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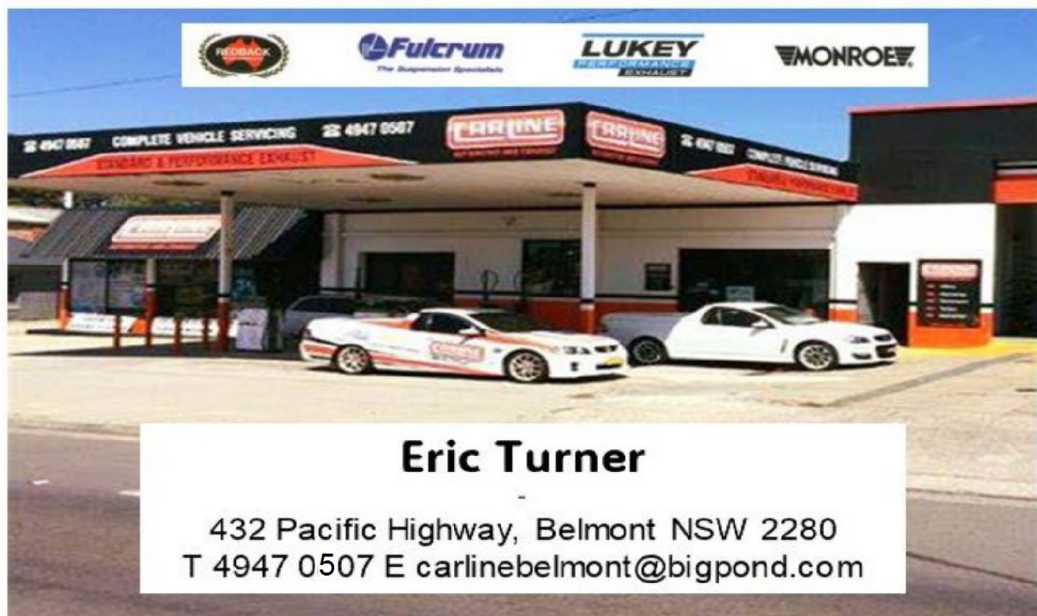
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2nd Friday of the Month,
7.30pm at the **Club Rooms**

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Shortland

Ringwood Park

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NO PHONE CALLS AFTER 9.00 PM

COMING EVENTS — JULY

Thurs 2	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 3	School Term End			
Sat 4	MGCCN	Khanacross Dirt/Tar M AT5 CC15		Ringwood Park
		10:00am		
Sun 5	WAC	Motorkhana	9:00am	Awaba
Wed 8	MGCCN	Motorsport Panel 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	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
Sat 18	MGCCN	M YDDC-3	9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 19	MGCCN	Touring Assy Rnd3 Tar Only M ** Cancelled **		TBA
Sun 19	ARDC	State S'Sprint Rnd5	9:00am	SMSP Gardner
Mon 20	School Term Start			
Tues 21	MGCCN	Board Meeting M	7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 23	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 25	MGCCN	Xmas In July M R13a	9:00am	Denman
Sun 26	MGCCN	Xmas In July M R13b	9:00am	Denman
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.

COMING EVENTS — AUG

Sat 1	Private Hire	Hillclimb Come and Try	9:00am	Ringwood Park
Mon 3	MGCCN	Mag Assy	2:00pm	Lesley Walkers House
Thurs 6	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 8	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Rnd 7 Ringwood Practice M	9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 8	WAC	Rallysprint		Awaba
Sun 9	MGCCN	State Hillclimb Rnd 7 Ringwood M	9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 9	MGCCN	Biggest Morning Tea ** Change of Date **	9:00am	Ringwood Park
Thurs 13	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Fri 14	MGCCN	Club Night M	7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Sat 15	AHRG	Heart of the Hunter Tour Tar Only CC17 TR4	9:00am	TBA
Sat 15	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd3 Practice	9:00am	Oakburn Park
Sat 15	Club Lotus	CSCA Supersprint Rnd 4	9:00am	SMSP Gardner
Sun 16	MGCCN	Motorkhana Dirt M AT6 CC18	9:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 16	TSCC	Tri-Challenge Rnd3 TRI3	9:00am	Oakburn Park
Tues 18	MGCCN	Board Meeting M	7:30pm	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 20	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sat 22	WAC	State Khanacross Rnd5	2:00pm	Awaba
Wed 26	MGCCN	Mid Week Club Run	TBA	Cobby St Shortland
Thurs 27	MGCCN	Dads Army	8:00am	Ringwood Park
Sun 30	MGCCN	Hillclimb A2A M TS5 CC19	9:00am	Ringwood Park
Mon 31	MGCCN	Mag Assy	2:00pm	Lesley Walkers House

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

G'day all,

Well, I hope you responded to the call for new officials to come to the clubrooms on the 27th of June.

This date makes it hard to comment on as the magazine articles have to be in well before the 27th but we will not see the magazine until the first week in July. So I will just have to think that out of nearly six hundred members we managed to get a good roll up on the day!

Another person we are going to miss is our social secretary who has had to resign due to helping Ken McLeod (a great past secretary of the club) recover from a serious illness, I wish both Louise and Ken all the best and a thank you for all your past efforts.

We have now replaced the gift given to us by the MGCC UK for our 70th anniversary which was unfortunately broken in the post from the UK. Its virtually identical to the one sent to us and can be seen at the club rooms.

Not much new news this month, all the usual reports are in the magazine for you to keep up to date with, but I must congratulate all the organisers of the many and various events that the club puts on. They just don't happen, the guys and gals on the board put hours of effort into making this club function at the level it does!

One other item that has been talked about, but no firm options is the question of club regalia. I think it can be said we are not big on advertising ourselves but we have talked about maybe a shirt or jacket of some sort to wear with pride at events social or competition. Any ideas?

Would appreciate any feed back to any of the board members for discussion.

Cheers, Bryn

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.

SOCIAL SECRETARY

The Car Club Committee reluctantly accepted the resignation of Louise Clayton-Jones from the position of Social Secretary. Louise is committed to assisting her partner, Ken McLeod, recover from illness. This leaves her with little time to focus on car club activities. Being highly conscientious and creative, Louise has truly reinvigorated Car Club social activities. In particular, the Friday Club Nights and supporting the operation of the Canteen at our Ringwood Motor Sport Complex. Louise would like to see some other enthusiastic person take on the roles. This person would need to be able to devote the time to continue this great work.

If you, or someone you know, might like to get involved in maintaining these Club activities, please reach out to any of the Club Executive members, who will be more than happy to hear from you, and give you the run down on what is involved.

At the last Committee meeting Louise was presented with a card and flowers on behalf of the Committee and Club members, as a big thank you for her contribution to our Club Social activities.

We hope that Louise's continuing focus on supporting Ken in his recovery will lead to a speedy recovery.



Bryn (president) and Rose (vice president) presenting Louise with card and flowers.

NEW MEMBERS

Still more new recruits, plus a couple of former members returning to the club!

We welcome the following new members.

Callan Buchan	Associate Family Member
Derek Howe	Associate Family Member
Wilkin Kebbell	Associate Family Member
Caitlin Bellamy	Associate Family Member
Chad Burton	Associate Member
Steve Forsberg	Associate Member
Barry James Morrison	Associate Member
Geordie McKenzie	Full Family Member
Tulli McKenzie	Full Family Member
Gary Angel	Full Member
Josh Doolan	Full Member
Andrew Martin Keenan	Full Member
Jackson Stephens	Full Member
Bob Taylor	Full Member
Joel Howe	Junior Family Member
Ari Hull	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

DAD'S ARMY/LAND PANEL

Work on the drainage pipework has been completed, as has the pit in the gulley, one stump has been burnt out and the other stump partially burnt however will require an additional burn. The area over the pipework has been flattened thanks to Martin and his machine, it needs sand fill and turf spread and one pipe access needs further work at the moment it is still wet.

The drainage containment area near the catch fence will now be worked on requiring concreting of a base, a pit installed, a concrete blockwork wall and eventually grates installed over.

Tyre bundling has recommenced with a further 4 bundles completed, these will be installed in the run off area replacing the single tyre stacking.

Current action list comprises;

- a) Completion of containment area concrete base, blockwork wall, pit and grates
- b) Concreting of turn 4 edging
- c) Tyre bundling
- d) Investigation of solar system to timing system and administration area

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 REPORT

At the time of sending this article for inclusion in the Magazine, we are still on holiday in Alaska. Our great adventure started in May in Montreal for the F1 Grandprix and has now included, Vancouver, the Canadian Rockies and a loop around the wilds of Alaska from Anchorage to Denali, Fairbanks and Valdez before heading south from Whittier on the cruise ship. We'll be back early July so some of the information has been provided by other members.

June activities recap: Both our Social Club events were late in the month. First was the Afternoon Tea run to Seaham. Some left from the Clubrooms and others meeting at Ray and Vernes. I believe there was enough cake/slice to feed a small army and Ray's MGBGT restoration project was on display. Thank you Bryn for coordinating on the day for us and thanks to Ray & Verne for hosting.

The following day was the Euro Day hosted by MG Hunter Region in town. The photos on Facebook show a great variety of cars with approx. 10 from our Club spread across the park, including the MGs of Lyall Clarke, Jacob Motum, Keith Mitchell, Baden Leis and Eric Chandler and the Austin Healey of Rick Vincent, Bernard Corbett's Alpine, Allan Evan's TR7 and Brian Redford's Bond Bug.

Coming Events: July is dedicated to our 25th July, "Christmas in July" weekend getaway to Denman. All rooms have been reserved and I'll follow up with the dinner venue re options on our return.

If you'd like to join us message me and I'll see if there are any more rooms available at the Motel or you could try the other Motel in Denman and join for all the other activities. Meeting at the Clubrooms at 9am.

MG National Meeting 2027 Launceston: the 1st bulletin was included in last months magazine. I have reserved rooms at the Country Club Villas just outside of Launceston. It provides better facilities and security parking for the cars than some of the accommodation options in town and yet is only 10 minutes away. Bookings for the Ferry Crossing are now open for the April timeframe and I know Bruce and Beth Fraser are well organised have already booked in. If you would like to join the group, let me know so I can add additional rooms to our booking.

That's it from the last frontier of the wilds of Alaska - just missed a moose sighting because I was head down writing this article, hopefully there will be others along this stretch of road on the way to Valdez.

Fran & Darren Hodgson



REGISTER SECRETARY

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

1989 BMW 325i
1976 Toyota Corolla
1994 Toyota MR2

1962 Lotus 7
1967 MGB GT
1995 Nissan Pulsar

There were 19 historic registrations processed in May 2026 and a further 3 up to 20/06/2026.

There are approximately 283 vehicles listed currently on our Historic Register.

I have recently travelled on a road trip down to Victoria and back home via Canberra visiting family. We make the journey part of our holiday and stop overnight in country towns on the way down and back. Without fail I always manage to spot interesting historic vehicles stashed away in some random yard, restoration projects on someone's one day to do list. On my Run into Albury, to buy some real milk to make a cup of tea, I spotted a 1960 era Vauxhall Victor FB, like my parents' car that I learnt to drive in in the UK.



In Beechworth I found this Holden RACV Patrol Vehicle on the forecourt of a deserted service station. Inside the service station was a large display of model cars and motoring memorabilia. Sadly, it was closed so only got to peak through the window.

Down on the Mornington Peninsula we checked out Charlies Auto Museum at Arthers Seat. Not your sterile collection of highly restored vehicles but an eclectic mix of rare and unusual vehicles, many of which I had not seen before.



Charles' collection featured a number of Hudson's and Studebaker's including a Studebaker Utility, that I did not know even existed. He had an extensive collection of micro cars from all around the world, many of which I had not seen before. I was delighted to see the Trojan Bubble Car, the same as one my friend in the UK used to give me a lift to college in, back in the 1970's. It was a novelty then, and we would get laugh's waiving to passers-by through the sun roof.

I am aware of Gogomobile's, from the past TV insurance advertisement, but was unaware that they produced a sedan. The little yellow sedan is parked up alongside the orange Bond Bug, and you may spot the dark blue Gogomobile sports car behind the Trojan.

If you find your way down to the Mornington Peninsula, I can thoroughly recommend paying a visit to the museum. It is stashed full of over 80 vehicles, cars, motorcycles, you name it, heaps of motoring memorabilia and models and toys.

Allan Evans – Register Secretary

PORT STEPHENS COUNCIL -

On Saturday 20th June, The Port Stephens Council hired Ringwood to hold a Road safety awareness workshop for L & P plate drivers and their parents. This involved awareness about many issues faced by drivers of all ages but was very much about increasing the awareness and understanding of issues that all drivers should be aware of.



The NSW Police were heavily involved giving people the experience of being breathalysed in a controlled and safer location than would be the case out on the public roads. The youngsters were asked to measure out their guess at Stopping distances at various speeds, then the Highway Police demonstrated the actual results in one of their cars. (it might have been better if they used something that didn't stop as well as one of their BMWs) It still showed very graphically the difference speed can make to stopping distances.



- LEARNER EXPERIENTIAL WORKSHOP

Boral were also there with one of their bulk cement transport semi-trailers to demonstrate the significance of "Blind Spots" around heavy vehicles. This was achieved by sitting the people in the driver's seat and having various silhouettes of people positioned in the blind spots as well as having people moving around so that it could be shown just how much area was involved in these blind spots.

There were about 20 young people plus their respective parents involved. Boral had 2 of their drivers there to talk about the issues faced by heavy vehicles on the roads, there were 4 Police Officers and the Council's "Road Safety and Traffic Officer" who put the detailed work into getting the project to happen.

The Police were very impressed by the level of interest and participation shown by the attendees, so much so that they were pushing for these events to be done more often. They were also very impressed with what we have at Ringwood and were suggesting that it may be a venue they could use for some of their local training.

Road Safety and Driver Training are two things that are very much a part of enjoying motoring in as safe a way as is possible, and as such is something that fits with what the MGCC Newcastle is about.

Dave Atkins



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O/R	No.	Name	Vehicle	Class	Time
1	222	Benjamin JACKSON	Radical SR3	Tp 5 spec u 2 ltr	55.28
2	999	Ryan BATES	Subaru WRX	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	59.50
3	369	Matthew BATES	Subaru WRX	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	59.84
4	321	Dylan GERRISH	Ford Focus RS	Special Vehicle o 3 ltr	60.42
5	65	Andrew FERENCE	Mazda MX5	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	60.65
6	777	Garry CHRISTOPHERSON	Renault Megane	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	61.47
7	606	Michael FRASER	Lucalia Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	61.76
8	97	Scott MILLER	PRB Clubman	Grp 2A/2C u 2 ltr	62.12
9	335	Phil LIMBERT	BMW 335i	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	62.57
10	213	Brock MALONE	Subaru Impreza RS	Type 4 E AWD or > 6.0 ltr	63.03
11	611	Rian HUMPHRIES	Holden SS Ute	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	63.05
12	109	Andrew FRASER	Hyundai i20N	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	63.37
13	112	Rohan VOWLES	Mazda MX5	Tp 1 u 2 ltr	63.92
14	124	Tommy TURTON	Edge Barracuda	Tp 5 spec u 2 ltr	64.05
15	38	Dennis ROOHAN	Holden Monaro	Tp 3 o 2 ltr	64.38
16	366	Mark DE GIOIA	Datsun Sunny	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	64.48
17	125	Nicholas MALONE	Subaru Impreza RS	Series Prod AWD under 3 ltr	64.70
18	110	Mark LOWTH	Subaru BRZ TS STi	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	65.33
19	279	Brett HORD	Mazda RX7	Tp 4 o 2 ltr	65.50
20	128	William DERN (J)	Ford Fiesta XR4	Jun Prod	66.05
21	82	Mathew KNIGHT	Elf Super Vee	Tp 5 prod u 2 ltr	66.10
22	98	Anthony COLLINS	Honda Civic	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	66.48



TRACK A5- 31 MAY 2026

O/R	No.	Name	Vehicle	Class	Time
23	987	Baden JONES	Triumph TR6	Classic Car pre 1986 o	66.71
24	182	Martyn ALEXANDER	Toyota 86	Tp 3 u 2 ltr	66.86
25	687	Jacob LOWTH	Subaru Liberty	Series Prod AWD under 3 ltr	67.08
26	126	Nat HAILS	Holden Commodore	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	67.20
27	59	Warren MEAD	BMW E90	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	67.25
28	821	Amelia ALEXANDER (J)	Toyota 86	Jun Prod	67.53
29	942	Matthew WHITWORTH	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	67.55
30	77	Callum REYNOLDS	Subaru Impreza	Jun Prod	67.69
31	94	Paul WHITWORTH	MG B	PS Classic 1.4 - 2 ltr	68.02
32	123	Richard PLAYFORD	Toyota Celica	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	68.84
33	102	Gavin WOOD	BMW 130i	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	68.92
34	550	Cashlen REEVES	Nissan Pulsar N15	Tp 2 u 2 ltr	69.29
35	85	Kade SHIELDS	Mazda MX 5	Tp 1 u 2 ltr	69.40
36	119	Gillian HUMPHRIES	VW Golf GTi	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	69.72
37	92	Barry MAGENNIS	Ford Falcon	Tp 2 o 2 ltr	69.77
38	70	Stewart SEMPLE	Subaru Forester	Series Prod AWD under 3 ltr	70.73
39	3	Bryn BAVERSTOCK	MG ZS 180	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	71.20
40	116	Allan EVANS	Triumph TR7	Classic Car pre 1986 u 2 ltr	72.03
41	127	Danny MICEVSKI	Lotus Elise	PS Modern 1.4 - 2 ltr	73.71
41	539	Elizabeth HOLROYD	Hyundai i20N	Tp 1 o 2 ltr	73.71
43	71	Michael TAYLOR	Morris Special	Tp 5 prod u 2 ltr	81.73





Cancer Council
Australia's Biggest
Morning Tea



Biggest Morning Tea – 9th Aug 2026

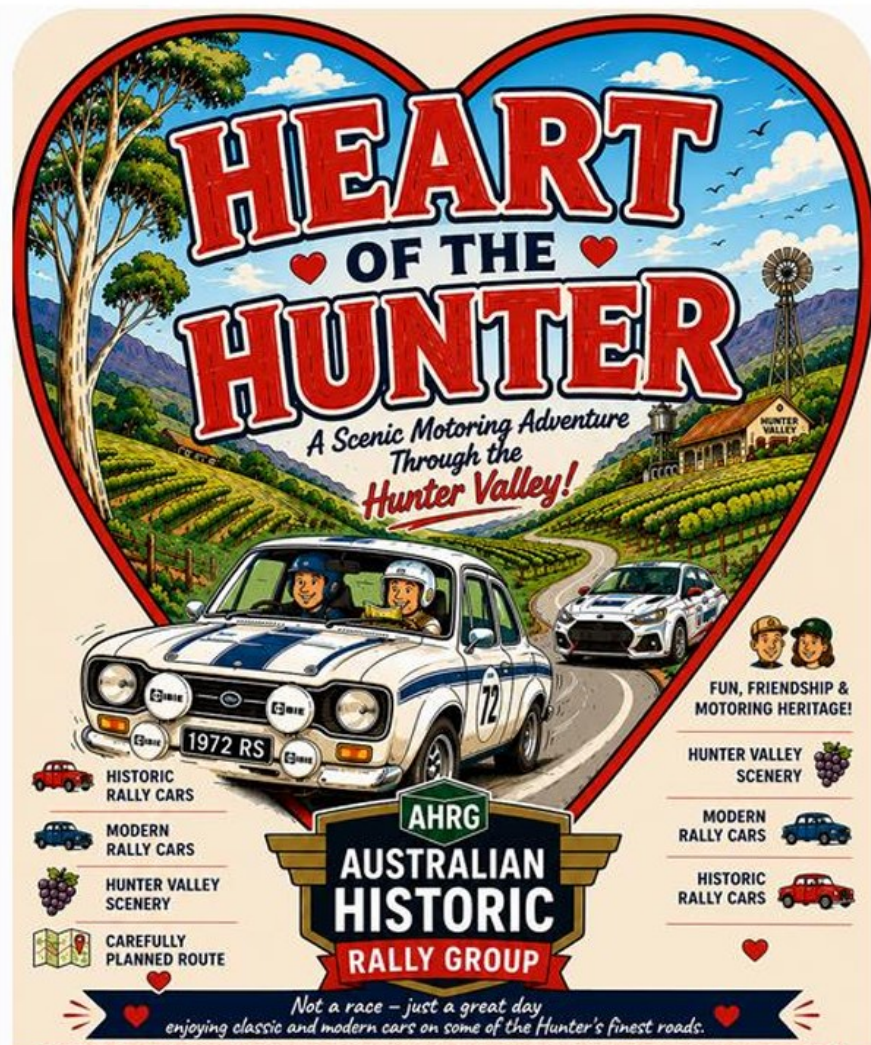
The Biggest Morning Tea is a fundraiser for the Cancer Council of Australia.

This is the 7th to be held at Ringwood, partly in memory of Alan Bates and other club members who have also battled with cancer.

You can support the Biggest Morning Tea by coming to the NSW State Hillclimb on 9th August, buy some cakes, coffee, tea and raffle tickets.

Donations of raffle prizes are also very welcome.

Jennean Bates is the main contact on **0429 817 393** or Matthew Bates 0481 749 741 and Ryan Bates 0413 968 220



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Saturday, 31st October, 2026

10.00am - 3.00pm

Bradley Park, 111 Anambah Road, Rutherford

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WANTED

A club member with the necessary skills who would be willing to help me finish getting my restoration project completed.

It is a 1939 Riley Kestrel Special.

The car's restoration is complete however the brakes are the last item that require attention.

The car is unregistered and is located in East Maitland.

I am prepared to pay a reasonable agreed upon hourly rate.

The work can be carried out here or I can have it transported to you.
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Cheers

Greg Blades (Member)

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