



# M.G. Car Club Limited

*60th Anniversary*



Being one of Australia's oldest one-make car clubs, the M.G. Car Club in Sydney celebrates its 60th anniversary this year.

On the 11th January 1950 a small group of enthusiasts met to start the club with a formation AGM held in February. Primarily established as a sporting club (rather than a pure Marque club) organising speed events, trials and gymkhanas. The first event was a trial run on 26th March 1950. Early events being held at Mount Druitt, Foley's Hill and Castlereagh. Most early members owned cars of varying makes with less than half having an M.G..



The club is a non-profit organisation affiliated with the M.G. Car Club in the UK, other M.G. clubs in Australia and the Council of Motor Clubs (CMC) and whilst the objective of the club is **"to Maintain the Breed"** it is a sporting and social club open to anyone interested in motor vehicles or motor sport. The ownership of an M.G. is still not a prerequisite for membership.



Originally a lot of support was provided to the club by the very enthusiast M.G. dealerships in Sydney as well as Nuffield and BMC also based in Sydney. Today the club has great support from the classic insurance groups and specialist trade suppliers.

During the sixties membership grew with the increasing sales of both the MGA and MGB and less sporting pursuits became more prevalent in the club to cater for the varying tastes of members.

In 1970 the club organised the first MG National Meeting bringing together M.G. owners from interstate for a social and sporting event, an event repeated every year since and now held over the Easter weekend involving clubs from all States and Territories.

Although M.G. production in Australia ceased in 1972, membership continued to be strong and demand was such that during the late seventies, eighties and nineties M.G. cars continued to be imported from several overseas markets to satisfy the popularity of the marque and a membership of between 1800 and 2000 continues to today.

The marque was so popular that when M.G. production restarted under the Rover Group the MG *F* was immediately added to the Australian shopping list and before production again ceased in 2004, a completely new range of sports cars and sedans provided a new and younger group of members the chance to enjoy their everyday car in a club with an exemplary heritage.

**M.G. is truly the marque of friendship.**

In the fifties, a member of the M.G. Car Club travelled overseas to further his motor sport career and became World Champion. Sir Jack Brabham is now a very revered life member and Patron of the club.





# The MG Car Club Limited

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The M.G. Car Club is one of the most respected motoring clubs in Australia. It is affiliated with the M.G. Car Club — UK, the Confederation of Australian Motor Sport (CAMS) and member of the Council of Motor Clubs (CMC). It is a sporting and social club for any person or family with an interest in motor vehicles or motor sport.

**Motor Sport** — M.G. has a long history of motor sport achievements which the club carries on today. It has a Sporting Secretary and Committee who control and organise the club's many racing and sporting events.

**Club Runs** — Throughout the year the club has a variety of runs organised. These include Breakfast Runs, Picnic Runs, Daylight Saving Runs and an annual Fish & Chip Run.

**Special Events** — The club also participates and is well represented in special organised events. Typical of these are the NRMA Motorfest, CMC Motoring Heritage Day, Shannons Eastern Creek and All British Day.

**Social Events** — These are planned to suit the tastes of members and most popular are the Christmas in July and Children's Christmas Party. Yes, Santa does drive an M.G..

**Opposite Lock** — The Club's monthly magazine "Opposite Lock" is posted to all members. It keeps members up to date with coming events, reports and photographs of previous events and is supported by a comprehensive number of advertisers who specialise in parts supply, repairs, classic insurance etc.. Regular technical and historic articles make this a very informative medium for all members.

**Club Website** — The club also maintains a comprehensive website devoted to keeping members and all interested parties up to date on happenings in the club, membership details and historical information. Check it out today! [www.mgcarclubsydney.com.au](http://www.mgcarclubsydney.com.au)

**General Meetings** — Held on the second Tuesday of every month at the Denistone Sports Club, 59 Chatham Road, West Ryde. Meetings start at 7:45PM or arrive earlier for a sumptuous meal at the club.

**Technical Days** — The club regularly organises technical workshop days where members can learn more about restoring and/or maintaining their M.G.'s with the help of technically competent members and specialist repairers.

**National Meetings** — Every year a National Meeting is held over the Easter weekend. Each Australian M.G. Club takes a turn in hosting this major M.G. event involving sporting and social activities. This year it was held in Adelaide and next year (2011) Newcastle, NSW.

**Annual MG Display Day & Concours** — This is the most important day in the Sydney M.G. Club's calendar. Usually held in October each year and open to all owners of M.G.'s, traditionally having up to 200 vehicles on display and held in a relaxed picnic atmosphere with a jazz band, food and trade stalls — this is a must do event for any M.G. enthusiast and family. This year's event will be held on Sunday 17 October at Gladesville Reserve, Crown Street, Henley from 8:30AM.



## INTERESTED IN JOINING?

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