Hopefully the rules for seatbelts in open topped cars will be changed or me and a few others might have had our last run.

The MG National Meeting is on at Easter so here's hoping they fix it soon.

This year I would really like to get a email system going to all members so that information flows to everyone so it's very important that when you fill out your membership form to check that your email is clear.

The next Club Night we hope to have a discussion on CSCA and racing in general so come along and add your two bobs worth.
February 9th.

Bryn Baverstock

THANK YOU TO THE PHOTOGRAPHERS
WHO HAVE PROVIDED PHOTOS FOR THIS
MAGAZINE

NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following new members.

Raeoni Turner	Full Member
Gavin Nour	Associate Member
Kenneth Tucker	Associate Member
Craig Bailey	Associate Member
Liam O'Conner	Associate Member
Stephen Tyas	Associate Member
John Denyer	Associate Member
Karl Newall	Associate Member
Adam Walton	Associate Member
Brock Newall	Junior Member
Isabelle Newall	Junior Member
Zach Harris	Junior Member

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

For your information, at the end of 2023 we had 576 financial members.

2024 Membership Renewals

Members are reminded that renewals should be completed before **1st March 2024**.

This year, we have changed the renewal form to gather information about the club activities that interest you, and we intend to use that information to send you relevant details of particular event, so you have time to prepare and participate.

Please complete a renewal form (which you can find on the club website) and pay the applicable fee by direct deposit or credit card. Annual membership fees remain the same as last year. The completed form should be emailed or posted to me - details are on the form.

John Garroway
Membership Secretary

REGISTER SECRETARY

We have had 6 new historic vehicles added to our register since the last magazine article: -

1966 Ford Shelby
1974 VW Beetle
1989 Toyota Landcruiser
1960 Land Rover Ser II
1981 Nissan Patrol
1969 MGB Roadster

There were 19 registration renewals processed in November, and 23 registration renewals processed in December.

A further 14 registration renewals have been processed to date January 26th.

There are currently 213 vehicles listed on our Historic Register.

The current period of your MG Car Club Newcastle Membership terminates on the 29th February 2024.

It is a condition of the Historic Registration Scheme that you maintain financial membership of your sponsoring club. If you have a vehicle on historic registration through MGCCN then you will need to renew your membership prior to the end of February to keep your registration legal. Further Membership Renewal reminders will be forthcoming soon, you have been told.

I will not be available to carry out Historic Registration duties from mid-March until the end of May. Currently I have not arranged for anyone to carry out the role in my absence, but hopefully an announcement will appear in the next club magazine. Members with existing vehicles due for registration renewal during the period of my absence will be notified individually. Registration renewals left in my letterbox will not be attended to until I return. If all else fails, contact one of the club executives for assistance.

The clubs first register run for 2024 was held on Australia Day with breakfast at Mt Sugarloaf. Anticipated high temperatures, undoubtedly put a few people off attending, but it was a pleasant 32C with a slight breeze to keep the 20 or so members comfortable whilst we all socialised over breakfast.

I must admit I did pike out of taking the Triumph (no air conditioning) on the run, having endured 44C at the Ringwood Track maintenance day, the day before, I opted for the Mazda 3. There were approximately six historic vehicles in attendance, mostly MGB's, an MGF and one Leyland P76.

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

A very well attended Australia Day Breakfast was held at Mount Sugarloaf. The weather was fine with a light cool breeze and the mosquitoes disappeared.

It was good for members to catch up after the Christmas break and welcomed in the New Year. There was a lot of talking about trips they have taken and changes to cars in readiness for events in 2024.

We are calling on owners of historic cars to come along to a drive for morning tea on Wednesday 13th March. We have so many members with these cars and this will be a chance to take them out of the garage for a run.

The next lunch Register run will be on Sunday 28th April, 2024, where this outing will be held details will be in the March magazine.

John Collins
Register Captain M 0412260343



MG CAR CLUB NEWCASTLE – NEW WEBSITE



This website is a freshen up version of the existing website. The basic design is much the same, with a simpler structure.

For Hillclimb, Motorkhana, Khanacross, Supersprint, Circuit Racing and National Meetings, the photo Gallery is part of the same web page, comprising photo and links to external photo folders.

A small number of people have reported seeing error messages “too many redirects” or “web page is not available” when accessing the website. This now appears to be fixed.

If you are having trouble with the website, contact Michael Snow 0432 772 044.



SOCIAL SECRETARY

Welcome back for this year's monthly series of Club Nights which are held in the Club Rooms on the second Friday night from 7:30pm of each month. It's the chance to mix & mingle, swap tall stories, have a bite of supper and maybe, just maybe you could be the one to take away the jackpot – **now at \$500.00!** Each club night a \$2.00 raffle ticket (or 3 for \$5.00) might win you one of the three prizes. First prize winner also gets to try for the jackpot.

Guest speakers are a popular feature of our club nights. February's speaker is our own CSCA delegate, **Wayne Movigliatti** talking about his motorsport journey so far. We will find out how he got into motorsport and how he has managed time and money constraints. He will share his most memorable achievements with a YouTube clip, finishing with information about the next Supersprint round.

Mark your calendar for **March 8th** when rocket cover racing practice is providing the entertainment and **April 12th** for a talk and demonstration by Shaun from Hunter Heart Safe. Anyone can save a life with some simple skills.

So, come along and bring your other half (the one who tells cars by colours) for a relaxed evening among your fellow Club Members.

Louise Clayton-Jones

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
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GUEST SPEAKERS WANTED

If you know of someone who could do a presentation, 25-30 minutes, please let us know, it can be on any subject such as local history, car restoration, health issues etc, please get back to me so I can follow up.

THE COST-OF-LIVING CRISIS

All of us are experiencing cost of living increases on a daily basis, and this is applying to just about everything we do. In many cases it is hard for us to understand just why some of the increases are occurring.

Often it appears that many sellers of goods and or services are just taking advantage of the hype to apply increases, knowing that they can, while people don't have any option.

We have seen many increases in our operating costs over the past year with things like all Motorsport Australia Fees increasing by around 15%, Port Stephens Rates on Ringwood 9.5%, and a significant increase in the cost of Insurances on Ringwood and Cobby Street, to list just a few of the issues we are facing.

The increase in interest rates has impacted heavily on people with mortgages on their homes and other loans. However for the MG Car Club (Newcastle), being debt free and having some significant funds invested it is getting back to the "good old days" where interest earned was a useful contributor to the club's operating income.

The financial year 22/23 was a successful one for the Club with The Balance Sheet showing an increase in "Total Members Funds" of 1.9%, which doesn't sound like a lot. The increase in "Current Assets" was 5.38% which is quite healthy and leaves us continuing to be in a strong financial situation.

We have made some changes to the way our funds are invested and have made some good gains along the way and with our current funds invested in secure term deposits at 5.1%, "Bank Interest" will once again be a useful contributor, like it was 4 or 5 years ago.

This 23/24 financial year has already been boosted by a very successful Australian Hillclimb Championship event and the redemption of a Managed Fund which has yielded a very good return over the time it was invested. This means that we are now once again looking at another financially viable year ahead.

What does this mean for the Members of the MG Car Club (Newcastle)?

All Club Membership and Event Entry Fees will remain unchanged from what they were last year. We are not passing on the increases to our members and competitors, certainly not any time in the next 12 months.

Dave Atkins – Club Treasurer 2024.



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REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2024

We are pleased to announce that registration is now open for the upcoming Centenary MG National Meeting in Tamworth, to be held over the 2024 Easter weekend, 29 March – 2 April.

This exciting event commences with scrutineering and registration on Good Friday, 29 March at the TRECC facility in Tamworth. This will be followed by a Natter & Noggin and rocker cover racing in the evening.

Our concours d'elegance will be held on Saturday in the centre of Tamworth, followed by a country ball that evening.

On Sunday we have two special events planned. For our competitive members there will be a motorkhana at the recently refurbished Gunnedah Airport. For members seeking a more purely social activity, there will be the Kimber Run to Nundle and Hanging Rock.

On Monday a lap dash speed event will be run at Oakburn Park Raceway, alongside a discovery run into the hinterlands around Tamworth, which will finish up to meet the racers at the Raceway. Our celebratory presentation night will be held that evening at the art deco Tamworth Town Hall.

We will conclude the weekend with a farewell breakfast on Tuesday morning.

There is also the opportunity to purchase the Centenary MG National Meeting polo shirt and cap at the time of online registration, which will be added to your welcome packs when registering on Good Friday.

CENTENARY MG NATIONAL MEETING

Please read the registration information carefully before attempting to register. If you would like to register for competition events, please review the instructions and supplementary documentation carefully and complete the required documentation before registering for the national meeting.

<https://mgnatmeet2024.com.au/registration/>

All motorkhana and lapdash competitors are required to send a request email to Steve Perry at windywoofer@gmail.com or Leone Johnson on leonej080@gmail.com to receive your allocated car number. These numbers will need to be obtained prior to you completing your online registration.

We look forward to meeting you in Tamworth and enjoying a great weekend of MG driving fun.

Charlie Frew,
National Meeting Chairman





YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

If you are interested in the YDDC for 2024,
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FOR SALE

The original steering wheel from a TC Series.

A vinyl tonneau cover and the valve clearance plaque from the rocker cover.

I wish to sell these to a good home.

Robert Fitzpatrick

Bateau Bay NSW 0405781608

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FOR SALE

My recently deceased husband, John Ellis, has left me with a

1945 MG TC 'Cobden',

1948 MG TC 'Tillett' Special,

1948 MG TC 'Ellis' Special

which I am now in the process of selling through Donington Auctions.

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Marjorie J Ellis Adelaide

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