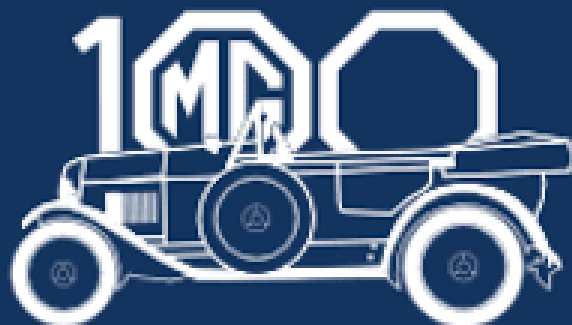


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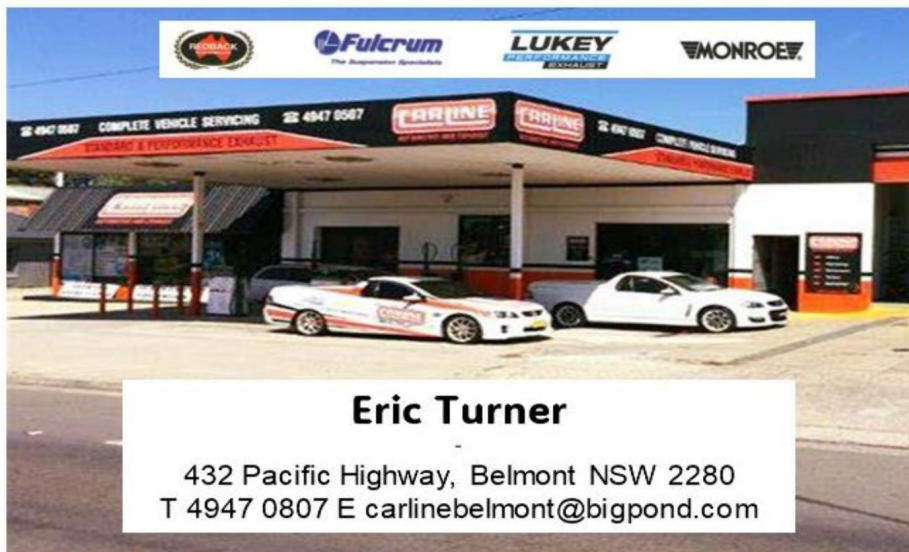
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EDITOR'S REPORT

Happy Easter one and all!!
Hope you all had a good Easter weekend.

I hope that all who attended the MG National Meeting had a wonderful time catching up with other Nat Meet Friends and participating in the array of activities that was planned.

I've heard that our Club has won many Trophies including Car Classes and Major Perpetuals.

Libby Fernance

2024 FLUFFY DUCK TOUR

This event is being conducted by the Australian Historic Rally Group in our area on Sunday the 14th of April. Information is available on their website. www.historically.com.au and on our website <https://mgcarclub.com.au/> and Facebook page.

Roads are approx 50% gravel.

This event is one of four to be conducted this year by this club and is part of our club championship pointscores.

These events are a fun day out on public roads. All road rules should be followed in participating in these types of events.

Kevin Akers
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COMING EVENTS — APRIL

Thurs 4	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood
Sat 6	WSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 3 Huntley Hill Practice 9:00am	Dapto
Sun 7		Daylight Savings End	
Sun 7	MGCCN	Khanacross Dirt/Tar M AT2 CC6 R6 9:00am	Ringwood
Sun 7		State S'sprint Rnd 1 9:00am	SMSP North
Sun 7	WSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 3 Huntley Hill 9:00am	Dapto
Sun 7	WAC	Khanacross (Spare) 9:00am	Awaba
Mon 8	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2:00pm	Lesley Walkers
Thurs 11	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood
Fri 12		School Term End	
Fri 12	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Sat 13	MGCCN	Working Bee M 9:00am	Cobby St Shortland
Sat 13	NESCC	State Khanacross Concrete Rnd3 9:00am	Armidale
Sun 14	NESCC	State Khanacross Concrete Rnd3 9:00am	Armidale
Sun 14	AHRG	Fluffy Duck Tour Dirt & Tar TR1 9:00am	TBA
Tues 16	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 18	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood
Sat 20	MGCCN	M YDDC-1 9:00am	Ringwood
Sun 21	MGCCN	Hillclimb A4 M TS2 CC7 9:00am	Ringwood
Sun 21	HDCC	State Motorkhana Tar Rnd4 9:00am	Nirimba
Wed 24	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood
Thurs 25		Anzac Day	
Sat 27	JDCHR	All British Day Show 9:00am	Foreshore Newcastle
Sat 27	WAC	Rallysprint 2:00pm	Awaba
Sun 28	MGCCN	Register Run M R7 9:00am	TBA
Mon 29		School Term Start	

COMING EVENTS — MAY

Thurs 2	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 4	KSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 4 Mt. Cooperabung Pract 9:00am	Kempsey
Sat 4	WAC	Rallysprint (maybe not) 2:00pm	Awaba
Sun 5	MGCCN	Motorkhana Dirt M AT3 CC8 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 5	KSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 4 Mt. Cooperabung 9:00am	Kempsey
Mon 6	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2:00pm	Lesley Walkers
Wed 8	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 9	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 10	MGCCN	Club Night M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Sat 11		State S'sprint Rnd 2 9:00am	SMSP GP
Sun 12		Mothers Day	
Sun 12	WAC	Motorkhana 10:00am	Awaba
Wed 15	MGCCN	Mid Week Club Run 9:00am	TBA
Thurs 16	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 19	RCC	State Motorkhana Rnd5 9:00am	Nirimba
Tues 21	MGCCN	Board Meeting M 7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 23	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 25	MGCCN	Tri-Challenge Rnd2 Practice 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 26	MGCCN	Tri-Challenge Rnd 2 TRI2 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 26	MGCCN	Biggest Morning Tea 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 26	WAC	State Khanacross Rnd4 10:00am	Awaba
Thurs 30	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.

NEW MEMBERS

It's been a big month for new member applications (as well as renewals). We welcome the following new members.

EMMA DAVEY	Full Member
RAY SHEATHER	Full Member
VERNE SHEATHER	Full Member
NOELENE ROBINSON	Full Member
MAX KLUMPP	Junior Member
ALEX ARKELL	Junior Member
LELAND REMINGTON	Junior Member
CLAIRE MACPHERSON	Junior Member
DONNA RELF	Associate Member
MARIO BARILE	Associate Member
STEPHEN FOWLER	Associate Member
JOHN FRASER	Associate Member
MARCEL STANTON	Associate Member
DAMIAN GRIFFIS	Associate Member
BENJAMIN GRIFFITHS	Associate Member
NATHAN CASHEN	Associate Member
BARRY VAUGHAN	Associate Member
LEANNE VAUGHAN	Associate Member

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

2024 Membership Renewals

Thank you to all of the members who have renewed for 2024. There are still just over 100 2023 members who have not yet renewed for this year. If you are in that group and receive your magazine by mail, then this will be your **last magazine** until you renew your membership.

To renew, 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. Call me if you have any difficulty or questions.

Special Interest Communications

We now have quite a database about the club activities that interest each member, and we have started to email event details according to your preferences. If you ticked the box on the membership form for “On Road Events”, then you will have received an email about the upcoming Fluffy Duck touring assembly. That message went out to 108 members, so hopefully some of you will decide to enter that event. We’ll be doing more of this type of communication as we develop our processes further.

John Garroway
Membership Secretary



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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YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT COURSE

If you are interested in the YDDC for 2024,
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Cody McKay

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The young drivers development course is a fantastic way for young drivers aged between 12-21 to learn driving skills from beginner levels, all the way up to some advance driving techniques with a Professional Race Driver

YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT DATES

1	20 April	SAT
2	22 June	SAT
3	20 July	SAT
4	28 Sept	SAT
5	1 Dec	SUN

REGISTER CAPTAIN'S

March's register coffee run was a great success with quite a few MG cars turning up, out of their garages for a while to have a trip to Paul's Corner at Salt Ash then travelling to Pacific Dunes Golf Club Medowie via the Grahamstown Dam to show members how Medowie has changed in recent years. The coffee/lunch at Pacific Dunes was very enjoyable, in such a marvellous location and it was good to see every one enjoying themselves.

The next Register Run will be on Sunday 28th April 2024 leaving the club rooms at Cobby Street Shortland at 10.00am. There will be a drive then lunch at the Toronto Hotel.

It's time to get your cars out on these runs especially the Historic cars that members own.

Please let me know if you will be attending this Run by phoning me on 0412 26 03 43.

John Collins



SOCIAL SECRETARY

It's Club Night again on Friday 12th April and I am hoping for another big turn-out from club members. Our guest speaker is **Shaun from Hunter Heart Safe** with a hands-on (literally!) session that will take the scare out of being a bystander when someone – perhaps even someone you know – experiences sudden cardiac arrest. My mother would have dearly loved me to be a doctor, but I turned out to be quite a chicken when it came to accidents and emergencies. The Hunter Heart Safe website shows what a terrific job the volunteers do to educate all manner of community organisations.

The Club Night session will be brief (around 30 mins) and teaches cardiac arrest recognition, hands only CPR and AED usage. The aim is to keep sessions brief, accessible, simple and empowering. Hands only CPR has been shown to be as effective at saving lives in cardiac arrest as traditional CPR with rescue breathing. A bystander is more likely to initiate chest compressions if they don't feel obliged to perform mouth-to-mouth breathing. Hands only CPR is an easier skill to teach, learn and maintain.

Supper, as usual, will be sumptuous, and the jackpot is up to a whopping \$600.00. Could you be the winner?

Looking ahead to May, Hal Moloney is booked for Club Night on the 10th for a night of motoring nostalgia entitled "Do You Remember?" and for those who enjoy Natter Nights, the very first one since covid will be at Ken and Louise's Kotara South home on Saturday 18th May. Ring Louise for more details.

My food for thought this time is:

Bystanders save lives: don't wait for help – you are the help!

Louise Clayton-Jones

RAFFLE AND JACKPOT DRAW

How to get to do the Jackpot draw

1. Come to the Club Night
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3. The winning Raffle tickets are drawn and prizes are picked
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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.

TRI SERIES ROUND 1 2024

The weather forecast was not great for the first round of the 2024 tri series hosted by the Kempsey Sporting Car Club on 16-17/03/24 at their Mt Cooperbung track.

Saturday practice went ahead with roughly only a dozen of the competitors taking advantage of the mostly dry track. In the end, it turned out the better day trying weather wise to get that PB.

Sunday race day started with a wet track. Everybody (excluding Peter Akers) took it easy on the first run to feel out the track's level of grip.

Peter Akers set a blistering pace in his WRX and was 1st outright by a couple of seconds after run 1. The wet track suited his 4WD grip as he put the open wheelers on notice. Peter would hold out Luca Cox right through until to the 4th run where the drying track favoured Luca in the Hyper Racing X5 on slicks. Peter eventually took out 1st in Special vehicle over 3lt class and 2nd outright with a 28.549s run behind Luca.

The next fastest from MGCCN was Mitch Craig in his EP3 Civic Type R. Mitch's times tumbled consistently and he got down to 31.162s on the slightly damp track on his last run and took out 1st in Type 2 Under 2lt class and 9th outright.

Rick Yates in his Mini Cooper battled in class with a Torana, with the class lead swapping back and forth a number of times. Rick ended the day on top with a 32.608s run to take out 1st in Type 3 Over 2lt class and 12th outright.

Rob Dawson brought along his latest acquisition, a Porsche Boster S, but struggled with rear wheel grip from the Porsche all day. Rob finished with a 33.143s run to take 1st in Marque Sports over 3lt class and 16th outright.

Nathan Apps also in his new acquisition, a FN2 Civic Type R, dropped a second on each run to finish only 0.071 of a second



behind Rob, with Nathan's best time of 33.214s earning 1st in Type 1 under 2lt class and 17th outright.

Michael Taylor in his Morris Minor battled it out against another Morris Minor dropping almost 9 seconds from his first to last run, finishing the day with a best of 42.982s taking 2nd in Type 4 under 2lt class and 31st outright.

With all three clubs represented in the top three, the series couldn't look better. (maybe a few more MGCCN competitors though)

Round 2 of the Tri series is at Ringwood on 26th May, so expect to see a lot more MGCCN members competing here.

Nathan Apps



ALL BRITISH DAY 27TH APRIL 2024

The All British Day is open to all British Made or Badged Cars, Trucks and Motorcycles.

You don't have to be a member of a club to come along and show your pride and joy.

There is **No Charge** for this event but it would be nice if you can purchase some raffle tickets and Regalia on the day.

1. Entry is from the Wharf Road entry point only and please respect the traffic situation and regulations regarding making a Right Hand Turn across any oncoming traffic.
Please do not block the traffic flow from the East.

The JDCHR suggests and recommends that vehicles enter from the East i.e. from the Nobby's end of Wharf Road."

Go to the end of Wharf Road and negotiate the round about so that you travel back along Wharf road in a westerly direction so the park is on your left side.

2. Entry to the park will be from 0800 and once you have entered the park form 2 lines and follow the directions of the Marshalls.

3. Do not block the flow of traffic or pedestrians.
There will be other Marshalls located in the park area to direct you to Club Allocated positions and also to ensure the safety of the general public.
Please respect the directions of these Marshalls.

4. If for some reason you need to leave the park earlier than the completion of the day please contact a Marshall to allow a safe exit from the park.
Entry Gate will close about 0930 to ensure the safety of the general public.
Each entrant will receive a bag that contains some advertising and the parking permit for the day. This PERMIT issued by NCC Must be filled in and displayed on your windscreen.

There will also be a Voting Slip that you can vote for the best car on the park. If you wish to vote this must be filed in and returned to the JDCHR Regalia Table by 1100 so votes can be counted.

The Presentation for the best car on the day being First, Second & Third will be at 1230.
2NURFM will be broadcasting on the day from 0900 to 1200 so tune your radios to 103.7 and enjoy the interviews and music.
Please ring me if you're attending so we can allocate you a space on the park.

Barry Melville — Grand Marshall — 0400488129



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FOR SALE

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I wish to sell these to a good home.

Robert Fitzpatrick

Bateau Bay NSW 0405781608

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FOR SALE

I have some new replacement interior trim and weather parts for a MG TC - mine is a 1948 but should be OK for the 1945 to 1949 TC models.

Purchased last year from Brown & Gammons in the UK.

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