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- 3 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
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- 12 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club

Join us for a social dinner at Summer Salt Restaurant, Elouera (Cronulla).

Date: Saturday 14 October 2023

Meet: 6:15pm at the venue for a 6:30pm booking (meet at the table).

Dress Code: smart casual

Dinner: 3 course - https://www.summersaltrestaurant.com/files/ugd/978d0b_11c8928ec30d4a739cf519a78f93ba0f.pdf **Group Menu**

Cost: Set menu - \$90 per person (does not include soft drinks or alcohol - please bring cash to pay for drinks).

A \$10 fee will be charged for any refunds/cancellations after Sun 8 Oct.

Bookings: By Sunday 8 October 2023 via Wild Apricot. **Limit:** 20 places.

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

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October President's Report

Members, I'm sure you will agree that September was one of the most enjoyable car club months we have experienced in recent years. Great weather and much activity to choose from.

The highlight, of course, was the All British Day at the Kings School Parramatta. A three-year catch-up, and whilst we did not see the predicted 1,400 cars on display, it was a solid turnout by the clubs involved.

A big thank you to those who gave their time, especially David Noble and Allen Gower.

On that note, David Noble has advised that this will be his last year coordinating this event. David has fulfilled this role over many years, and we thank him for his service.

If you would like to contribute to the club somehow, please call David, and he will walk you through the coordinating process.

It's a great event, and after several years of cancellations, this year proved the event has a solid future in the British Car Clubs Calendar.

Whilst on resignations, Allen Gower has resigned from the Board after five years of service. As our Assistant Treasurer, Allen has been diligent in fulfilling this role. Thoroughly reliable and keen to assist the Board in any way, his service to the club has been appreciated, and the Board members will miss him.

Given that the bookkeeping responsibilities are facilitated externally, the Board has decided to spread the Assistant Treasurer role across that of the Treasurer and the bookkeeper.

The second big event of the month is the Pre-War, T Type and Y type Canberra Rally. Currently in progress as I type this report, I'm sure Matt Crawford will fill the members in at the October Monthly Meeting.

To symbolise the centenary of MG, the Pre-War Club has commissioned a centenary badge. It is a fabulous design, and the Board has decided to make it available for purchase as part of the 2024 Centenary celebrations.

Details will appear in *Opposite Lock* once the badges are available for purchase.

Glancing at the calendar will confirm that two very busy months are ahead. Julie Porter-Stevens has organised a social dining experience at Summer Salt Restaurant, Elouers, Cronulla on Saturday 14th October. Details on the website.

The club Concours will be held on Saturday, 22nd October, at Silverwater Park, 2 Clyde St Silverwater. This is our centenary Concours, so please, let's make it big.

As I will be in the UK, please accept my apologies.

I will be in the UK for most of October on business, please accept my apologies, and I look forward to seeing you all at the AGM in November.

Charlie Frew



New Members

Welcome all to the
MG Car Club Sydney

Please make yourselves known to one of the members so that we can ensure you meet up with some like minded MG enthusiasts!



Vanessa Donnelly	MGB
Vincenzino & Matthew Ferraro	MGB
Cameron Francis	MGB
Iain & Ruth Frost	MGB
Mike Harrington	MGB
Jodie Healy & Howard Boyle	-
John Langron	MGB
Kerrie Petzoldt & Alan Littlejohn	MGA
David & Tegan Pryce	MGB
Kevin Wall	MGB
Luke Manton	MGB
Geoff & Megan Starkey	-



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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Monthly Club Gatherings are held
the second Tuesday of the month at
Strathfield Golf Club,

52, Weeroona Road , Strathfield.



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to Paris Rally 2010. Picture taken in
the Mongolian Dessert .

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September 12th 2023 Members Gathering-
Strathfield Golf Club.

At our members meeting in September we welcomed Darren & George and the team from Peninsula Sports. Having bought the business now over two years ago in Brookvale on the Northern Beaches of Sydney, the team has expanded from three mechanics to eight and they have recently employing an enthusiastic female apprentice. They are currently looking for more qualified mechanics and the workshop is now catering for more brands and ranges of cars than previously.



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with George, John Martin and Darren



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October 10th 2023 Members Gathering-
Strathfield Golf Club.

Come and join us on 10th October for a report on the UK MG Centenary event which was held on Saturday 27th May at The British Motor Museum at Gaydon in Warwickshire, UK. Greg Fereday was fortunate enough to attend this event and he will share with us his experience of the day. We will also be celebrating the 70th Birthday of the MG Midget.





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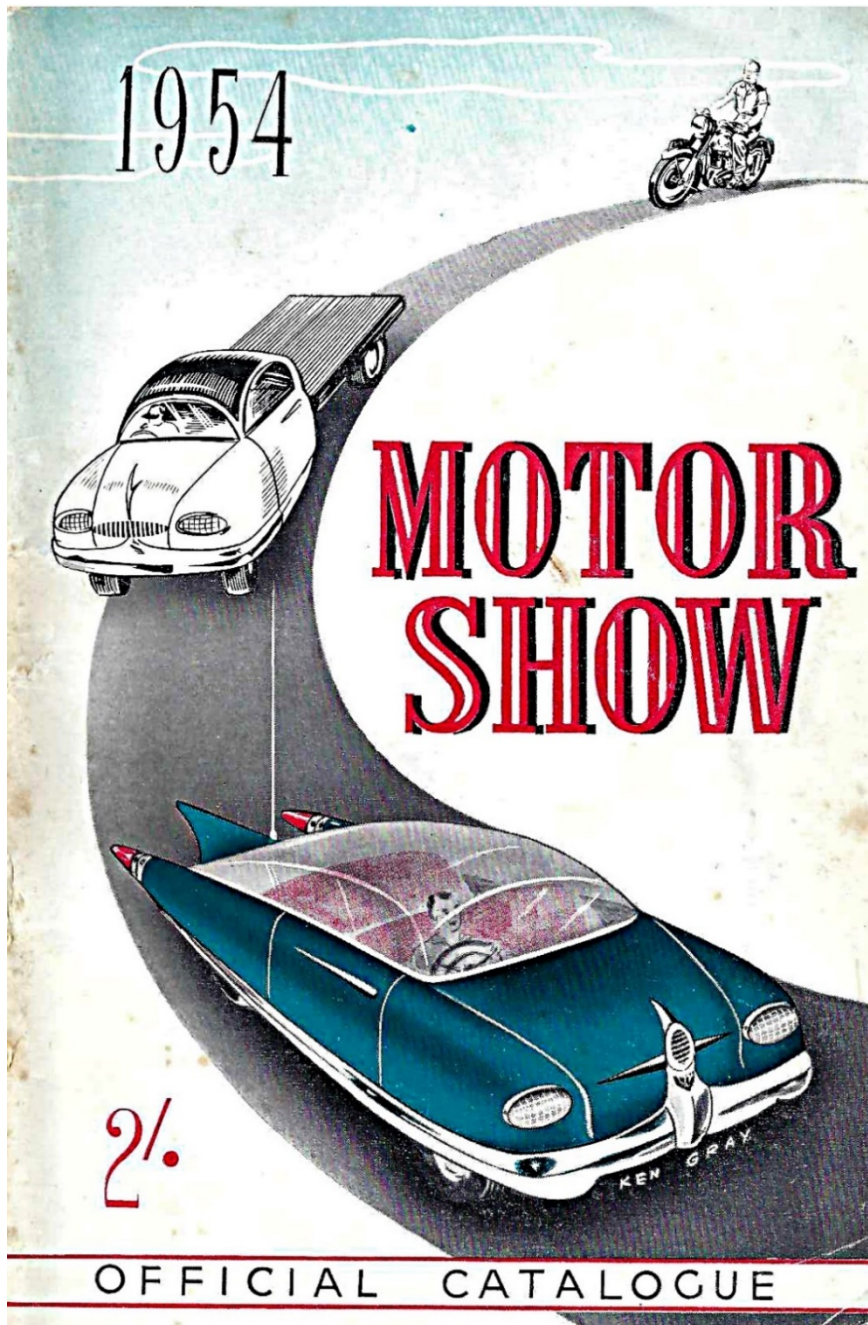



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Arrival Of MG Series ZA Magnette In Australia. 1954.



Left. Front cover from the 1954 Sydney [Australia] Motor Show Catalogue.

Designer of this front cover was striving for the ultra-modern sensational look. Although an Austin Atlantic of the time would have looked at home here. This car show and catalogue make a feature of the new MG Magnette. Previous Year. MG launched the new MG Magnette saloon at the London Motor Show on 16 October 1953. This was a little ambitious as production of 36 cars only commenced in Abingdon sometime in September. In fact, only eight were finished to meet the dead line. Two cars additional to the eight in stock were used as display vehicles at the London show.

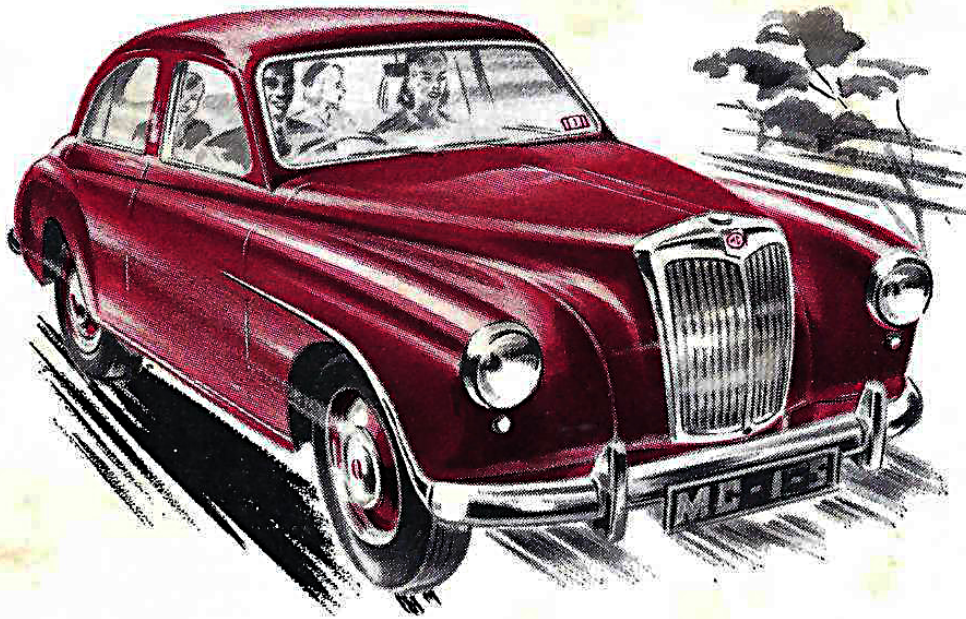
Now 70 years Since

It's thought the two cars at the London launch had chassis No ZA501 and ZA 503 respectfully.



Left. Lane's Dealers Brass Plaque. To my knowledge there was a large import dealership in each Australian state. Small plaque at left was fitted to all MG Series ZA Magnettes sold by Lanes Motors. Screwed to the interior trim panel just forward of the A pillar. Its **Lanes'** unique stock Number [390]. Later plaques are in aluminium and may be on late MG ZAs.

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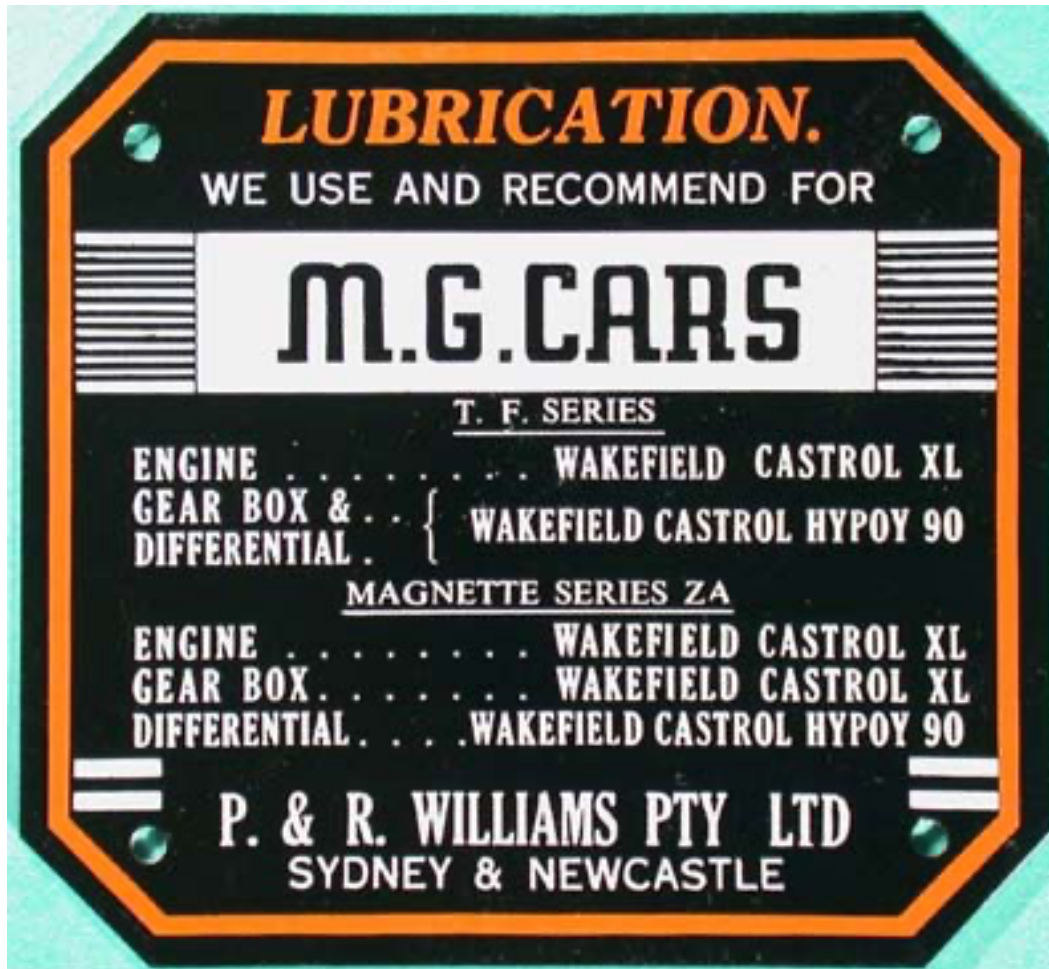
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and at Newcastle

Above. From the centre fold of the Sydney Motor Show catalogue of 1954. Magnette features on stand 3 for Distributors P & R Williams Pty Ltd. Further, it's of note this catalogue is double sided [similar to B5 folded in half] with some coloured plates. If you are an Austin person, the back cover of the catalogue advertises the Austin A40 Somerset as a colour plate.

Arrival Of MG Series ZA Magnette In Australia. 1954. – Continued

P&R Williams Pty Ltd were a large distributor of MG cars [Series ZA and TF] in NSW. Just like Lanes Motors Pty Ltd was in Victoria. The 1954 Motor Show Catalogue indicated above is historically important as on stand 3 of the motor show they feature the exciting new MG Series ZA and MG TF. **Both models had affixed under their bonnet the below 'Lubrication/Advertising' plaque.**



This large aluminium plaque in octagon form was designed to be read. It has a unique colour band. The colour band is distinct from the earlier [Y Type & TD] and later [Magnette and MGA] plaques.

Another NSW distributor/dealer of the MG Series ZA Magnette was R S Ward who also fitted a largish octagonal plaque similar to the P & R Williams Pty Ltd version. Additionally, NSW dealer/distributor Peter Lloyd Ltd also supplied the MG Series Magnette but unsure if any were the Series ZA.

NB. Full series production, of the MG Series ZA and later ZB, only got going in February 1954 from probably chassis No 584 [Remember the first ZA production car was given chassis No 501]

Comment – There is more detail in all four of my books. {found in many of our MGCC club libraries}

Acknowledging

Anders Ditlev Clausager. His excellent book 'MG Saloon Cars from the 1920s to the 1970s'; Used as a reference here.

From Laurence [Loz] W Scott Geelong MGCC 19July2023

70th Anniversary of the ZA MG Midget

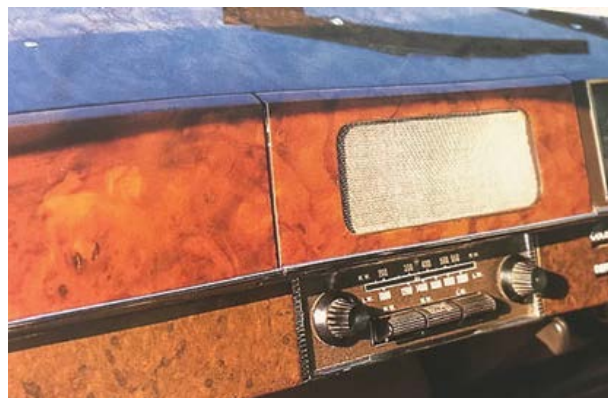
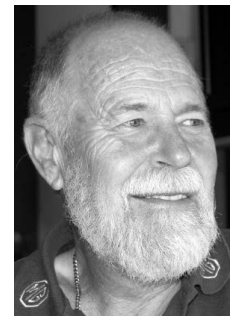
Designed by Gerald Palmer and inspired by designs from Italy the first Z Midget was produced in Abingdon in September 1953, in readiness for the launch date of 16th October in time to coincide with the publication date of the Autocar's eve of Motor Show issue. Only 8 cars were finished and did not include the actual motor show cars. The price was 645 pounds or 615 pounds including purchase tax only 10 pounds dearer than the Y Type.

The press release photos were of the two prototypes that lacked front quarter windows, fog lamps, front bumper overriders and MG badges on the hub caps and had wheels painted body colour instead of silver. Cellulose paint was used and only four paint colours were available, metallic twilight



(commonly referred to as a tin top) wood garnish door cappings, leather upholstery and pile carpets.

The car did not display the name Midget - except on the speedometer or the series designation ZA but there were



MG medallions on the radiator grille, hub caps and a skeleton badge on the bootlid.

There were 18,576 ZA Midgets produced between 1953 and 1956 until the new ZB series started in production. *Peter Baldry*

grey, metallic MG green, maroon and black. The Midget was the forerunner of modern production techniques having independent front suspension with coil springs, rack and pinion steering and semi-elliptic rear springs and Lockheed hydraulic brakes with ten inch drums.

The engine was a 1500cc B Series with twin inch and a quarter SU carburettas giving a top speed of 80 mph and a 0-50 mph time of 15 seconds. The standing quarter mile was done in just over 22 seconds.

The interior was well furnished with the lower part of the fascia panel being bakelite and the top was a metal pressing, both finished to resemble wood,

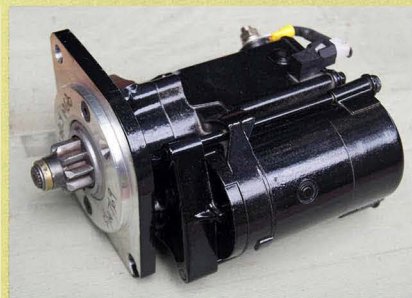


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Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Constitution, the Annual General Meeting of the MG Car Club Limited will be held at Strathfield Golf Course, 52 Weeroona Road, Strathfield 2135 on Tuesday 14th November 2023 at 7.45 pm.

Business

- To accept the minutes of the 2022 Annual General Meeting, Posted in Dec 2022 *Opposite Lock*
- To elect Directors for the year 14th November 2023 to 14th November 2024.
- To receive and consider the Balance Sheet, Statement of Profit and Loss and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors in respect of the twelve months ended 30th June 2023.
- To transact any other business which may be brought forward in accordance with the Constitution.

Please Note

- Only current financial members of the above Club shall be entitled to stand for office, vote or nominate / second candidates for election.
- A current membership list will be available at the Meeting.
- Any current financial member entitled to vote and unable to attend in person is entitled to appoint a proxy, utilising the Proxy Form below .
- Any current financial member may nominate a qualified person (one only) for election by using the Nomination Form in this magazine or a facsimile of same.

Nomination Form

I (Name)

being a current financial member of the MG Car Club Limited, hereby nominate

.....

for the position Director at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on 14th November 2023 and at any adjournment thereof.

Proposer(Name)

Signed Membership Number.....

Seconder(Name)

Signed Membership Number.....

Acceptance

I Membership Number hereby accept nomination as a Director.

NB: The completed form must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least 30 days before the scheduled date for the Annual General Meeting.

Email to secretary@mgcarclubsydney.com.au or hand to Secretary or President at the October Members Gathering.

MG Car Club Limited, Proxy Form

We, as financial members of the MG Car Club Limited, hereby appoint

.....(Name)

of.....(Address)

As my proxy, to vote for me, on my behalf, at the Annual General Meeting of the MG Car Club Limited to be held on 14th November 2023 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed thisday of 2023

Members Name..... Member Number

NB. The completed form must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least 48 hours before the scheduled time for the Annual General Meeting.

MG Car Club Limited – Other Club Positions

In addition to the positions of Directors, at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on 14th November 2023 and at any adjournment thereof the following positions are to be filled.

N.B. there is no form to be completed for these roles.

Please advise the President Charlie Frew , any Director or the Club Secretary Matthew Crawford before or at the AGM if you are interested in any club positions or would like to renew.

There is a presumption that if we have not heard from any current officials to the contrary, that you are willing to continue to serve.

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TD
TF
MGA
MGB

Postwar Saloon
Magnette
RV8
F & TF Modern
C & V8
Midget & FWD Post 2010



MG Car Club Financials 2022-2023.

The Board is pleased to present the 2022- 2023 Financial results to our members.

These will be posted on the website during October 2023 in the Members only section.

Subject to review by the Board and finalisation of the audit, the profit for the Club for the year ended 30 June 2023 should be about \$ 5,000.

In addition to the website publication, printed copies will be available at the AGM. In preparation for the AGM, any questions should be emailed to treasurer@mgcarclubsydney.com.au please.

David Milling, Treasurer.

MG CAR CLUB OF NSW ANNUAL CONCOURS AND DISPLAY DAY



SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2023



SILVERWATER PARK

Entry via Clyde St, Silverwater .

Celebrate the 100th Birthday of the MG
at our 2023 Concours & Display Day.

Judging for all Models of MG's & Non Marque.

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Entry from 7.30 am, vehicles to be in position by 9.00 am,
judging commences at 9.30 am sharp.

Food & Drinks available & Club Regalia on sale.

Volunteers needed to help set up, pack away and man the stalls on the day.

Please show up early to help or contact Matt Crawford
matcrawford@bigpond.com

Cootamundra Sprint 2023

A great racing weekend was held again this year at Cootamundra Airport hosted by the Vintage Sports Car Club of Australia with an open invitation to our club members. Peter Foggarty put peddle to the metal and did the sprint in 16 seconds, he was somewhat disappointed as his target was 15 sec! Cars of all varieties and makes, out to have a good time in the glorious sunshine. A sparkling weekend. I've threatened to race my MGBGT against Don Young's MGB next year.
With thanks to the VSCC. *Hilary*





Let's rev it up.....

210 Days and counting down until 29 March and the 2024 National Meeting.

- ? Have you booked your accommodation?
- ? Have you added your name to the list of volunteers?
- ? Have you thought of any of your particular skills which could be useful or, even vital to the success of the 2024 National Meeting?

So, planning is continuing. Here is a quick update:

Friday 29 March: Registration and scrutineering – this will take place at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC).



Noggin 'N' Natter – Tamworth Town Hall: everybody's favourite and a great way to break the ice, this event gives old friends a chance to catch or to simply meet new ones. Don't forget this is up also where the Rocker Cover Racing will take place with prizes for the best Old No. 1 racer, the best dressed MG of any vintage and the People's Choice Award.



On Saturday 30 March the action moves to the Bicentennial Park in the middle of town for the Concours. This park also hosted the Concours when Sydney last held the Nat Meet in Tamworth.

A sneak peek

The Touring Assembly on Sunday is an 87.1 km run. Initially, it weaves through the City of Tamworth then into the hinterland. The route crosses a number of causeways which may contain water – a bit of fun for the driver to navigate! The route passes through Moore Creek, Hallsville, Attunga, and Somerton, eventually reaching Oakburn Park Motorsports complex with an opportunity to observe the speed event.



Accommodation: Sydney had booked accommodation in three hotels/motels in Tamworth. One, the Stockmans Motel is now booked out. Rooms are still available at The Mecure and also the Golden Guitar Motel - 6762 2999. Make sure you are staying with the Sydney crowd and reserve your accommodation now!

As I said, let's get revved up and ready to get this show on the road!

Ros Bastian – Bulletin Co-ordinator

NOVEMBER



T.C. RUN

'Lunch at The Burrawang Hotel'

Sunday 26th November

T.C. Run - All Cars Welcome

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10:00 am Start.



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RSVP before 20th November - 2023

Bookings are essential for numbers



25th Anniversary Luncheon

Wentworthville Leagues Club,
50 Smith St, Wentworthville

SUNDAY 12TH NOVEMBER 2023



WARREN BROWN OAM IS THIS YEAR'S GUEST SPEAKER



In May 2005, Brown co-devised and participated in a recreation of the 1907 *Peking to Paris* race using five 100-year-old cars to retrace the original 16,000 km route from Beijing to Paris. He and co-driver Lang Kidby were awarded the Australian Geographic 'Spirit of Adventure' award. Brown is a keen motoring enthusiast.

He owns several vintage vehicles including a 1929 *Dennis fire engine*.

WILL HAGON WILL BE OUR MC

Come and join us for lots of fun - including short features of our 25 years, prizes etc.
Price is \$40 PP (Members) \$60 (Non-Members) for a 2-course meal with tea/coffee & mints & Celebration Cake Dessert

Luncheon begins at 12.00 noon preceded by the AGM.

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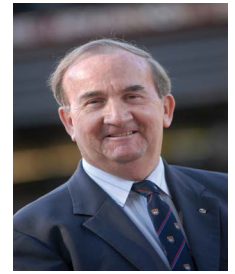
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Illawarra Register

Michael Hough



The Illawarra register local run is coming up very soon as I write this report, and is on September 28th at Rhododendron Park. Tour of the Gardens and then lunch at Collegians Balgownie Club afterwards. For a good coverage of the gardens see:-

<https://thefoldillawarra.com.au/things-to-do/houses-gardens/illawarra-rhododendron-gardens/>

For the month's report I want to present a very personal view of being the lone Illawarra register attendee at the All-British Day at the Kings School which was held on a scorching hot day on Sunday 17 Sept 23.

I found that there was low levels of support for attending the event from enthusiasts in the Illawarra region, and the most common reasons stated to me were:-

- There was no wider range of activities this Year beyond an actual car show- as the accompanying Kings School Fair was not being run- and this meant a number of the partners were not keen to come.
- As membership of the Clubs ages, fewer members want to spend a very long day on the road to be there before the cut-off entry time and then battle heavy traffic on the way home.
- The cost of fuel adding to the recession affecting many people's budgets for 'luxuries'.
- It was predicted as a very hot day and that may have deterred some from actually coming 'on the day'.

Nevertheless, I am pleased to report that I found it a very engaging and refreshing day, and as usual I really enjoyed wandering around the very many cars and clubs and being reminded of the wide range of types and models that came out of the UK.

Reminders:-

- Wings Over Illawarra will not run in 2023, as the current organisers of Wings over Illawarra have agreed to transfer the running of the event to the organisation that has run the famous Avalon Air Show.
- As a result there will be a name change to "Airshows Downunder- The Sheelharbour Air Show".
- The first Airshow will be held as a 3 day event run in early 2024.
- Scheduled for :-Friday 1st March - Sunday 3rd March 2024

November 23rd. Run to Fitzroy Falls and Grandpa's Shed

As well as beautiful countryside around Fitzroy Falls itself, Grandpa's shed is an iconic mix of "trash and treasure" and genuine memorabilia / old wares. For details see:-

<https://www.visitsouthernhighlands.com.au/operator/granpas-shed/>

Illawarra Register Runs in 2024, suggestions requested please.

Ron Critcher and I are starting to plan the 2024 calendar, so how about giving us some ideas that appeal to you, locations or events that enable you to run the Historic plate classic vehicle without using a logbook day, and have a relaxing social event.

Suggestions welcomed, and please phone me 0418 424 748 or send an email to mhough5@gmail.com

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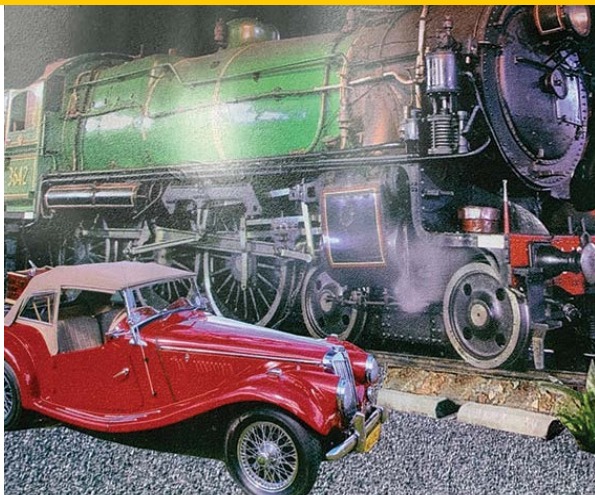
Michael Hough



RV8 to Wollombi

The weather put on a sparkling day for the RV8 run to Wollombi on Sunday 24th September. What a great turn out of RV8's with several new members joining us, welcome to you all.

Alan Heritage .



Back in 1964 , I bought my beloved 53 MGTF. My father's new Austin A40 was parked in the garage . My car was relegated to the back yard, in heavy rainy nights with the hood up, I'd just sat there loving the experience. I bought her at Hastings Deering's Top Ryde when I was just 17 years of age and have been hooked ever since. I was to young to drive her home with confidence, so asked one of the mechanics to drive her so I didn't smash her! Since then we has driven around Australia together. My pride and joy which has given so much pleasure.

Alan Lett.

There are bad days at work and there are really bad days!

No one was seriously injured, but nine exotic cars, a BMW 3 Series and an articulated transporter have seen better days after this truck rolled near the Brands Hatch race track, south east of London in the UK on 27th August 2023.

According to reports from local media outlet Kent Live, the transporter overturned shortly before 8:00pm last Wednesday after leaving the circuit. The cars, two Ferrari F430 Spiders, a Lamborghini Aventador, Aston Martin Vantage, Nissan GT-R, Audi R8, Jaguar F-Type Convertible, Mercedes-AMG GT, BMW 3 Series and Bentley Continental GT, were reportedly part of a drive-experience fleet.

The Daily Mail reports the cars were owned and operated by Everyman Racing and were being moved from a day at Brands Hatch to prepare for another event at the Goodwood circuit in southern England, about 130km away.



On its Instagram account, the company praised the performance of the truck driver for avoiding any injury or impact with other road users, and joked it may need to break out the cut-and-polish to help get the cars back on the road.

While the truck itself seems to be heavily damaged, the condition of the cars is largely unknown as most remained strapped to the trailers. However, the Aston Martin looks to have taken significant impact and the Bentley can be seen on its roof some way from the rest of the carnage, hinting at far more serious damage.

The incident occurred on the A20, a major arterial road near the circuit, which was closed for some time while the wreckage was cleared.

Here's hoping the insurance paperwork was up to date.



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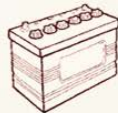


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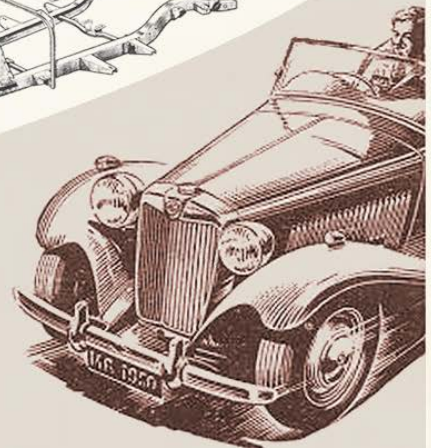
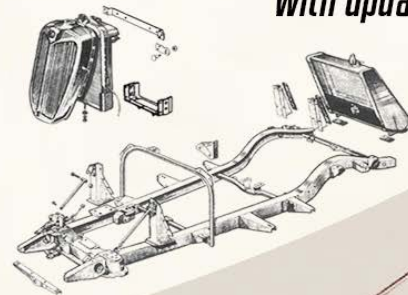
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MGB Returns with V8 & Electric Restomods, Manual Gearbox



The MGB has been brought back to life courtesy of a pair of restomods from UK-based Frontline Cars catering to all crowds as one has a V8 while the other is purely electric. The conventionally powered model goes by the name of "LE60" to mark the original model's 60th anniversary. Only 30 conversions are planned, all of which will get a widened track and body while weighing just 2,473 pounds (1,122 kilograms), or roughly as much as a Mazda MX-5 RF.

At the heart of the Frontline LE60 is a new 4.8-liter Rover V8 engine making 375 horsepower or nearly triple the output offered by the original car. The engine is good for 297 pound-feet (403 Newton-meters) of torque routed to the rear wheels through a five-speed manual transmission developed by Tremec and a limited-slip differential. The hardware is good for a 0 to 60 mph run in around four seconds.

Riding on 16-inch alloy wheels, the Frontline LE60 has a nearly perfect 50:50 weight distribution and an all-new suspension co-developed with Nitron. Stopping power is provided by upgraded brakes with six-piston front and four-piston rear calipers featuring 310-mm vented discs. We're being told the chassis has been strengthened to cope with the significant power boost over the donor car.

As for the BEE, shown here in GT (coupe) flavor with a roadster also available, it has an electric motor rated at 114 hp and 162 lb-ft (220 Nm) channeled to the rear axle through a manual gearbox. According to Frontline Motors, the electric sports car revs like an ICE (up to 9,000 rpm) with a clutch pedal. It gets its juice from a 40-kWh battery pack that can be fully charged in a little over five hours. At 2,615 lbs (1,186 kg), it's only a bit heavier than the V8 variant, and it too has the weight distributed almost evenly over the axles.

Frontline will have the cars on display on October 8 at the Bicester Heritage Sunday Scramble and it says existing owners will be able to convert their cars to EV power. Founded in 1991 as Frontline Developments before rebranding in 2023, Frontline Cars will kick off deliveries of the LE60, BEE GT coupe, and BEE roadster next year.



Adrian Padeanu. News Editor. Europe. Submitted by Jock Granger

Sportsparts

I happened to drop into Sportsparts @ Normanhurst yesterday and got to know it has been 34 years of yeoman service to all of us by Bruce Smith & Co.



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May he be blessed with health, wealth, and happiness in many years to come.

Thought we should mention it in our monthly magazine, if not too late. Best wishes. *Hemal Colonne*

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http://www.classicrallyclub.com.au/images/newsletters/Rally_Directions_2023_Issue_09_-_September.pdf

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Classifieds - Cars



MG TF 1250 1954

This TF is in 'Concours' condition. It was purchased in 1978 as a totally dismantled collection of parts and was then restored over a number of years.

All body panels are original except for the panel over the driver's side rear wheel.

The car was road registered in 1997 and full registration was maintained until the passing of the owner in 2020. The car is currently unregistered.

This completely restored TF was runner up in each of the two MG Car Club annual Concours it was entered.

It was driven on the occasional weekend on full registration.

This sale represents an amazing opportunity for the MG enthusiast to purchase a fully restored MG TF.

Engine # XPAG/TF/35094

Chassis # TF5519

Colour: Red

Bodywork: Standard

Leather Interior: Biscuit

Condition: Concours

Location: Artarmon, Sydney

Price: \$49,000

Contact: Kathryn Edwards

Phone: 0439 993 387

Email: kledwards@iinet.net.au



1995 MG RV8 3.9L

NEW

I purchased the vehicle in 2017 and it has been a pleasure to own. I understand the car was imported into Australia from Japan through South Australia and was transported to Darwin and later down to the Gold Coast where I purchased it.

The car has been professionally serviced and is registered to 22nd August, 2024. The car is Woodcote Green in colour with a black hood and beige leather interior. The hood and leather seats were replaced just after I purchased the car.

The vehicle has travelled 23,190 km, tyres were replaced in 2019 with Supercat tyres through Bridgestone at 21,749 km and I was advised at the time that the old tyres were dated the year of the vehicle manufacture.

Since ownership I have kept the car out of the elements in a locked garage under a dust cover. Both the engine and body are in good condition.

In 2019 the vehicle received 2nd place in the MG Car Club Show and Shine.

Price: \$56,000

Location: Cronulla, NSW

Contact: Barry Braithwaite

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Registration to 26.10.23

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I have all the original new car receipts and records from Bill Ruty the original owner who only drove the car 1,400km until I purchased it in May 2005

Original price new, including extras was \$55,000

I have enjoyed the car for many years with the MG Car Club of Sydney participating in club runs and winning numerous awards but it is time I let others experience the feeling of driving a beautiful Classic MG.

Price: All offers considered.

Contact: Alan Paynter

0418 523 612

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Engine # 18GAUH2071

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Price: \$60,000

Location: Central Coast, Dooralong

Contact: Adam Kirk 0497 472 958

maryskirk@gmail.com

NEW

Classifieds - Cars



1965 MGB Roadster.

Chassis number N893001P, is offered for sale from the care of a 23-year ownership. It is finished in red with a black leather interior and reported to be mechanically sound, having also always having been garaged under a dust cover.

It is equipped with a 1967 gearbox with overdrive, twin Weber carburettors, five-bearing crankshaft and has been converted from dual 6-volt batteries to a single 12-volt battery.

It rides chrome wire spoke wheels, has a resprayed bonnet, new boot lid, factory-made wood veneer dashboard, roll bar and 'Mark II' pull-up roof and will be sold with an MG-branded car cover.

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TF1250 S/N 5693 1954

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As can be seen from the photos, the car is very complete. It would be an extremely good project for an individual or a family as all the major parts are there.

There is no engine but I am willing to locate one for a buyer, if they don't already have one.

Location: Normanhurst

Price: \$18,000

Contact: Bruce Smith
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Classifieds - Parts

I have an English made set of MGB wire wheels with brand new set of tyres.

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Classifieds - Parts



NEW

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Contact: Don Campbell
bob.cam@bigpond.com



Wanted

Spring based replacement suspension set up for the MGF.

I'm a longstanding MG owner in the UK and a member of the UK MG Car Club for forty years. The MG Centre in Sydney used to manufacture a spring based replacement suspension set up for the MGF. I recently contacted them only to find it's no longer available new. I emailed Stuart at the MG Centre who was helpful.

Do any of your club members have an unwanted used set up they would be prepared to sell?

Contact: David Prescott. Lancashire England. UK
idblcouk@gmail.com

Wanted - Cars

1970 mark 2 or a 1971 model MGB. Do you have a MGB Mark 2 convertible for sale?

Contact: Edwina Lofts
edwinalofts@hotmail.com
0414 374 366

NEW



Parts Needed for 1973 MG Midget

Photo of over riders that I would like to fit to my bumpers.

I am also interested in talking to anyone who has any accessories that could be fitted to my car.

Location: Sans Souci, Sydney
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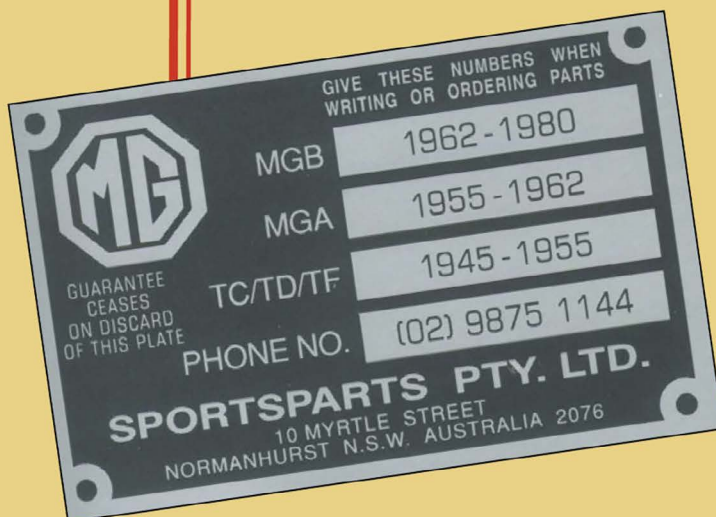
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