

# Clubtorque

The official publication of  
MG Car Club Newcastle Inc



CLUB RUN TO TERRIGAL  
Saturday 16th May

MGs & Motorsport  
JUNE 2026

## Bernie Roberts

5 Port Stephens Street Raymond Terrace NSW 2324  
T 4987 4248 F 4987 6745 E [bernie44@abtrol.com.au](mailto:bernie44@abtrol.com.au)



## Eric Turner

432 Pacific Highway, Belmont NSW 2280  
T 4947 0507 E [carlinebelmont@bigpond.com](mailto:carlinebelmont@bigpond.com)



# Clubtorque

Official Publication of  
**MG CAR CLUB NEWCASTLE INC**

ABN 96 210 450 708

NSW Inc Assn Reg'd No Y0354245

**Founded 1955 - MGs and MOTORSPORT**

**Club Address:**

PO Box 632, HAMILTON  
 NSW 2303

**Website Address:**

[www.mgcarclub.com.au](http://www.mgcarclub.com.au)

**Monthly Gathering:**

2nd Friday of the Month,  
 7.30pm at the **Club Rooms**

**Facebook:**

<https://www.facebook.com/MGNewcastle>

**Club Rooms:**

Northcott Park, Cobby Street,  
 Shortland

**Membership Enquiries:**

**John Garroway**

0436 022 393

[membership@mgcarclub.com.au](mailto:membership@mgcarclub.com.au)

**Ringwood Park**

**Motorsports Complex:**

53 Italia Road Balickera,  
 14Kms North of the  
 Heatherbrae Roundabout

**Other Enquiries**

Contact the Secretary

(H) 0249 662 195

(M) 0481 334 504

[jennifer.fernance@yahoo.com.au](mailto:jennifer.fernance@yahoo.com.au)

United Kingdom



[www.motorsport.org.au](http://www.motorsport.org.au)



# TABLE OF CONTENT

◆ Board Members.....	5
◆ Coming Events.....	6
◆ President.....	8
◆ Social Secretary.....	9
◆ EURO Motorfest.....	10
◆ Biggest Morning Tea Ad.....	11
◆ National Meeting Report.....	12
◆ National Meeting Photos.....	14
◆ Dad's Army.....	16
◆ National Meeting 2027.....	18
◆ Private Practice.....	19
◆ Register Captain.....	20
◆ Register Secretary.....	21
◆ Hillclimb Results.....	22
◆ New Members.....	24
◆ For Sale.....	25

# THE BOARD

<p><b>PRESIDENT</b>  <b>Bryn Baverstock</b>                  (H) 02 4965 7137                  (M) 0404 031 137                  bhbav@optusnet.com.au</p>	<p><b>EVENT CO-ORDINATOR/                  WEBSITE MANAGER</b>  <b>Michael Snow</b>                  0432 772 044                  michaeljsnow4@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>MAGAZINE EDITOR</b>  <b>Libby Fernance</b>                  0434 791 965                  libby.fernance@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>VICE PRESIDENT</b>  <b>Rose Collins</b>                  0413 222 828                  rosecogger@hotmail.com</p>	<p><b>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY</b>  <b>John Garroway</b>                  0436 022 393                  membership@mgsclub.com.au</p>	<p><b>SOCIAL SECRETARY</b>  <b>Louise Clayton-Jones</b>                  (H) 02 4943 6239                  kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com</p>
<p><b>SECRETARY</b>  <b>Jennifer Fernance</b>                  (H) 0249 662 195                  (M) 0481 334 504                  jennifer.fernance@yahoo.com.au</p>	<p><b>REGISTER CAPTAIN</b>  <b>Fran Hodgson</b>                  (M) 0414 449 252                  dfhodgson@bigpond.com</p>	<p><b>PUBLICITY</b>  <b>Rick Vincent</b>                  0418 494 663                  rickrevhead3@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>TREASURER</b>  <b>Dave Atkins</b>                  (H) 02 4956 6200                  (M) 0415 963 515                  datkins49@optusnet.com.au</p>	<p><b>REGISTER SECRETARY/                  HISTORIC REGO SCHEME</b>  <b>Allan Evans</b>                  (H) 02 4957 2871                  (M) 0412 170 871                  aevans1@bigpond.net.au</p>	<p><b>SPEED EVENT                  CO-ORDINATOR</b>  <b>John Collins</b>                  0412 260 343                  johnfcollins343@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>RALLY CO-ORDINATOR</b>  <b>Kevin Akers</b>                  (M) 0417 405 590                  kevinakers@bigpond.com</p>	<p><b>EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE</b>  <b>Paul Bower</b>                  (M) 0407 247 895                  pbandjoy@bigpond.com</p>	<p><b>AUTOTEST CO-ORDINATOR</b>  <b>Kenneth Atkins</b>                  0407 377 710                  kenkustom1980@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>CLUB CAPTAIN</b>  <b>Chris Fernance</b>                  0437 662 195                  c_fernance@bigpond.com</p>	<p><b>LAND PANEL</b>  <b>Brian Sutton</b>                  brianrsutton82@gmail.com</p>	<p><b>DIRECTOR ASSISTING No 1</b>  <b>Lewis Penfold</b>                  0434 389 469                  ldpenfold@gmail.com</p>
<p><b>MOTORSPORT AUST DELEGATE</b>  <b>Chris Fernance</b>                  0437 662 195                  c_fernance@bigpond.com</p>	<p><b>YOUNG DRIVER DEVELOPMENT</b>  <b>Cody Mckay</b>                  0422 034 400                  cody@codymckaymotorsports.com</p>	<p><b>CSCA DELEGATE</b>  <b>Brett Gilles</b>                  0410 511 630                  brettgil@inet.net.au</p>
<p><b>NATMEET CO-ORDINATOR</b>  <b>Fran Hodgson</b>                  (M) 0414 449 252                  dfhodgson@bigpond.com</p>	<p><b>Tri-challenge Contacts</b>  <b>Matt Halpin</b> TSCC 0411 707 075  <b>Chris Seam</b> KSCC (02) 6562 7536  <b>Peter Robinson</b>                  MGCCN (02) 4933 8167</p>	<p><b>WESTLAKES AUTOMOBILE                  CLUB</b>  <b>Kristen Hadley</b> (Secretary)                  0423 170 259                  secretary@wac.org.au</p>

**NO PHONE CALLS AFTER 9.00 PM**

## COMING EVENTS — JUNE

Thurs 4	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 6	GSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 5 Mountainview Practice 9:00am	Grafton
Sat 13	AHRG	Des West Memorial Tour Tar Only ** New Date ** CC12 TR2 9:00am	TBA
Sun 7	GSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 5 Mountainview 9:00am	Grafton
Mon 8	<b><i>King's Birthday Holiday</i></b>		
Thurs 11	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
<b>Fri 12</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Club Night M 7:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby St Shortland</b>
Sat 13	Hunter Small Ford Club	Private Hire Hillclimb 9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 13	WAC	Khanacross 2:00pm	Awaba
<b>Sun 14</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Khanacross Dirt/Tar M AT4 CC13 R10 10:00am</b>	<b>Ringwood Park</b>
Sun 14	TCC	State Motorkhana Rnd5 9:00am	Nirimba
<b>Tues 16</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Board Meeting M 7:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby St Shortland</b>
Thurs 18	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 20	Port Stephens Council	Learner Experiential Workshop 9:00am	Ringwood Park
<b>Sat 20</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Club Run to Seaham M ** New Date ** 1:00pm</b>	<b>Cobby St Shortland</b>
Sun 21	HDCC	State Khanacross Rnd3 9:00am	Hampton
Sun 21	MGHR	Euro Motorfest 8:30am	Foreshore Park Newcastle East
Thurs 25	MGCCN	Dads Army 8:00am	Ringwood Park
<b>Sat 27</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Step Up Trackside M 10:00am</b>	<b>Cobby St Shortland</b>
<b>Sat 27</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Natter Night M ** New Date ** 5:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby St Shortland</b>
<b>Sun 28</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Hillclimb A4 M TS4 CC14 R11 9:00am</b>	<b>Ringwood Park</b>
Mon 29	MGCCN	Mag Assy 2:00pm	Lesley Walkers House

## COMING EVENTS — JULY

Thurs 2	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 3	<b>School Term End</b>			
<b>Sat 4</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Khanacross Dirt/Tar M AT5 CC15</b>	<b>10:00am</b>	<b>Ringwood Park</b>
Sun 5	WAC	Motorkhana	9:00am	Awaba
<b>Wed 8</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Motorsport Panel M</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby St Shortland</b>
Thurs 9	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
<b>Fri 10</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Club Night M</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby St Shortland</b>
Sat 11	TSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 6 Oakburn Park Practice	9:00am	Tamworth
Sun 12	TSCC	State Hillclimb Rnd 6 Oakburn Park	9:00am	Tamworth
Sun 12	WAC	State Khanacross Rnd4	10:00am	Awaba
Thurs 16	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
<b>Sat 18</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>M YDDC-3</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Ringwood Park</b>
Sun 19	MGCCN	Touring Assy Rnd3 Tar Only M CC16 R12 TR3	9:00am	TBA
Sun 19	ARDC	State S'Sprint Rnd5	9:00am	SMSP Gardner
Mon 20	<b>School Term Start</b>			
<b>Tues 21</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Board Meeting M</b>	<b>7:30pm</b>	<b>Cobby St Shortland</b>
Thurs 23	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
<b>Sat 25</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Xmas In July M R13a</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Denman</b>
<b>Sun 26</b>	<b>MGCCN</b>	<b>Xmas In July M R13b</b>	<b>9:00am</b>	<b>Denman</b>
Sun 26	MiniCC	State Motorkhana Rnd6	9:00am	Nirimba
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.

---

# PRESIDENT'S REPORT

---

G'day all,

Whether you prefer a polished chrome cruise or the adrenaline of a muddy paddock, the MG Car Club Newcastle calendar delivers. The heart of our club beats through three distinct experiences: social runs, speed events, and the grassroots thrill of Khanacross. As we head into a packed month of action, here is how we are keeping the "safety fast" spirit alive across all disciplines.

## Social Runs: The Joy of the Open Road

Our social runs prove that our cars are built to be driven, not just displayed. These events are the perfect excuse to clear the cobwebs from the engine and enjoy the camaraderie of fellow enthusiasts.

**The Route:** Carefully mapped scenic roads chosen for curves and minimal traffic.

**The Pace:** Relaxed, inclusive, and suitable for vintage T-types to modern machinery.

**The Reward:** Catching up with old friends, welcoming new members, and talking shop.

**Coming Up:** This June features our rescheduled **Club Run to Seaham**. Leaving the Cobby Street clubrooms at Shortland, we will cruise out to visit the home of Ray & Verne Sheather.

## Competition Events: Precision on the Asphalt

For members looking to test the limits of both man and machine, our formal speed events step up the intensity. These events offer a structured environment to sharpen your driving precision at our premier facility.

**The Venue:** Our iconic Ringwood Park Motorsport Complex at Balickera.

**The Track:** A dedicated, tight Hillclimb circuit featuring multiple layouts ranging from 720m to 1,330m.

**The Atmosphere:** Focused, competitive, yet deeply supportive in the pits.

**Coming Up:** Dust off your fire extinguisher and extra bonnet restraints for the **Ringwood Hillclimb**. Track layouts reward vehicle balance and intense driver concentration.

## Khanacross: Masterclass on the Dirt and Tar

The crown jewel of our grassroots motorsport calendar remains the Khanacross. If you have never tried it, you are missing out on the most affordable fun you can have on four wheels.

**The Setup:** A series of tight, twisting tracks laid out across the versatile surfaces of Ringwood.

**The Challenge:** Memorizing the course layout while managing low-grip slides.

**The Barrier to Entry:** Low. Standard road cars are welcome, and junior drivers can compete.

**Coming Up:** Our major **Dirt/Tar Khanacross** hits the Ringwood Park Complex on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June. It is not about top speed; it is about throttle control, steering, and placement.

## Get Involved

Behind every successful event is a dedicated team of volunteers. If you are not ready to drive, consider joining the **"Dad's Army" crew** on Thursdays or volunteering as a flag marshal or timekeeper.

Cheers, Bryn

---

---

## SOCIAL SECRETARY

---

Members at the May club night enjoyed **Michael Poole's** well researched and informative presentation about the history of Marcos sports cars which were first produced in 1959 by Jem **Marsh** and Frank **Costin**. Our members showed a breadth of knowledge that gained many of them a chocolate reward! Doug Rae recalled his experience in a furniture factory that actually made wooden aircraft wings for the de Havilland Mosquito. This 1941 plane, known as The *Wooden Wonder*, was developed during Frank Costin's time at de Havilland.

Our **June club night** will feature *Jim Pope's motoring quiz* with novelty prizes for the winning team. I am hoping Jim will be able to attend. Fresh from globe-trotting, Darren & Fran Hodgson will be the feature of **July's club night** with a theme of *grand prix events* they have experienced.

The Ringwood canteen on **31<sup>st</sup> May Hillclimb** was again managed by a dedicated team of ready volunteers. Can't let those hillclimbers starve!

On these wet and wintry days, you may wish to give yourself a special treat, my sister recently introduced me to the pleasure of watching an English TV series called *Bangers and Cash*. It is all about cars (bangers) being picked up for auction (cash) by a family firm and is both informative and screamingly funny. You can google it, get it on YouTube or stream it on Seven Plus.

Now something to make you smile. You may have heard these before but here goes. If you have any ideas along similar lines, please let me know by email. I'm sure no one will take offence! Prizes may be in the offing too.

**LOTUS:** Lots Of Trouble, Usually Serious

**FIAT:** Fix It Again Tony

Louise Clayton-Jones [kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com](mailto:kennethmcleod1@bigpond.com)

---

## 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 MG Car Club Hunter Region presents ...

# EURO MOTORFEST 2026

\$10 ENTRY PER VEHICLE  
SUN 21ST JUNE

## NEWCASTLE FORESHORE PARK

Wharf Road, Newcastle - Gates open 8:30am



Fundraising for Variety The Children's  
Charity & Clown Doctors Aust.



SHARE THE PASSION



For more info contact [public\\_relations@huntermg.com](mailto:public_relations@huntermg.com)



**Cancer Council**  
Australia's Biggest  
Morning Tea



**This will be part of the NSW State Hillclimb  
Championship run by MGCCN  
on 9<sup>th</sup> August 2026 at Ringwood.**

**We are looking for non-perishable items  
for raffle prizes.**

**Jennean Bates 0429 817 393**

**Ryan Bates 0413 968 220**

**Matthew Bates 0481 749 741**

---

## 2026 NATIONAL MEETING REPORT

---

### April National Meeting Hahndorf SA:

Another National MG Gathering has been run and won. Hahndorf was a wonderful area especially as we were staying at the Discovery Park where Registration and all the evening social events were being held. It was such a luxury to be able to walk up the hill each night and wander home at the close. For a small group, we punched well above our weight. In total we had 13 attendees as Dale was unfortunate to only get as far as Gundagai before he experienced trouble with his tow vehicle and was in turn towed home by the NRMA. Turns out it was a fuse issue. He ended up winning the trophy no one wants to win – The Hard Luck trophy. I'm sure he will be looking forward to some redemption next year in Launceston. (12-16 April 2027)

13 attendees, 7 cars and 8 competitors: We won the Nuffield Oceania trophy again and came second outright for the Wratten Trophy – which is the highest placing we've ever achieved. Outright was won by Victoria who had 6 times as many competitors. It was the 1<sup>st</sup> time we've attended a meeting during the week and away from Easter and while the fuel crisis contributed to reduced numbers, I think the new format was very successful and we didn't have any issue sourcing petrol on the way to SA or return.

The 1<sup>st</sup> event was the Rocker Cover Racing and once again our members were very successful. Lyall, Rose and Darren were all eliminated by John Collins who was the eventual winner with Lyall and Rose 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

The Concours event always provides an interesting mix of cars and for the 1<sup>st</sup> time the Modern (SAIC) MGs was the largest class with 12 entered. It was a challenging class to judge due to the variety of models

involved (Cyberstar, HS, GS, ZS, ZST, 3.) The next largest classes were the Longbridge saloons (including 3 of our members), Super Specials, a great array of Magnette's and surprisingly the MGA Twin Cams which outnumbered the single cam cars.

The theme night was a Magical EveninG, and we went as Fairies and Elves. While we looked great, the challenges were keeping on the pointy ears and stopping wings from poking people's eyes out!

Andrew Fraser ran out of time to get his Midget ready so took a works drive in Bruce's TF. The car drove well at speed until it slowed down and then it played up. He won the class in the speed event even though he only managed 3 laps of The Bends when other competitors had 3 sessions of laps. The car was headed to a local Motor Mechanic while we were heading home and at time of writing was still in SA.

For the 1<sup>st</sup> time, we had more competitors in the Discovery Run than Speed Events. But competitors are competitors and while 5 of us were in the same class, the winning came down to the tie breaker – both in Class grouping and for Outright. The drive took us to the Birdwood Motor Museum and across the Murray via car Ferry.

At the Presentation Night we initially thought Darren had won the Motorkhana Outright which was quite an achievement given he had come in early on one event having hit a flag. We discovered that the WD had not been recorded so he duly handed back the trophy at the Delegates Meeting. There was no such error with me winning the Joan Richmond Trophy for best Female competitor. The complete results is below:

Competitor	Concours	Motorkhana	Speed	Discovery Run
Darren Hodgson MGZR		1 <sup>st</sup> Class		1 <sup>st</sup> in Class + 2 <sup>nd</sup> Outright
Fran Hodgson MGZR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class		1 <sup>st</sup> Class
Lyall Clarke MGZS	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	4 <sup>th</sup> Class		5 <sup>th</sup> Class
Bryn Baverstock MGZS	6 <sup>th</sup> Class			4 <sup>th</sup> Class
Bruce Fraser MG 4	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class			3 <sup>rd</sup> Class
Andrew Fraser MG TF	4 <sup>th</sup> Class	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	
John Collins MG F	1 <sup>st</sup> Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	2 <sup>nd</sup> Class	
Phil Redhead MGRV8	3 <sup>rd</sup> Class	1 <sup>st</sup> class		9 <sup>th</sup> class
Rocker Cover	John Collins 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lyall Clarke 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Rose Collins 3 <sup>rd</sup>	
Nuffield Trophy	1 <sup>st</sup>	Wratten Trophy	2 <sup>nd</sup>	
Joan Richmond	Fran Hodgson			

On the way to SA, Darren & I travelled in convey with Lyall & Jan stopping first at Junee. My Grandfather was born there but I've never been and was pleasantly surprised by the town which was very clean (gearing up for ANZAC Day I'm sure) and has a strong historical link to Rail travel, an enormous Railway Station and an interesting chocolate factory as well as the local cemetery complete with my family gravestones. Next stop was Mildura where we had a rest day and went on a river cruise on a paddle steamer and wandered

along the waterfront for a truly relaxing day. After the meet, Lyall & Jan and Bryn & Helen travelled to Kangaroo Island for a few days. Having experienced great weather for the meeting, it took a turn for the worse on the Saturday. We followed it all the way back to Newcastle. Lyall & Bryn reported that there were very few tourists on the island.

Thankyou to MGCC SA and Nat Meet organising Committee for another great meeting.

# NATIONAL MEETING PHOTOS 2026





John Collins — 2nd in Class  
— Taillem Bend SA

Fran Hodgson — Joan Richmond  
Trophy for Best Female Competitor.

Michael Poole's — May Club Night



## **DAD'S ARMY/LAND PANEL**

---

Work has continued on the drainage from the gulley, excavation has now been completed, ten (10) lengths of pipe installed with backfill over the pipework completed over nine (9) lengths. The large stump has now been burnt out giving a clear area to be easily maintained, there is another stump adjacent to the rock wall which also is proposed to be burnt out, this will allow the remainder of the gulley to be more easily maintained. One (1) access point has been cut into the pipe run so that interior of the pipe can be monitored for silt build up and another will be installed further down.

The trench excavation had just been finished last Thursday when a large rainfall event occurred and a large volume of water flowed through the installed pipe and excavation, this showed that the system achieved the original intent and worked well keeping the water underground and not running overland and saturating the ground. The collection area at the end of the pipework near the catch fence where a number of pipes discharge water into the main large pipe taking the water under the paddock area will also be cleaned up to allow easier maintenance.

Please find attached photos of the completed sump area, the area where the stump was burnt out and a shot when the stormwater flowed through the pipework and excavation.

Martin Reeves with his equipment has completed a boundary access around the perimeter of the fence line and has reduced the quantity of trees at the top of the hill which has reduced the bush fire loading of the property. The MGCCN grounds are a lot larger than many members are aware of, see below a shot from Google of the grounds.

Current action list comprises

- A. Concrete edging to the outside of turn 4
- B. Stormwater pipe from gulley to pit near catch fence and clean-up of pit
- C. Tyre barrier to start line concrete wall
- D. Solar and battery system to timing and administration area investigation as to viability

Brian Sutton

---



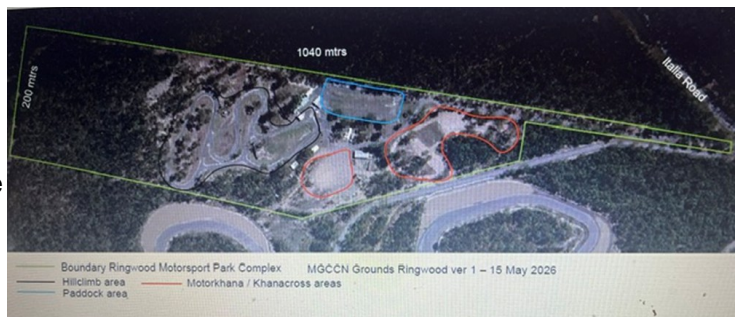
Area where stump has been burnt out and adjacent stump to be also burnt

Completed sump and rock wall in gully



Stormwater flow showing results during downpour

Shot from Google





## **2027 MG NATIONAL MEETING – LAUNCESTON**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April**

**Bulletin # 1 – April 2026**

The MG Car Club of Tasmania extends a warm invitation to members to attend the 2027 MG National Meeting to be conducted in and around Launceston, Tasmania.

For those who may not be familiar with Tasmania, Launceston is about an hour's travel time from Devonport if coming by ship or for those flying in, about twenty minutes from the airport. We look forward to welcoming you and sharing all that this wonderful region has to offer.

Our base will be the Tailrace Function Centre (TFC) at Riverside, approximately 10 minutes drive from the Launceston CBD. This will be the centre for all the social events. The program for the meeting is as follows:

- |                                    |   |
|------------------------------------|---|
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April –    | Registration, Noggin & Natter/ Rocker Cover Racing at TFC   |
| Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> April –   | Concours at Longford<br>Theme Night at TFC  |
| Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> April – | Motorkhana - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway<br>Kimber Run, leaving from TFC                             |
| Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> April –  | Super Sprint - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway<br>Discovery Run leaving from TFC<br>Formal Dinner at TFC |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> April -    | Farewell Breakfast and Delegates Meeting at TFC   |

Concours will take place at Longford, site of the original Longford racing circuit, which is approximately 30 minutes drive from the TFC. The Speed events are scheduled for Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway, home of the V8 Super cars; approximately 30 minutes drive from the TFC. Meanwhile, the Discovery Run and Kimber Run will wind along country roads that highlight the region's agricultural heritage.

While the new Spirits of Tasmania will be running in 2027, we recommend that you book your shipping early especially if you are towing a trailer. Group bookings can be organised by contacting the TT Line, [www.spiritoftasmania.com.au](http://www.spiritoftasmania.com.au)

Launceston has a wide variety of accommodation options all within easy travelling distance of the Tailrace Centre. The following link will provide a complete listing of accommodation options, <https://visitnortherntasmania.com.au/accommodation-launceston-and-surrounds-tasmania>

If you are not familiar with Launceston and its surrounds, have a look at this link for some great touring ideas either before or after the Nat Meet <https://visitnortherntasmania.com.au/the-ultimate-guide-for-travelling-to-an-event-in-northern-tasmania-and-beyond>

Planning is now well advanced for the event and we will keep you all informed as more details are finalised. Book your accommodation and travel details and watch out for registration details, please direct any queries to Don Fraser at [Director2027natmeet@mgtas.org.au](mailto:Director2027natmeet@mgtas.org.au).

The MG Car Club of Tasmania looks forward to your company in Tasmania in 2027

---

## 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.

Contacts :-

David Atkins	0415 963 515
Kevin Akers	0417 405 590
Michael Snow	0432 772 044

## REGISTER CAPTAIN REPORT

---

### May Fun:

On **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** we headed to Terrigal for lunch at the Terrigal Pavillion by the water. But first we stopped at the Gosford Chocolate Factory in West Gosford. We had a great roll up in a variety of MGs and other cars including new member Keith Mitchell in his ZA Magnette, Jim & Maxine in the MGB, Michael & Chloe Fraser in the Clubman, Raechel jumping into the back of the MG4 with Bruce & Beth F, Semken's MG3, a couple of ZSs, MX5, everyday drives and our RV8. Some of our regular attendees were at the Tri Challenge or were unwell and unable to attend. I was concerned about the potential for rain, not that we are averse to taking the RV8 out in the rain but as we were heading OS a few days later, I didn't want to leave a very dirty car at home. The day started very misty but once cleared the view at lunch from the deck of the Pavillion made for a very enjoyable day.

**Reminder re June Events:** Darren & I are currently in Canada and Alaska. We attended the Montreal F1 Grand Prix and are now in the Rockies and soon to head to Anchorage and the wilds of Denali National Park before heading south through the fjords and glaciers. So, we have arranged for some easy runs while we are away.

**1<sup>st</sup> an Afternoon Run on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> June** to the home of Ray & Verne Sheather at Seaham. They will leave the Clubrooms at **1:00pm** to arrive by 2:00pm. Please bring a plate to share, e.g. cake, finger foods, slice, cucumber sandwiches! I have heard the Ray is a dab hand at Cappuccino and other coffees. We have left all the details with Bryn so if you'd like to join on route and not from Clubrooms please contact Bryn for arrangements.

**The June Natter Night** will be at the Clubrooms on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> – a "Winter Warmers" Dinner. Meet from 5:30pm and bring something warm and hearty to share. Please remember there is only 1 oven, 1 pie warmer and 1 microwave so not everything can be heated up at the same time.

**Christmas in July:** I have finalised the accommodation bookings and all reserved rooms have been claimed. If you haven't booked through me and wish to attend, you'll need to contact the Grapevine Motel directly and see if they have a room available. We'll meet at the Clubrooms at 9am, heading towards Denman where we'll explore the local vintage shed, have lunch, taste some wines and enjoy dinner together.

Don't forget we are looking for members to host a Natter Night social gathering at their home for months of August, September, October. Let me know if you are willing and we will schedule you in.

Hope to see you at a Club event soon... Fran & Darren Hodgson

## REGISTER SECRETARY

We have had 6 new historic vehicles added to our register since the publication of the May magazine.

1974 Holden Torana  
 1995 Subaru Samba  
 1966 Austin Healey Sprite

1985 BMW 318i  
 1981 Mitsubishi L300 Van  
 1996 Marlin Hunter

There were 14 historic registrations processed in April 2026 and a further 13 up to 24/05/2026.

There are approximately 281 vehicles listed currently on our Historic Register.

The Japanese government imposes restrictions on private vehicle ownership.

I have heard that an individual is not permitted to register a vehicle, in certain jurisdictions if they do not have a private off road parking location. The Government encourages smaller vehicle ownership by relating registration costs to the size of the vehicle. The bigger the vehicle the more you pay, no doubt helping the densely populated urban areas from becoming overrun by American size SUVs. This has resulted in a smaller class of vehicles being manufactured for sale within Japan.

In Australia the early Japanese vehicles are becoming popular with motoring enthusiasts as hobby/collector vehicles. The recent all Japanese car display day at Macdonald Jones Stadium filled the main and overflow car park with enthusiast's exhibition vehicles. Two of our club members have imported examples of historic Japanese micro cars, a Subaru 360 and a Subaru Samba, shown below.

Allan Evans – Register Secretary



**RESULTS HILLCLIMB TAR SPEED**

O/R	CNo	Name	Vehicle	Class	Time
1	999	Ryan BATES	Subaru WRX	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	68.53
2	222	Benjamin JACKSON	Radical SR3	Tp 5 spec u 2 ltr	69.19
3	38	Dennis ROOHAN	Holden Monaro	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	69.67
4	369	Matthew BATES	Subaru WRX	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	69.76
5	321	Dylan GERRISH	Ford Focus RS	Special Vehicle o 3 ltr	69.92
6	606	Michael FRASER	Lucalia Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	70.10
7	97	Scott MILLER	PRB Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	70.56
8	777	Garry CHRISTOPHERSON	Renault Megane	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	71.11
9	65	Andrew FERENGE	Mazda MX5	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	71.49
10	36	Rick YATES	BMW Mini Cooper S	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	71.85
11	611	Rian HUMPHRIES	Holden SS Ute	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	72.25
12	514	Joel BUCKLAND	Nissan 200SX	Special Vehicle o 3 ltr	72.75
13	109	Andrew FRASER	Holden SS Ute	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	73.91
14	23	Martin MCLOUGHLIN	Ford Fiesta	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	74.11
15	100	Mark LOWTH	Subaru BRZ TS STi	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	74.20
16	5	Bruce CONDRON	MG B white	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	74.43
17	112	Rohan VOWLES	Mazda MX5	Tp 1 u 2 ltr	75.06
18	59	Warren MEAD	BMW E90	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	76.11
19	82	Mathew KNIGHT	Super Vee	Tp 5 prod u 2 ltr	76.41
20	128	William DERN (J)	Ford Fiesta XR4	Jun Prod	76.57
21	28	Michael DERN	Ford Fiesta XR4	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	76.92
21	182	Martyn ALEXANDER	Toyota 86	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	76.92
23	126	Nat HAILS	Holden Commodore	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	77.30
24	137	Mark CONSTABLE	Ford Mustang GT	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	77.62
25	821	Amelia ALEXANDER (J)	Toyota 86	Jun Prod	78.00
26	31	Paul KARPATY	Subaru Impreza	Series Prod AWD under 3 ltr	78.14
27	205	Richard MORK	Holden Cruze Diesel	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	78.75
28	942	Matthew WHITWORTH	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	78.88

ROUND 1 - 19 APR 2026 — OUTRIGHT

29	119	Gillian HUMPHRIES	VW Golf GTi	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	79.02
30	987	Baden JONES	Triumph TR6	Classic Car pre 1986 o	79.06
31	94	Paul WHITWORTH	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	79.22
32	48	Jeff NEWEY	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	79.47
33	92	Barry MAGENNIS	Ford Falcon	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	80.07
34	718	David ILES	Mazda MX5	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	80.22
35	41	John COLLINS	MG F Trophy	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	80.59
36	49	Mark BARNETT	Holden Commodore	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	81.19
37	687	Jacob LOWTH	Hyundai Excel	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	82.00
38	168	John COHEN	Toyota Celica	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	82.36
39	85	Kade SHIELDS	Mazda MX 5	Tp 1 u 2 ltr	82.42
40	139	Ashton CONSTABLE	Toyota 86 GTS	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	82.70
41	539	Elizabeth HOLROYD	Hyundai i20N	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	83.83
42	42	Charles BELL	Fisher Fury	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	84.61
43	241	Jayden COLLINS (J)	Honda Jazz	Jun Prod	85.45
44	190	Tony CAVANAGH	Mercedes 190E	Classic Car pre 1986 o 2 ltr	88.09
45	12	Sharon COHEN	Toyota Celica	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	89.86
46	245	Debra MORELL	Suzuki Swift Sport	Tp 1 u 2 ltr	92.33

**YUYU**  
**ICE RECOVERY**  
 From Athletes to BBQ's.  
 With Australia's scorching summers, we all deserve relief !!

[www.yuyurecover.com.au](http://www.yuyurecover.com.au) Sales - 0411 034 934  
[info@yuyurecovery.com.au](mailto:info@yuyurecovery.com.au)

**Wearable ICE pack and cover. Lasts up to 3+ hours**

---

## NEW MEMBERS

---

Our club continues to grow steadily! We welcome the following new members.

John Fenner	Associate Family Member
Leesa Fenner	Associate Family Member
Mark Hackenberg	Associate Family Member
Jacob Lowth	Associate Family Member
Mark Andrew Lowth	Associate Family Member
Bradley Pinch	Associate Family Member
Ethan Pinch	Associate Family Member
Matt Stanton	Associate Family Member
Gavin Wood	Associate Family Member
Steven Aurino	Associate Member
Brett Norman Hord	Associate Member
Nicholas Moule	Associate Member
Karen Good	Full Family Member
Steven Good	Full Family Member
Keith Mitchell	Full Member
Jackson Malone	Junior Family Member
Sebastian Stanton	Junior Family Member
Hayden Wood	Junior Family 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 Secretary

1

**FOR SALE**

For details phone or email Bryn  
0404031137 or [bhbav@optusnet.com.au](mailto:bhbav@optusnet.com.au)



Tillett carbon fibre race seat  
Selling \$500 — (new \$3000)

**Brian Sutton**

**0412 996 134**

**[briansutton82@gmail.com](mailto:briansutton82@gmail.com)**



**FOR SALE**

Registration No: MG 362  
Chassis No: TD 28225  
Engine No: XPAG / TD2 / 28794  
Speedo: 70,307 miles  
Asking Price: \$45,000  
Contact: Simon on 0419 338 429  
Location: Lovedale



I purchased "Noddy" in 2013 and since then have installed a Rhino immobiliser, new master brake cylinder kit and starter motor as well as having the front shocks reconditioned, brake slave cylinders re-sleeved, speedo and tachometer checked and repaired (new tacho box & cable).

Both SU carburettors were professionally overhauled in 2018.

Sale includes the personalised MG number plates and modern reprints of Operation Manual and the Workshop Manual.

Garaged under cover and regularly serviced.  
Registered to May 2027.

**ARGENTON**  
automotive repairs

# Professional Automotive Repairs

Servicing  
Greater Newcastle

High Level Of  
Customer Service



**FOR ALL YOUR  
MECHANICAL REPAIRS**

## Our Services Include

- Pink Slips
- Blue Slips
- Clutch And Brake Repairs
- Fuel Injection Cleaning
- Full Tuning, Diagnostic
- LPG Inspections
- General Servicing

**MVRL 52568  
ABN 30 315 632 389**

***Find us at: -***

**60 SEVENTH STREET  
BOOLAROO NSW 2284  
Telephone 4958 4787**



02 49567733

Call us now   



95 Munibung Road, Cardiff 2285

## Newcastle Auto Wreckers **Hytech Parts Plus**

As Newcastle's Leading Auto Dismantler we pride ourselves on our outstanding warranties, excellent customer service, extensive spare parts knowledge and fast Australia-wide delivery service.

Wrecking all makes and models including Porsche 911, Boxster and Cayman.

Call us:	02 49567733
Email us:	<a href="mailto:sales@hytechpartsplus.com.au">sales@hytechpartsplus.com.au</a>
Buy online:	<a href="http://www.hytechpartsplus.com.au">www.hytechpartsplus.com.au</a> <a href="http://stores.ebay.com.au/Hytech-Parts-Plus">stores.ebay.com.au/Hytech-Parts-Plus</a>

**Proudly supporting the MG CCN**