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- 10 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
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NOVEMBER

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- 11-12 Wings Over Illawarra, (TBC) Illawarra Registrar, Michael Hough
- 12 MGA/MGB Workshop Day, MGA Registrar, Greg Keenan
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Club Run, MGTF Classic Registrar, Wayne Blair TBC
Speedway night

February President's Report

Charlie Frew



Welcome to 2023.

I trust all members had a relaxing break over the Christmas period and are recharged and ready for the dynamic centenary year ahead. Glancing through the calendar for 2023, I'm pleased to see so much activity for the start of the year. As we lead into the official centenary celebration, it would be to the club's advantage to have as many members participating in as many events as they can, especially the National Meeting in South Australia. The South Australians have always run an exemplary meeting and I would expect this one to be no different. So, anything we may learn from the meeting will stand us in good stead for 2024.

As this is the first Presidents report for the New Year, I thought it appropriate to list a number of the objectives the Board will be undertaking and considering this year.

Planning for the Centenary National Meeting, Tamworth Easter 2024 is well under way, your centenary committee will be working hard over the year to bring this event to fruition in 2024. If you would like to volunteer to assist in the planning & implementation please contact Allen Gower on 0439 650 401. The sporting area is one where we are in need of assistance. So, if you have been involved in motorsport at any level or would like to train up in this field, the club would appreciate your support. Please contact Steve Perry on 0434 275 970.

Over the last 14 months we have been asking the membership for a member to step forward and take on the Treasures role on the Board. Sadly, no one has come forward. In order to fill this role, the Board has appointed David Milling for the next 8 months. This appointment will get us through the balance of the financial year and the audit period that follows. David you will know as the printer of our magazine. He is a fully qualified chartered accountant and has extensive corporate taxation experience.

Members will be aware that the club rents a storage facility to hold numerous club items. The cost of this facility is constantly escalating. In the forthcoming months the Board will consider the option of buying a storage facility as an alternative. Members will be

New Members

Stuart Hayes	MGB
Georgio Rimi	MGA/MGB
Jocellin Jansson	MGB
Matthew Stedman	MGB
Warwick Dobbie	TF
Paul Falzon	MGB
Robert Loeffel	Midget & FWD
Vaughan Webster	MGB
Marcus Doling	MGB

advised of developments as and when they unfold.

At the AGM I committed to members that I would provide an up to date financial summary of magazine costs. Subject to my work agenda I will make this presentation at the March or April meeting. Members will be advised in the magazine leading up to this presentation.

Whilst the Board has always invited the membership to offer comment at the monthly meetings, we will be introducing a segment from February onwards call "Members Have Their Say". The objective of this secession is to encourage members to bring items to the Board for discussion before they become an issue. Providing me with prior notice would be appreciated, especially if the discussion point is a big-ticket item. As always I will give members an introduction to this segment at the February meeting.

I would like to take a moment to remind members of attempts by scammers to steal funds by sending emails out pretending to be me or other members of the Board and asking you to purchase vouchers, gift cards or other. These are well disguised scams and should be deleted and ignored.

The Board will never ask you to purchase gift cards, vouchers or any other form of currency, nor ask you to make unexpected payments. If you ever receive an email from one of us that you find suspicious, please give us a call and delete the email.

These emails usually come from random gmail or other free addresses, and simply copy our names and titles to impersonate us. One thing you can do is inspect the email address (not just the name) that has sent the email.

Please be aware and safe on-line, and if anything seems remotely suspicious, delete and confirm through a known contact.

Enjoy the month ahead and I look forward to seeing you all at our weekly and monthly events throughout the year.

Charlie

Welcome all to the MG Car Club Sydney

So, you have bought a 'new' MG, or you have unearthed one long lost in the garage or you have finally finished that 'long, long, longer than you expected restoration & decided to now join the club.

We want to hear your story!

Please send a short story about your car by email and do not forget some pictures!

to: editor@mgcarclubsydney.com.au





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Michael & Jacqui Gerondis MG TD on the December TD Run down the coast to Kurnell.

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Introducing the 2023 MGCC Board of Directors

Charlie Frew... President

Born in 1955, Charlie's interest in cars started at a very early age, learning to drive on a Ford Prefect at 9 years of age. After completing school, Charlie started work in the city deciding to study at night. He approached the then National Bank of Australasia for a loan to buy a VW 1500, sensible choice he thought. The loan was approved and he promptly went out and bought an MGA 1600 MK1, his love for the MG marque had begun. After one year, he sold the car and bought a friend's MGA 1622 MK11. Charlie still owns the car to this day.

Over the years Charlie's interest in the British Marques grew. In addition to the "A", he has had a number of Jaguars and Rolls Royce's which are still in his possession however, would prefer not to list them as he is not sure if Pam knows about all of them. His company cars have tended to be Holden's, BMW's and Mercedes Benz. Working initially for Unilever, Nestle and Pepsi in sales and marketing roles, Charlie went into his first business BP Express Pymble in 1992. Over the years this business won many industry awards as Charlie and his wife Pam developed café and other "industry first" concepts with the view to modernising the industry. Several businesses followed, most notably the development of their own site in the Illawarra. Their current venture which is closely aligned with the automotive, marine and aeronautical industries is focused on value added quality in a range of biodegradable products.

Charlie's involvement in community and charity work has been extensive over the 45 years of his career. Most notably, Charlie was a member of the board of Bowel Cancer Australia from 2006 to 2016 and was the lead advocate for the Australian Bowel Screening Program. During the period 2008 to 2012 Charlie delivered over 150 presentations to corporate, sporting and community groups across Australia raising awareness to this insidious disease. He is currently on the Board of Heart Research Australia where his area of concentration is focussed on raising community awareness to cardiovascular disease which directly or indirectly is responsible for the deaths of in excess of 45,000 Australians every year. Both Bowel Cancer Australia and Heart Research Australia were started by doctors from the Royal North Shore Hospital. Charlie's community involvement also includes sporting institutions. Charlie was on the board of The Killara Golf Club from 1994 till 2008. During this time, he held the responsibilities of board member, Captain, Vice President and President.

Charlie holds an undergraduate degree in accounting and marketing from UTS and Master's Degrees in Public Health and International Public Health from UNSW.



John Clarke...Vice President & Registrar Representative.

My MG ownership commenced in 1978 with a black 1957 MGA Roadster. At the time I was a young Cadet Midshipman at the Naval College at Jervis Bay and enjoyed spirited Sunday morning drives through Kangaroo Valley as well using it as my everyday car for more mundane activities like driving to Sydney and taking out young ladies. After 4 years we tearfully parted company. Jump forward 10 years, one wife and a young daughter later we needed a second car and I renewed my MG affair with a 1967 MGBGT, which I still have today. A short time later I encouraged my retired father to fulfill his lifelong dream to get an MG with a 1971 MGB Roadster, which when he passed away, he left to me. Along the way I have also owned a modern MGTF 160 (later written off by my son) and now an MGBGTV8. I have also recently acquired a 1954 MGTF 'barn find' which I plan to restore one day soon, I hope. I have always done and enjoyed doing the maintenance of my MGs myself, and hopefully you also enjoy reading about some of it in my MGB Musings column.

In my professional life I was a Naval Officer for 21 years in the Supply specialisation with roles in logistics at sea and ashore. After leaving the Navy I had various executive roles in procurement and corporate property management. Now semi-retired I still occasionally contract in these areas. As both a re-elected director of the Club and the MGB Registrar I look forward to continuing to help steer and organise our wonderful MG Car Club in 2023 so that we can all enjoy these wonderful cars and the camaraderie of fellow MG enthusiasts.

Greg Fereday...CMC Representative



My background is from the commercial and industrial side of photographic and digital imaging equipment, retiring in 2018.

I have now owned one MGB for fifty years, a 1966 Mk1 bought in 1972, and three years ago built a second car, a 1965 pull handle but with a five bearing engine. Now retired I can enjoy choosing which car to take when enjoying a drive.



Max Wasson...Sporting Captain



I have been a member of the MGCC Sydney for nineteen years, since I bought an MGB which I still own, myself and my partner Paula Thistleton have recently purchased a MG 1100 so we both can enjoy the club together. I have helped run a manufacturing company for the last forty years with the help of my brothers, it's a family company that our father started in 1952, the business has grown and diversified over the last 30 years. We now have two plants Wasson Engineering Plastic's in Peakhurst where we do plastic injection molding the other Mantova Marketing in Prestons where we make cool room shelving for the service industry.

Alan Heritage...Sporting Liason



I first joined the MGCC Sydney in 1976, shortly after buying my first MG, a red MG TF. I bought the car in Sydney with my first serious pay packet in my position as Research Scientist with CSIRO based in Griffith, NSW. I owned that car for more than 30 years during which time I took it through a full restoration, used it as our wedding car and also had many adventures including the 1992 Tour d'Adelaide rally from Melbourne to Adelaide organised as part of the Australian GP. While living in Griffith, a small group of us linked up with a few MG owners in the Riverina to form the Wagga chapter of the MGCC. During a 3 year transfer to Adelaide for my work, I enjoyed membership of the SA MGCC. In 1984 I added an aluminium-bodied racing MGTD to the stable and campaigned it in Group Lb racing events circuits around Australia; highlight is the 1988 Bicentenary event at Oran Park, a demonstration race at the 1995 Adelaide Grand Prix & the FoSC Easter races on Mount Panorama in 2008. During the years I have attended many MG National meetings & more recently Classic Rallies in my RV8. Over the years I have also owned a TC originally owned by famous racing driver, Col James of Barclay Motors,

5 MGB's, 2 MGC's and 2 RV8's. It has been a pleasure working on them; breathing new life into each one. At various times I have also been a member of the Renault, Citroen and Mustang car clubs, SA Sporting Car Club, Historic Sports and Racing Club and the Northshore Sporting Car Club.

In 1993, I transferred to Sydney for a 3 year special Microbiology project in CSIRO and at the end of the project decided to stay in Sydney with my family. I took a position with a vaccine manufacturer in Castle Hill and later worked in medical device manufacturers including Cochlear, Bionic Vision Australia and ResMed. I have been an active member of the Australian Society for Microbiology since 1965 and am presently National Convenor of the Pharma/ Medical Device Society.

Sheila Trotman...Membership Secretary



My love of cars stems from my days of learning to drive in my Dad's brand-new Ford Anglia around the narrow lanes of Kent in the UK. Living in Kent, Brands Hatch was in easy proximity and attending race days – cars and bikes – was a regular day out.

In the 1970's I worked in Sales and Marketing for the then fledgling first ever concessionaire/importer of Mazda Cars in the UK. One of the perks of the job was the ability to have 3 company cars – they desperately needed to build the second-hand market – a fascinating era! During this time, I worked at many Earls Court Motor Shows and was involved in the marketing and staging of the Mazda Race Team events. My racing connections continued with the John Player Special Race Team when I was employed as Promotions Manager for Courage Brewery.

In recent years I have been employed in managerial and executive assistant roles across a variety of diverse industries including pharmaceuticals, sport, and technology. Since retiring I have been involved with several charities and am currently Treasurer of a local community magazine.

Over the years Steve and I have owned many classic cars including an E-type and an XJ6 Series 111, which I later sold to Maggie Tabberer's husband! During this time, we were members of the Jaguar Drivers Club, where I served on the Board as Secretary. I am also currently a member of the Thoroughbred Sports Car Club.

We were excited to get our MGB in 2017 and are really enjoying it. I have been Membership Secretary of the MG Car Club for the past 3 years and worked with the Board to transition the membership data to the Wild Apricot system. In this coming year I look forward to contributing further to the club and bringing some new initiatives utilising our membership system.

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Allen Gower...Assistant Treasurer & 2024 National Meeting Chairman

I joined the MG Car club in 2006 and since have been a regular attendee of monthly meetings, the club annual Concours events and some club runs. In 2007 I purchased a MGA Roadster and carried out a successful ground-up restoration (with valuable input from a number of club members). I attended the 2015 Yarra Valley National meetings and also became joint All British Co-ordinator (with David Noble). I quickly realised that the greater your input into the club, the greater the enjoyment you are likely to get out of it.

For the past 3 years I have been on the MGCC Board as a Director and Assistant Treasurer. In 2019, I was the organiser of the club Concours and Display Day at Silverwater Park, and in 2020 & 2021 the Show & Shine.

Through the involvement with restoration, and participation in displays, runs and National meetings, I have come to appreciate and enjoy the people and friendship of this MG family. I sense members have a natural feeling of wellbeing when around their cars. My wife Yvonne and I have three sons and 6 grand-children and live in Davidson on Sydney's Northern fringe.

In 2015 I retired from "paid work", after a busy working life as a Chartered Professional engineer and project manager. This retirement has allowed me to indulge more in the cars and the club's activities. I enjoy doing the maintenance on the user friendly MGAs, and am always on the look-out for subtle improvements by keeping in contact with the MGA community around Australia. My dreams and enthusiasm for sports and racing cars was ignited as a young boy when I saw the Lotus Climaxes' of Jim Clark and Graham Hill at Oulton Park in England in 1963. That fire still burns brightly every time I see or hear an MG go past. I hope as a Board member to contribute to the routine tasks and also the on-going development of the MGCC Sydney and be part of the national and international MG family.

Dr Matthew Crawford ... Club Secretary



Matthew is a Specialist Anaesthetist, Intensivist & Pain Medicine Specialist at the Prince of Wales and Sydney Children's Hospital in Randwick Sydney. His undergraduate medical degree was obtained from the University of NSW in Sydney in 1975 and his Anaesthesia degree in 1980. He then spent two and a half years at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester Minnesota USA, increasing his anaesthesia expertise and studying the mechanics of High Frequency ventilation in humans.

On his return he obtained his Intensive Care Degree, and subsequently founded the Prince of Wales Pain Clinic and the Sydney Children's Hospital Pain Clinic.

He was granted Specialist qualifications in Pain Medicine with the formation of the Faculty of Pain Medicine within the College of Anaesthesia in 1999.

He has been an examiner for the College of Anaesthesia and the Faculty of Pain Medicine for 27 years and the NSW Regional Director for the College of Anaesthetists for 12 years.

He is currently the Clinical Director of Surgery and Anaesthesia at the Sydney Children's Hospital, Director of the Chronic and Complex Pain Clinic at Sydney Children's Hospital, as well as having an Adult Pain Practice at the Prince of Wales Private Hospital.

He has travelled extensively in South-East Asia, PNG and Africa providing Paediatric Cardiac Anaesthesia and Intensive Care Services. He was awarded the Paul Harris Fellowship by Rotary PNG and The Order of Lughu by the PNG Government in 2009.

He bought his first MG in 1966, an MGY sedan for £35 and following a two-year restoration, it was his daily drive for ten years until it was involved in a major accident and was taken off the road. He was then involved with a number of Mini Cooper S cars which were eventually passed on to his son and eldest daughter, whilst he enjoyed a Ford Laser TX3 Turbo four-wheel drive and a Toyota Celica GT 4.

In 2005 our eldest daughter stated she wanted the Y Type for her wedding car and over a hectic 9 months we got the car back the day before the wedding. Our youngest daughter then decided she wanted a Y Type two door tourer for her wedding, and that restoration was accomplished over two years, and again we got the car back the day before the wedding.

We had by that time also acquired a Four Door Y Type tourer that my third daughter wanted for her wedding, however that took me six years, with needing to have the car certified at each stage by a structural engineer. Over the time I have acquired another Y Type sedan, an MG Magnette and a 2005 MG TF, which has served me well as a daily drive clocking up 205,000 km.

Having reached mature age my wife Margaret and I have moved on to Mercedes Benzes as our daily drivers. Apart from these cars I also own two one hundred-year-old cars, a 1913 Berliet Thorpedo and a 1912 Stower B5, both of which are completely disassembled, two Minis, a Triumph Bonneville and a 1933 Matchless motorcycle.

I am about to retire such that I can attend to some of these unfinished projects.

Granville Harris..Website & Regalia Co-Ordinator



Starting my career life in Architecture, I am currently a Director of Rapid Aquatic Solutions and last year purchasing Certified Pool, which provides Safety Compliance Certificates to Swimming Pool owners. Along life's journey, I have been a Professional Entertainer for 7 years and Area Director, based in the UAE and then South America promoting

5 Star Hotels. I was first introduced to MG's by my eldest brother who owned an MGB GT. Belting around narrow country lanes in the UK in his BRG machine got me hooked for life and although lucky enough to have owned some wonderful cars MG's have always held a special place. First joining the MG Car Club after purchasing a new MGB in 1971, I was last in the Sydney MGCC during the early 2000's with an MGA 1600 Mk ! and have now rejoined with another MGB 1971. I am looking forward to my time as a Board Member and hope to contribute, in a meaningful way, to the Club that has brought me so much fun, comradeship, life long friends and much knowledge about one of my life's passions.

Hilary Wren...Editor - Opposite Lock



I inherited our beautiful MGB GT, 1972, with it's unique "cross flow head " from my late partner Gerald Heasman. I grew up in a household with a father who was a British Chartered Mechanical Engineer, so as soon as I showed any interest in cars, I was instructed in dip sticks, tappets, spark plugs, jump starting, double de clutching, indeed everything a 17 year old lass needed to keep her on the road to get safely home! I qualified as a Registered Nurse in London in the 70's, to Australia in 1975, where I became a Midwife and then qualified in Cardiothoracic Intensive Care. I have spent the past 35+ years in the medical industry, latterly in a senior marketing role for Asia Pacific, when I also completed an Executive MBA. I am currently the Divisional Manager, ANZ for a Surgical Company. I have now been your editor & magazine publisher for the past four years & my commitment to the club is to ensure that the key communication tool for our members is informative, constructive, educational, inspiring & motivational. However to achieve that goal, I need your valuable input please. Thank you. H



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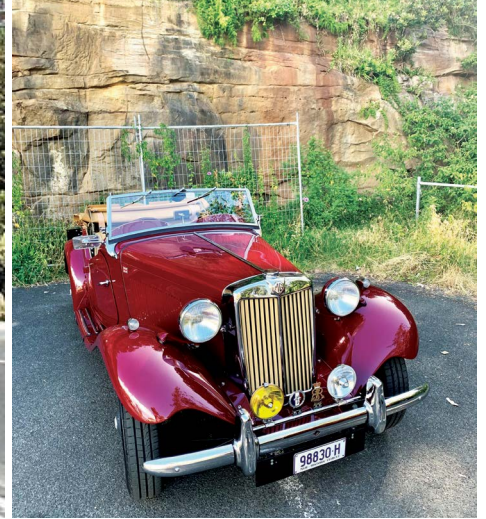
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TD Run to Kurnell



A fun day in the sun on the TD run to Kurnell in early December. After all the rain Sydney shone upon the day and a good day was had by all. Hugging the Sydney eastern beach coast line, sun was shining and the surf was up. A great day out in our wonderful cars, with to thanks to Michael & Jacqui Gerondis for organising the day and turning on the weather.



Ann Jacobs -1957 MG A -wearing a fetching 1950 outfit.

February 14th 2023 Members Gathering- Strathfield Golf Club.



The first week of November 2022 saw the retracing of the Australian leg of the 1968 Daily Express London to Sydney car race.

This month we have three guest speakers Laurie Mason, Gerry Lister and Allan Chilcott, who were all part of this event.

Laurie Mason and his Team were instrumental in planning the exact 5700km route followed in the '68 event.

Gerry and Allan were actually involved in both events, but we'll let them tell their story!"

Greg Fereday & Alan Heritage





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C&V8 Workshop Day Sunday 12th Feb 2023



Our newly appointed C&V8 Registrar Glen Protheroe is inviting club members to his home work shop for a meet & greet, with as many like minded C&V8 club members as possible. He is in the process of restoring his own GTV8.

Presentation on:

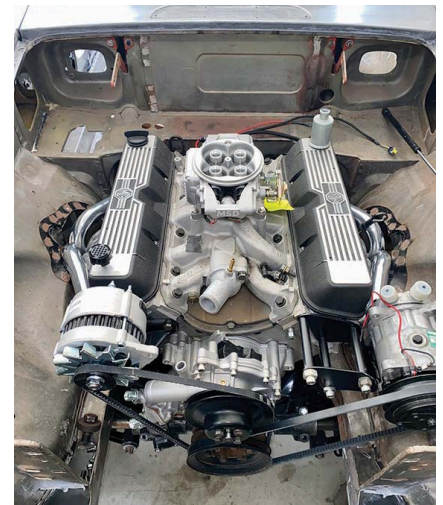
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Demonstration on:

Vapour Blasting
Zinc Electroplating & 'passivating'
Q&A session

Where: 16 Clifford St, Coogee
Start: 9:00
Morning Tea: 10:30
Lunch: 12:00 Sausage Sizzle lunch provided
Conclude: 13:00
RSVP: by 5th Feb 2023
Contact: Glen Protheroe
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I look forward to meeting you all then.

Glen Protheroe



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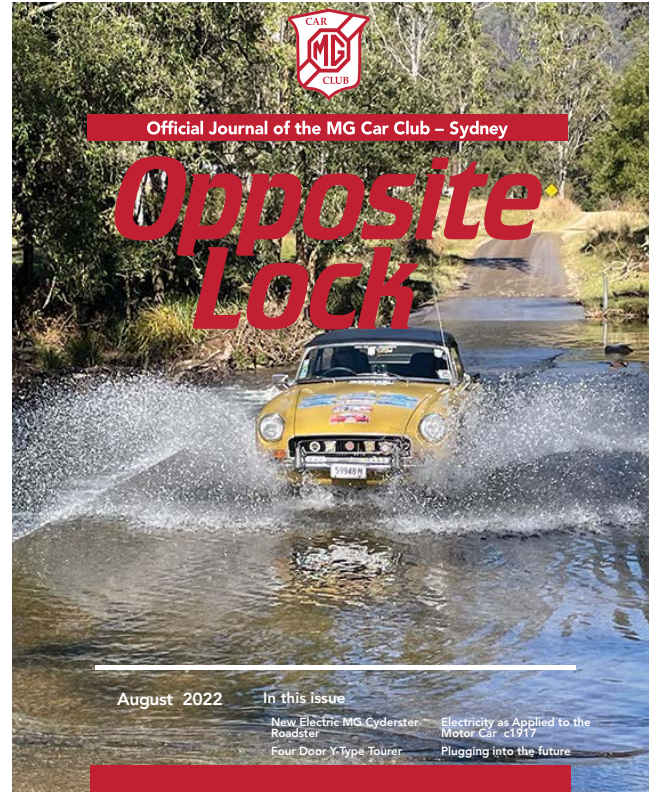
Opposite Lock Front Cover Competition 2022



The winner of the *Opposite Lock* Front Cover competition for 2022 is a picture taken by Alan Heritage, of a TC from Tasmania at The National Meeting at Lake Macquarie. Alan will receive free club membership for 2023-2024.

Second place goes to John & Ros Bastian with "Goldie" taking a slash on the Tour d 'Gloucester, which featured in August.

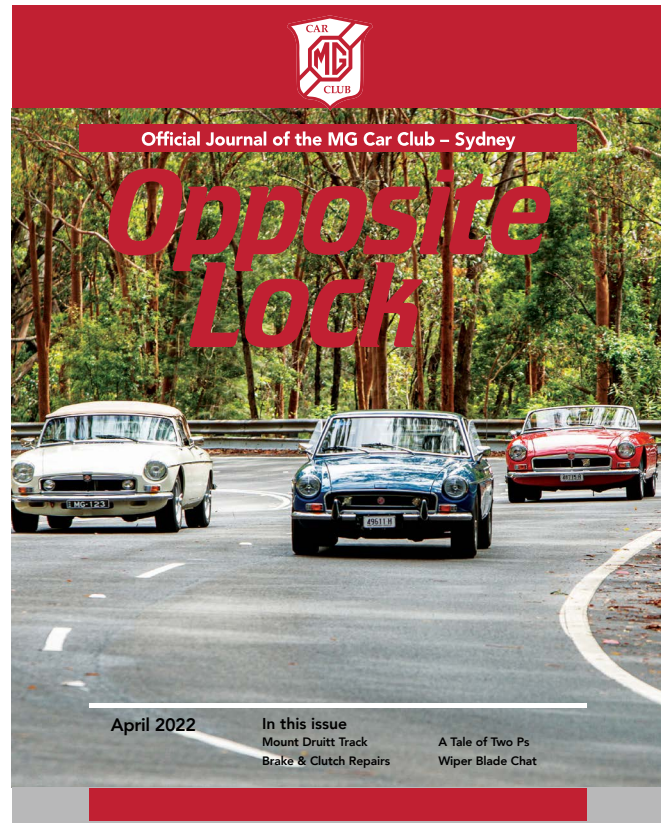
Third place goes to Syd Reinhardt for his TC with



the Harbour Bridge in the back ground, a great Christmas shot for December.

Fourth place is an action photo submitted by Dom Davids of his cream MGB with friends on the Old Pacific Highway. The competition will run again in 2023, so please send in your portrait photos in high resolution to editor@mgcarclubsydney.com.au

Thankyou Hilary



2023 CSCA Supersprint Series



- R1 - 2nd April - SMSP South Circuit - SCCA**
- R2 - 17th June - Pheasant Wood - MGCCN**
- R3 - 9th July - Sydney Dragway - TSOA**
- R4 - 19th August - SMSP GP - CLA**
- R5 - 30th September - Pheasant Wood - MGCC**
- R6 - 22nd October - SMSP North - JDCA**

MGCC Members:

Have you ever wondered about motorsport and even having a drive yourself on a race track?

Your club can offer you opportunities for you & your Chariot, such as Motorkhanas, Supersprints, Regularity & Racing – and even some Drag racing planned this year.

Part of the enjoyment of owning an MG, or any sporting car is trying some sort of motorsport.

Many owners might attend MG National Meetings and thereby get a brief taste of Motorkhana and Sprint or Hillclimb events in their MG – why not think about carrying this fun on to other events during the year?

Your club is a founding member of the CSCA (Combined Sports Car Association) which has several member clubs offering days at a race track to learn more about you and your car. Drivers compete at their own pace, often starting at around road speeds until they become a bit more comfortable at the wheel.

Car control techniques learnt on the track will stay with you forever as safety skills you can apply to everyday driving, that might even help save you & family/friends from serious injury (even from just learning to use your mirrors regularly!!).

What our club needs is a group or groups of drivers keen about their cars and those that enjoy each other's company. We have had many such groups over the years, including some very keen racers who used to help organise and run large race meetings in the 1980s.

We have had groups from our club who regularly competed at Supersprints and historic Race & Regularity meetings as well. Most have had to move on due to age, illness, work and other reasons, and we badly need some keen replacements!

Members have had so much enjoyment from competing and having fun with like minded people enjoying their cars, including much banter after each run. Member Groups made it just as much fun off the track as it was competing!

Our Club has had up to 20 drivers competing at the same meeting in Regularity not that long ago!

Steve Perry



Join us on A Breakfast Run North

Sunday February 26th

Join us for a great run, cafe -style breakfast on the beach at Point Cafe, Avoca Beach

Meet: 7:45 am @ McDonalds 441, Great Western Highway, Wentworthville NSW 2145 for an 8:00 am start.

OR: 8:30am @ McDonalds 513-517 Pacific Highway, Mount Colah NSW 2079.

Navigation: The run will take approx. 100 minutes - click on the link for directions: <https://goo.gl/maps/Ry9UFAMNXK51Ez6YA>

Breakfast: Eggs on toast with side dishes. Plus Tea or Coffee.

Cost: \$30 per person/ \$20 for children under 15 years of age.

Bookings: By Sunday 19 February 2023 via Wild Apricot. Limit: 40 places.

For those having too much fun and not wanting to go home after the breakfast, there is an optional drive on to The Entrance Lake House for lunch - (not included in the cost).

Contact: Julie Porter-Stephens breakfastruns@mgcarclubsydney.com.au

Payment: At time of booking through Wild Apricot preferred.

Alternatively by EFT to the Club's Account: Bank: St George Bank Limited
BSB:112-879 Account No. 043811680

Please use Your Full Name-Avoca as your reference in the transaction details.

If you pay via EFT, you must also email Julie Porter-Stephens at

breakfastruns@mgcarclubsydney.com.au to be added to the event registration.



Natmeet Tamworth 2024 Update

Allen Gower



"MG – Marque of the Century"

The registration for the Adelaide National Meeting is now open and already a number of our club members have booked their places for the event. The MGCC of South Australia has a long history of enthusiastic participation in the National Meeting and this year will see the Speed events taking place at the new Talem Bend track on the Murray River.

Attending the meeting will give our planning committee an opportunity to see how another club runs the event. We have already been in contact with their Registrar and Scorer and will base our system on their successful programme.

Normal registration for Adelaide ends on the 24th February with a late fee applying after that, so I encourage you to register as soon as possible.

Your National Meeting Committee has been busy over the Christmas break and have recently had their first meeting for 2023. During December and January, several visits to Tamworth have taken place and we now have a confirmed venue for the Concours, with arrangements for most of the other events in place.

Tamworth has also just completed another successful year of the Country Music Festival and the town was electric.

The committee has been working on a Natmeet 2024 logo, and this will be unveiled once the detailed artwork is complete.

Since my December update we have made some progress with securing a few candidates for training as licensed scrutineers. However, we still need a few more trainees to come forward to become Motorsport Australia licensed officials please. There are tax benefits for the club to retain our status as a sporting club, however the club needs to run sporting events with licensed officials each year to achieve this. If you are able help your club by being trained,

Please contact ;

Max Wasson: 0418 431 928

Greg Fereday: 0408 611 427

Steve Perry: 0434 275 970

As the senior positions of Clerk-of-the-Course and Chief Scrutineer required for Tamworth take years to train, we have had to approach MGCC Victoria to fill these positions.

"MG – Marque of the Century"

Allen Gower. National Meeting Chairman

MG Social Dinner

Balsa Dining Room at Harbord Hotel

Saturday 18 March 2023

Meet: 6:00pm at the venue for a 6:15pm booking.

Dress Code: smart casual

Dinner: Taste of Balsa

Chef's selection of dishes designed to share

Cured ocean trout,

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Lemon & paprika rotisserie chicken,

Wood-fired Goldband snapper,

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Cost: \$59 per person ,set menu , drinks excluded.

A \$10 fee will be charged for any refunds/ cancellations after Sun 12 March.

Bookings: By Sunday 4 March 2023 via Wild Apricot.

Limit: 20 places.

Enquiries: Julie Porter-Stephens breakastruns@mgcarclubsydney.com.au

Payment: At time of booking through Wild Apricot preferred.

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Touring Run to Lithgow

Thursday 9th February

Join the Touring team for a run to Lithgow Small Arms Factory via the back roads that only Don knows.

Meet: 9am

Where: Mc Donald's Windsor , 242, Windsor Road, Vineyard 2765

Bring: Morning tea, lunch & a good sense of humour

Contact: Don Young 0412 600 415. Touring Registrar

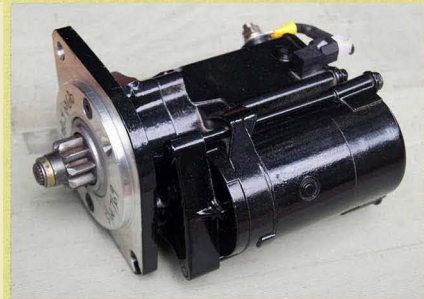


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Perth to Sydney Marathon 2022



RETRACING THE AUSTRALIAN LEG OF THE 1968 LONDON TO SYDNEY DAILY EXPRESS RACE

At 6:30am on October 28th 2022, after four years of planning, the first car of a field of 74 rally-prepared cars set off from Wellington Square in Perth for the start of a ten-day re-enactment of the Australian leg of the 1968 London to Sydney Marathon, an event that under race conditions in 1968 took just three days.

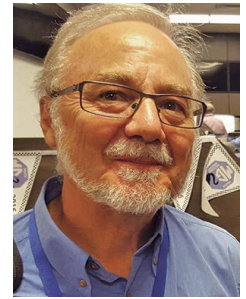
Together with several original drivers and cars from the 1968 event, Alan Heritage and Greg Fereday in Car 31, a 1989 Volvo 244, set off on an epic trek across the continent that was to test cars, drivers and officials on road conditions that turned out to be more challenging than in the original race, according to reports by original entrants.

Three re-enactments of the event from London to Sydney (1977, 1993, 2000) had not followed the original Australian route, but this event had been planned by a team under Laurie Mason to follow as close as possible the 1968 route, and this meant getting permissions from many different authorities, mining companies, indigenous communities and private owners that now owned some of the land a mammoth task for the organisers. They also had to organise accommodation, meals and fuel stops along the 5700 kilometer route for not only the 74 entrants but also for all of the support officials needed to man start/finish controls, passage controls, sweep and recovery vehicles, and service crews. In some towns this meant catering for more visitors than the local population!

A diverse range of cars took part, a 1939 Chevrolet Coupe being the oldest, a 1954 Austin Healey 100, a 1972 MGB GT (that unfortunately failed to finish due to engine issues), Porsche 911's, many 60's and 70's period rally cars through to 2020 SUV's and a Tesla. Of the 74 that started, 57 crossed the line in Warwick Farm in Sydney on Sunday November 6th. Some had dropped out due to mechanical and other issues, some due to route diversions from the originally planned route caused by severe weather conditions in South Australia, Victoria and NSW

The age range of the participants was even more diverse, the eldest being 'in the nineties' – an original entrant in the 1968 event, to the youngest not yet into the teens – yes, there was a family of four with one teen and one pre-teen.. who embraced each challenging day with bright smiles.

Greg Fereday & Alan Heritage



This is a summary of the intended route.

Day 1 – Perth to Southern Cross (923KM)

Day 1 will see an early start from Wellington Square in Perth heading 570km North East into former Gold Rush settlements of the Mid-West region of WA. Crews will travel via New Norcia and Miling and Dallwallinu to Wubin before a lunch break in Paynes Find. Here the event will hit the dirt turning East to the abandoned gold mining town of Youanmi. From this historic 1968 LSM Control the route turns due South via a great section through Diemals Station and then Bullfinch to overnight in Southern Cross. Crews will be plunged deep into the Marathon event with over 450 km of Outback dirt roads during the afternoon run.

Day 2 – Southern Cross to Norseman (464km)

While Day 2 is much a shorter day don't be deceived, 33 km South to Marvel Loch and the 1968 "Horror Stretch" begins and much of the route today is no different to what Crews found back in 1968. Today we pass through more mining leases and tenements where some care must be exercised with mining traffic. We will spend all but 70 km of the day on the dirt visiting two of the most iconic controls of the 1968 Marathon before reaching Highway 1 and turning North to the overnight stop at Norseman. Today is true marathon territory both in terms of roads and scenery.



Day 3 – Norseman to Border Village (733km)

Day three largely follows the Eyre Highway through Cocklebiddy to Madura, where the tarmac came to an end in 1968. At Madura we will embark on the challenging 87km Mundrabilla stage last used in the 1993 LSM event. The final section of the day follows the Eyre Highway into Eucla including the old Eyre alignment via the sandhills to the Telegraph Station and then into Eucla or Border Village depending upon Crew accommodation arrangements.

Day 4 – Border Village to Ceduna (501km)

Today is once again all about the path less taken. Crews will immediately leave the tarmac to follow the old alignment of the Eyre Highway through the old Koonalda Station, well worth a quick look, to the lunch stop at Nullabor Roadhouse. After Lunch, Crews have been allowed special permission to traverse through the Indigenous Lands of the Yalata Aboriginal Community to continuing along the old alignment of the highway via the old Mt Ive Roadhouse and a very special section of old alignment. Crews will require full concentration with fast flowing sections before entering the Aboriginal Community of Yalata and returning to the Highway. After a brief stop at the Yalata Roadhouse for refreshments Crews to head to Penong before following the "old road" along some nice flowing but dusty roads to be welcomed into the finish of the day at Ceduna Day 5 – Ceduna to Wilpena Pound (647km)



Day 5 promises to be an exciting day

With spectacular roads as well as scenery. We begin with an easy 49 km run out of town before taking another 1993 LSM section for 200km deep into the Gawler Ranges to arrive at Mt Ive Station. We then head to Iron Knob and follow the old road into lunch at Port Augusta. Crews should take the opportunity to refresh as the afternoon section to the Flinders Ranges promises to be a real highlight on the event. We leave lunch and follow beside the Pichi Richi Railway on the way to the 1968 LSM TC17 in Quorn where we will be met by the same Officials who manned the control back in 1968. From here to the finish of the day is sure to put a smile on everyone's faces with a sensational run up past The Dutchmans Stern from where the road again turns to dirt to Mount Arden and on to the famous Stuart McCleod "short cut". We will follow a route taken by the 1968 Castrol Route Instructions via Partacoona Station then back to Hookina "5 Ways". Joining the Outback Highway shortly thereafter we will head North to Moralana Creek and line up to enjoy the final 27 km run along what is considered to be one of Australia's most spectacular rally roads.



Day 6 – Wilpena Pound to Broken Hill (466km)

Day 6 begins in the heart of the Flinders Ranges and travels North to Oraparrinna Passage then via the magnificent Brachina Gorge to the West. Fingers Cross that the roads can be repaired in time and we can use the old alignment to Parachilna, and then via the gorge of the same name to



Blinman, and on to Wirrealpa Station. On Day 6 we will travel through nine outback properties to reach Broken Hill so we must be on our best behaviour. The station tracks are in the main maintained but still seldom used and can contain surprises so remain on alert at all times for wash aways, livestock and native animals.

We will pass through Martins Well and Erudina Stations to the iconic Curnamona Station control that has hosted a number of events since 1968. We have been granted special permission to cross Curnamona and Kalabity Station, that is now a commercial operation, and via Boolcoomatta that is now Bush Heritage owned.

Day 7 – Broken Hill to Wangaratta (856km)

Day 7 is another long day via Menindee, Ivanhoe, Gunbar, Carrathool and Jerilderie to Wangaratta. Today Crews will find fast open and generally flat roads for most of the day. We will visit the Menindee Railway Bridge control last visited in 1968 on our way to Ivanhoe before the lunch stop at the Gunbar Community Hall. Some interesting roads in the afternoon down through Carrathool to Jerilderie from where the roads are sealed to Wangaratta.



but instead of battling with the hoard of weekend tourists up the Princes Highway into Sydney as in 1968, we will take a more scenic route up through the Kangaroo Valley and Mittagong to join the Hume Highway and the final run to the finish at Warwick Farm after what we trust will be a memorable event.

The original 1968 marathon had covered the above route in three days, however the 2022 event could never be classified as a race and therefore was planned over ten days.

Next month will cover the preparation of the Volvo to take part in the event, and the unprecedented weather that arrived during the event necessitating various route diversions due to the condition of the roads.

Day 8 – Wangaratta to Lakes Entrance (399km)

In 1968 the Marathon Crews drove all of what we will experience today in the dark. In 1968 the Crews arrived in Edi from midnight on Day 2 of their non-stop drive from Perth. Crews then drove what we will experience on Day 8 entirely in the dark.

We will head to the Edi Control from where our route follows exactly the route of the 1968 Marathon over dirt tracks crossing the ranges via Carboor, Dandongadale, Mt Buffalo and Brookside into Bright.

Take care following the track along the power lines, the drops on either side are as Galignite Jack said, "your clothes will go out of fashion before you hit the bottom". Marathon Crews were expected to "average" 80 kph on the section.

We will lunch in Falls Creek before the run down the now sealed Alpine Way to Omeo, but not before we take you off on some side roads to experience what the dirt roads of the time felt like. We will end the day taking some wonderful forest roads into Lakes Entrance that have been used in the Alpine Rally over the years.

Day 9 – Lakes Entrance to Cooma (323km)

Day 9 is a shorter day where we will head North using more fabulous Alpine roads through the forests to reach Buchan and then on to Murrindal control. Just North of Murrindal we will line up for the 75 km run along the Snowy River Road to Wallace Craigie Lookout to the Ingebyra control.

Arriving into Cooma we will be welcomed to the Cooma Motorfest where we will join up to 400 Classic Cars in the Bi-annual classic car show. We will then dine at the Cooma Monaro Historic Car Clubs Club Rooms and Museum.

Day 10 – Cooma to Sydney (404km)

The last day of the event will travel the route of the famous 1968 Numeralla to Hindmarsh Station Section and will visit the penultimate and last "competitive" control on the 1968 London-Sydney Marathon. From Hindmarsh we will travel via Nowra



Greg Fereday & Alan Hertiage

To be continued

2023 MG National Meeting 7-11 April



January Update

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Registrations have now been open for over a month. The registrar has been kept busy processing over 100 registrations. The standard registration fee applies for another month. After this a late fee will be charged.

There have been several questions about Motorsport Australia licence requirements. As per section 4 of the National Meeting Supplementary Regulations, competitors must: possess a current Motorsport Australia licence, minimum of a Motorsport Australia Speed Licence for the Super Sprint, Motorkhana and Observation Run events, and a Motorsport Australia Speed Junior Licence for junior competitors in the Super Sprint and Motorkhana events. You do not need a motorsport licence for Concours, Kimber Run or the Social Tour.

The link to the Motorsport Australia (formerly CAMS) website to obtain a licence is <https://motorsport.org.au/licence>. Since a Motorsport Australia review on licencing, single event and non-speed licences no longer exist. The minimum licence is a speed licence. This is very annoying to many people who compete in a small number of events; however, this is how Motorsport Australia now issues licences.

In this update we are providing information about the social events.

The first social event is the **Noggin 'N' Natter** which will be held at the Festival Function Centre, Findon on **Friday April 7**. This event gives you the opportunity to catch up with fellow MG enthusiasts, some of whom you may not have seen for several years. Food will be provided at tables.

Once you have been fed you can take part in or spectate at the Rocker Cover racing. The rules for constructing a Rocker Cover Racer are in the Supplementary Regulations.

Saturday is the **Concours**, being held at Wigley Reserve, Glenelg. This is, of course, always a highlight and attracts attention from the public and owners alike.

Saturday night is the **Theme Night** at The Stamford Grand in Glenelg. The theme for this year is "A night at the movies, Disney style". Fancy dress is not mandatory but you may feel left out if you do not try to match your clothing with the theme. The name Disney suggests lots of Mickey Mouse ears, perhaps some ducks in sailor suits or muddled Goofy look alikes. Google Disney Movies and you will be surprised at the range of possibilities. If your club representation is eight people, what about Snow White and the 7 Dwarfs? Did you realise that Cool Runnings is a Disney movie? Word of warning, the dining room is on the first floor and a 4-man bob sleigh may not fit in the lift. The Disney studios have also produced pirate movies so you can dig into the wardrobe and resurrect your costumes from the Pirates of Abbingdon night at the 2010 National Meeting. During the night the class trophies from the Concours will be presented and there will be spot prizes for group and individual costumes.

Sunday, the Motorkhana will be staged at The Bend Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend, and for those looking for a gentler pace, the Kimber Run will end with lunch at the Hahndorf Oval. If you haven't been before, this Adelaide Hills town is a prime tourist spot and well worth a lengthy wander during the afternoon.

Sunday night is a free night. You can have a quiet night after a hectic day at the motorkhana or the Kimber run or you can join with others at an Adelaide restaurant.

Monday. Back to The Bend for the Supersprint, coinciding with the Observation Run and Social Tour which will end with lunch at the Lobethal Bierhaus, who are also a sponsor and have arranged a special National Meeting bottling of a fine brew as a souvenir of the event.

Monday night is the Presentation Dinner which will be held at the Festival Function Centre, Findon, the same venue as the Noggin 'N' Natter. Traditionally National Meeting participants gather in their finest clothing to have a meal and collect trophies from the Motorkhana, the Super sprint and the Observation run. After this has been completed, the winners of the perpetual trophies will be announced, culminating with the presentation of the John Wratten Memorial Trophy to the best performing club at the meeting.

Tuesday morning is the Farewell Breakfast which will be held at The Stamford Grand. The last time the Farewell Breakfast was held at The Grand in 2002 and the food was excellent.

Enquiries about registration can be sent to our Registrar, Chris Bray,

Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au

The National Meeting website is a primary source of information and contacts for the event and is updated as more details become available, so check it out at

www.natmeet2023mgcc.com.au

If you haven't booked your accommodation I urge you to get onto it ASAP! Adelaide is hosting the AFL Magic Weekend featuring all teams from April 13-16, the weekend after Easter and this also falls within School Holidays from most Eastern states so there is likely to be very strong demand for hotel/motel rooms. The Stamford Grand at Glenelg, for example, is filling up fast. Straight after the footy is the LIV Golf Tournament at Grange which will put further pressure on accommodation.

There has been a request from visitors for Trailer parking over Easter, and Peter Micklem in Hahndorf has some space available. His contact details are pbmicklem@gmail.com or 0411238514. The Bend Motorsport Park has also confirmed trailers can be left there but at owners' risk.

Further enquiries can be sent to:

Tim Edmonds, President,
Chairman2023natmeet@adam.com.au

Chris Bray, Registration,
Registrar2023natmeet@adam.com.au

Sandra Cardnell,
Secretary2023natmeet@adam.com.au

See you in Adelaide this Easter!!

Tim Edmonds. President, MG Car Club of SA.

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National Meeting Adelaide 2023

Ros Bastian

The time is getting very close! Soon we will be setting off south to attend the 2023 National Meeting in Glenelg, Adelaide.

will take you directly to the registrations page.

<https://natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/registration.html>

While this link will take you to the latest (December) Bulletin. <https://natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/content/SA-NatMeet-Bulletin7.pdf>

There may well be another later Bulletin by the time you get this, so just keep checking the website.

Themed Dinner – Saturday

Don't forget that Disney characters is the theme for the Saturday night dinner when I am hoping Sydney will put on a very corporate show and all come dressed as either Mickey or Minnie Mouse. If you don't usually 'dress up' try to make an exception this year. All you really need is a red skirt or shorts and white t-shirt and some ears. Ears are sometimes available at Kmart.



Travel Plans

Please, if you know what your travel plans are can you let me know so I can put together a list for people attending the Nat Meet and perhaps provide an opportunity for people to get together and travel in convoy.

John and I are doing a little sightseeing on the way including driving the Great Ocean Road, visiting the Coonawarra wine region and spending a few days exploring Kangaroo island. As I have mentioned before, a national meeting in another part of the country gives you an opportunity to explore that part of our fantastically varied and beautiful continent.

Leaving Melbourne you can explore the wonderful scenery along the Great Ocean Road. Travel via the Princes Highway over the West Gate Bridge to the



bayside city of Geelong.

From here you can take the Surf Coast Highway to the famous surf town of Torquay. For over 400 kilometres, from Torquay to Nelson on the South Australian border, the Great Ocean Road provides some of the most impressive coastal scenery in Australia.

You can find all the information you need at the following site: <https://www.visitvictoria.com/regions/great-ocean-road>

The National Meeting

The South Australian Club obviously has the preparations for this year's Nat Meet well in hand, with registrations now open. The following link



Accommodation

There is only one unbooked room remaining (as at 23 January) at the Morphettville Motor Inn, so if you are attending the Nat Meet then move quickly to secure this. Don't forget to book your accommodation if you have not already done so.

Morphettville Motor Inn
444 Anzac Highway
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<https://morphettvilleinn.com.au/>

So, there is a bit still to organise, unless you are a super organised person and have already done all this!

If you are still hesitating about attending the Nat Meet then hesitate no longer. Sign up and be part of the fun and friendship of a Nat Meet and help represent the Sydney club.

Looking forward to seeing everyone in Adelaide.

Ros Bastian

Illawarra Register

Michael Hough



A Warm welcome to all our members & supporters and we invite you to put the following Illawarra register events into your diary as register run dates for 2023.

I also confirm that we will combine with the Jaguar Drivers Club of Australia (Illawarra Register) for each event and pay tribute to Ron Critcher from that Register, who basically makes the bookings for the yearly program. Thanks Ron!

Normal run dates are the 4th Thursday in the odd months. So.

February 18th Gerringong Motorfest

March 23rd Morning Tea Royal National Park Audley Dance Hall Cafe

May 25th Berry shopping & lunch at The Southern Pub

July Sunday 23rd
Christmas in July Mt. Keira Scout Camp

September 28th
Rhododendron Park Picnic

November 23rd
Run to Fitzroy Falls & Grandpa's Shed

Don't forget that these are social runs so if the weather is good bring the classic car and if it isn't then come in a "modern" and enjoy the fellowship!
Happy Motoring for 2023

Michael Hough
Illawarra Register Secretary

MARCH CLUB RUN - BARLOW MUSEUM

Sunday 12 March 2023

Organised by the MGB Registrar - All Welcome

Join us for a tour of the fascinating Barlow Engine Museum. This private museum houses one of the finest collections of stationary engines in the world, including a very rare copy of an 1867 Otto Atmospheric Engine (the world's first i.c. engine, a non-compression hydrogen fueled engine) and a faithful reproduction of an 1883 Benz "Patent Motor-Wagen" (the world's first car), amongst many other interesting exhibits. A number of these will be able to be run on the day.



Meeting in Richmond, we will take a drive to the lower Blue Mountains before making our way to the Museum, where after morning tea we will be given a tour of the museum by Dr Allen & Annie Barlow.

The Barlow Engine Museum is located at 55 Frogmore Rd, Orchard Hills and secure parking is available on site.

Meet: 8:45 am at McDonalds, Corner of March & East Market St, Richmond for a 9:00 am departure.

Cost: \$8 for morning tea - tea, coffee and cakes.

Bookings: **By Sunday 5 March 2023.** Bookings are to be made through our Wild Apricot membership system. Go to the MG Car Club Sydney website (mgcarclubsydney.com.au), click the calendar from the menu bar at the top, and scroll down to the event. Click the 'Register' button and follow the instructions. Alternatively, you can go straight to the Wild Apricot system (mgccwildapricot.org).

Payment: Payment of \$8 at the time of booking, through the membership system using your credit card.

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Alf Luckman Memorial Fish & Chip Run 2023



The annual Alf Luckman Memorial Fish and chips run was held on January 21st. This year run was changed from the usual Berowra Waters destination to a southern location at Stanwell Park Beach Reserve, as the Berowra Fish Cafe' had suddenly closed. As luck would have it the weather gods were smiling on the car club and put on the only day within the last week of sunshine and light cloud cover, perfect for an MG outing with the top down. A number of members from the MG Restorers Club joined us for the event.

The starting point for this run was at Loftus Oval Car Park. Participants began arriving just before 11:00 hrs, signed in for the run and were given maps and directions to the Stanwell Park Beach Reserve. Just prior to departure a briefing about the road conditions, police activity within the Royal National Park, as well as the presence of motorcyclists and cyclists on the road. They were also directed to the various parking areas at the Reserve.

Departure was orderly at around 11: 40 hrs through the park. Eventually, we ended up in a long convoy of various MG models driving through the picturesque scenery along the route. Unfortunately, we had neglected to station a photographer along the route.

The event attracted a total of 73 attendees in 47 vehicles, 34 of which were MG cars and 13 non-marque vehicles. There was one motorcycle, a Honda Shadow 750cc, owned by John Chadban. Of

the MGs there were 3 MG Ys, 1 MG TD, 2 classic MG TFs, 4 MGAs, 15 MGBs, 4 RV8s, 2 MGFs, and 2 modern MG TFs. Some participants elected to take the quicker route along the Princess Highway, however the bulk of the group chose the 45 min journey through the National Park.



When we arrived at the Beach Reserve the parking bays were fairly full, and as such we were scattered over the three parking areas available. With the large number of participants, the group split into three locations, an eastern, and a western group seated under tree cover and a group at the seating surrounding the Bostin Cafe'.

Fish and Chips was available at the Bostin Cafe'. Due to the high number of attendees at the event, the wait time was in the order of 40 minutes. Margaret & I had told them we had expected between 40 - 50 attendees, which they had told us they could easily handle.

Once it arrived, the Fish and Chips were excellent and were accompanied by mayonnaise, vinegar and mashed peas in separate small containers. Most members did not open the mashed peas. Discussion about MG's, retirement as well as Peter Fogarty's court case resolution, allowing him to stay in his home with his workshop and his desire for as much MG work we can pass his way.

By all accounts most members enjoyed the new location and the drive through the National Park. Some members from the northern suburbs had struggled with traffic to get down south and would prefer the old location. I understand the Fish Cafe' at Berowra Waters has reopened over the Christmas break. As such I will go up and explore if the service, quality and cost of the Fish and Chips.

Most members left around 3:30 to 4:00pm, heading home via the princess Highway.

Matthew Crawford Registrar Post War Saloon

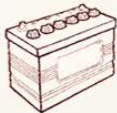




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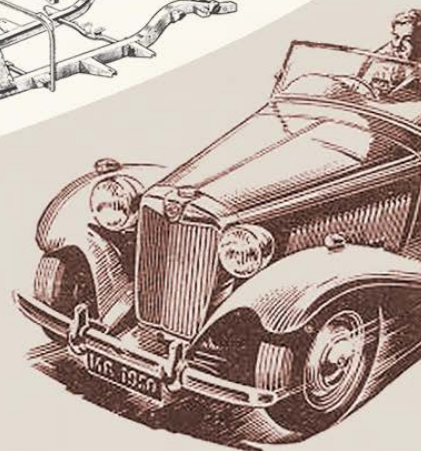
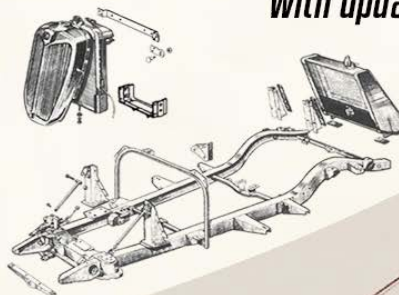


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60th Anniversary of the MGB

With thanks to our models, Ashley Clarke & James C Lombardo.

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Pre-War MG Register, MG Ts & Ys

MG Car Club Canberra Inc (MGCC Canberra) and the Pre-War MG Register of Australia extend a warm invitation to the owners and custodians of Pre-War, T Type, and Y Type MG cars to a socially oriented event to be held in Canberra

Friday 29 September 2023 to Monday 2 October 2023.



The event aims to bring together the biennial Pre-War MG Register Rally & the MGCC Canberra MG TYme celebration of these MG cars.

Eligibility for Registration

The event is for the owners and custodians of Pre-War, T Type, and Y Type MG cars to enjoy social and motoring activities focussed on these cars. Registration will therefore only be open to the owners and custodians, (and their partners of course) of Pre-War, T Type, and Y Type MG cars.



While there will be 'public events' for other MG enthusiasts to enjoy, and the cars will travel on public roads, MGCC Canberra regrets that registration will not be available to enthusiasts or other interested persons who do not own, or who are not custodians of an eligible car.

<https://mgcccanberra.org.au/events/the-canberra-mg-rally-2023/>



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Geelong Revival Motoring Festival

The Geelong Revival Motoring Festival is an action-packed motoring festival held on Geelong's picturesque waterfront. Take pole position for the historic quarter-mile sprints, as 300 classic and exotic cars and motorcycles sprint down Ritchie Boulevard at full throttle.

The Geelong Waterfront will be covered with over a thousand quirky, valuable and fascinating vehicles that are guaranteed to please anyone with an appreciation for unique vehicles. Take a step back in time into our vintage lifestyle zone featuring trade stalls, delicious food and entertainment.



Motoring enthusiasts can top off their weekend in our trade expo zone, featuring great displays, sales and unique demonstrations. And of course, the weekend wouldn't be complete without the National Vintage Fashion Awards, a crowd favourite!

The Geelong Revival Motoring Festival is the ideal way to spend a day out with the whole family and this year's event was a memorable one! Entry was free to all areas except the Pits and VIP zone.

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Submitted by Russell Garth (MGCCSA)



Invitation Motorfest 2023

Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club Inc has pleasure in once again inviting you Club to participate in our MOTORFEST 2023, to be held at Myall Sports Park, Hawks Nest on;

Saturday March 11th 2023

An entertaining programme has been arranged with exhibits of VETERAN, VINTAGE, CLASSIC and UNIQUE Cars and Motorcycles.

There will be displays from local volunteer organisations with food and refreshments available for purchase at the Event.

A number of Trophies will be awarded for selected categories and entries can be made on the day for the various awards.

An entrance fee of \$10/vehicle will apply and proceeds will be distributed across a range of Community Organisations.

Vehicles can assemble at the Park from 7.30AM and all vehicles need to be in position on the Park by 9.45AM to allow for the Official Opening at 10.00AM.

A Registration Form is enclosed should you be in a position to register prior to the Event on March 11th 2023. Please ensure that we have any Pre – Event Registration by Friday 3rd March 2023.

Should you wish to enjoy a full weekend in our beautiful area, the following accommodation may be available:

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Ross Anderson, President.

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Exterior colour: Red

Interior colour: Black

Fuel type: Petrol

Registration: BR4 8CZ

Location: Sydney

Price: \$25,000

Contact: Tim Campbell 0408 407 933

cast2tim@gmail.com



MGY 1949

2nd Place in Class 2022
Concours, Registration MGY949

Black with red interior this car is a superb example of the A series MGY Class. Acquired by the current owner from a former Treasurer of the MG Car Club in 2005 the car was meticulously restored by the owner prior to that and comes with full service history and receipts. The car runs well and handles beautifully.

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Location: Picton

Contact Kelly Jeston 0434 633 997
fjscheeky@gmail.com



NEW

MG TF 1954 1250cc

Great looking car in good working order.

Location: Brookvale

Price: \$45,000.

For further information.

Contact: David McGee,
0418 439 574,

dam0207@rocketmail.com.



NEW

1975 Triumph TR6 Roadster

6CYL, 2.5L Petrol, 150hp. Fuel Injection, 4 speed manual with J-Type overdrive.

Laminated windscreen, head rests, heater, radio/cassette player, lap sash belts, black tonneau cover.

A real collectors vehicle which looks outstanding & drives well. Up to Concours standard and probably unique in Australia.

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Current owner purchased in 2004 & garaged uncover in Southern Highlands, only travelled about 2,500km since re-build.

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Carmine Red with Black Interior.

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British motor industry museum certificate and manufactured in the last production run of P.I model on 7 February 1975 (5th last built).

Chassis number CR6696-0.

Believe imported by Leyland Motors for Sydney Auto Show, 1975. Extras included in price

Rare, one piece (unpainted) factory steel hardtop with glass.

Spare set (4) original factory wheels with as new Michelin tyres.

Various TR6 manuals.

Location: Southern Highlands

Price: \$60,000 ono

Contact: Dennis 0419 596 979

alex.chesser@me.com



MG YA Saloon 1945-1948

Genuine barn find.

NEW

Car/chassis No. Y-3602

Body No. 2758

Eng. No. XPAG/SC/X13454

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Location: Springwood

Price: \$7,500 Neg.

Contact: Russell Turner

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NEW

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Early English import, with matching car/chassis No. SA 1852 and Eng No. QPAG 2125

This is a 98% complete car that requires a rebuild/resto, with only a few minor auxiliary bits needed to bring it back to its full magnificent self.

Some work already carried out and an excellent opportunity to obtain a rare highly sought after 6 cylinder MG.

Black with cream interior.

Location: Springwood

Price: \$21,500 neg

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Classifieds - Cars



1968 MGB

On club plates.
Recent significant engine work.
Runs beautifully.

No rust.

4 new tyres in August 2022.

New fuel pump August 2022.

Roof in good condition

Seats need to be recovered.

Price: \$25,000 ono

Location: Armidale

Contact: Diane Clark

0414 775 944

theclarks2572@gmail.com



1964 MGB Roadster

The vehicle has been garaged for the past 40 plus years, it's currently unregistered but driveable. Would make an ideal restoration project. The vehicle is complete and includes information guides on the restoration process. A very driveable and fun vehicle once registered.

Motor: 1800cc, 5 bearing crankshaft, Gearbox: 4 speed manual

Colour: Championship Red

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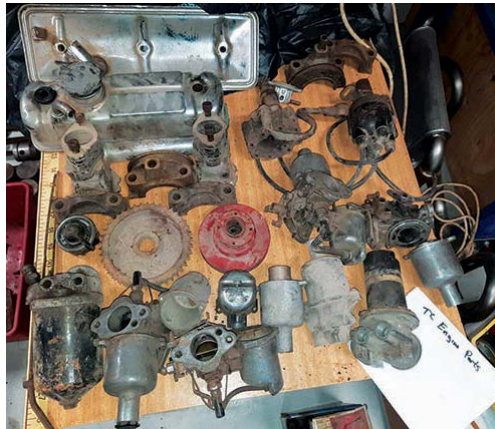
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TF pistons

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Contact: Barry Sutton

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NEW

1968 MGB Roadster.

Boot Lid

Location: Glenbrook

Contact: John Cantrell

0408 245 892

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john@australian-4x4.com.au

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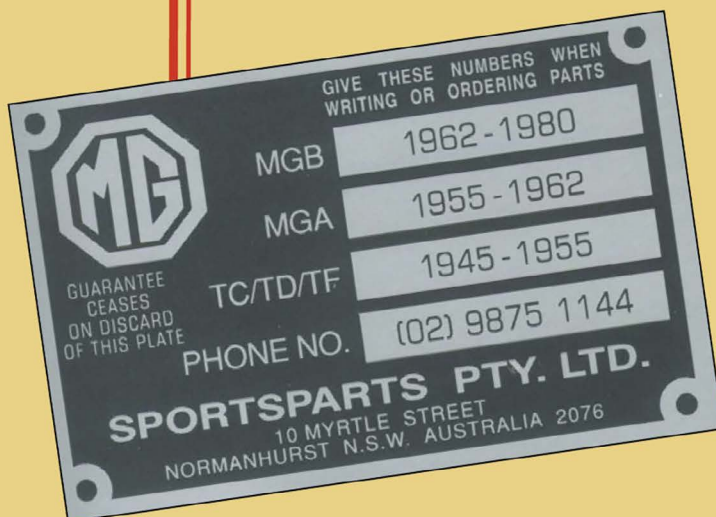
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