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# *Opposite Lock*



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# MGCC Sydney Club Calendar 2024

## FEBRUARY

- 4 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 5 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 13 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 17 Classic Rally Club, The Final Countdown Rally, Jim Richardson
- 17 Gerringong Lions Club Motofest Gerringong, Illawarra Registrar, Michael Hough
- 18 Breakfast Run to Austinmer, Julie Porter – Stephens
- 24 Workshop Day, MGC & BGT V8 Registrar, Glen Protheroe

## MARCH

- 2 Airshows Downunder (nee Wings Over Illawarra) Classic Vehicles Display, Shellharbour, Illawarra Registrar, Michael Hough
- 2-3HSRCA, Canberra Festival of Speed (race & regularity), Thoroughbred Park, Canberra, Seth Reinhardt
- 3 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 4 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 12 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 16 Drive & Dinner, The Royal Cricketers Arms, Prospect, Julie Porter Stephens
- 28 Illawarra Registrar's Run to Berkelouw's Book Barn Berrima, Illawarra Registrar, Michael Hough
- 29 – 2/4MG National Meeting hosted by MGCC Sydney, Tamworth, Charlie Frew.

## APRIL

- 7 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 8 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 9 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 20-21 Classic Rally Club, Cootamundra Classic 900, Jim Richardson.
- 21 Breakfast Run to Patonga, Julie Porter - Stephens

## MAY

- 1 - 9 Touring Run, Great Ocean Rd & Hall's Gap, Don Young
- 3-5 Classic Rally Club, Autumn Glory Trial, Jim Richardson
- 5 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 5 Club Run, Magnette Registrar, Peter Baldry
- 6 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 14 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 19 CMC National Motor Heritage Day, Greg Fereday
- 23 Illawarra Registrar's Run, Illawarra Registrar, Michael Hough

## JUNE

- 2 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 3 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 8-9 HSRCA Sydney Classic (Race & Regularity), Sydney Motorsport Park, Seth Reinhardt
- 8 -10 Tour De Robert Smith & Matt Sexton
- 11 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 22 Drive & Dinner, Julie Porter Stephens
- 30 Club Run, TF Classic Registrar, Wayne Blair

## JULY

- 1 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 7 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday

- 9 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 14 Club Run, MGF/TF Registrar, Mark Robson
- 21 Christmas in July, Mt. Keira Scout Camp, Illawarra Registrar, Michael Hough
- 27 CSCA Supersprint, (TBC) hosted by MG Newcastle, Pheasants Wood, Marulan,
- 28 Breakfast Run to Fairmont Resort, Julie Porter - Stephens

## AUGUST

- 4 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 5 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 11 Club Run, Pre-War Registrar, Robert Smith
- 13 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 24 CSCA Supersprint (hosted by Lotus), Sydney Motorsport Park, Gardner GP circuit,
- 25 Shannons Sydney Classic Display (TBC), Sydney Motorsport Park, Greg Fereday

## SEPTEMBER

- 1 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 2 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 7-8 Gathering of the Faithful (TBC) hosted by MGCC of Wagga Wagga, Peter Baldry
- 10 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 15 All British Day, King's School TBC, (A volunteer is needed to organise this event)
- 26 Illawarra Registrar's Run to Graham Lord's Workshop, Illawarra Registrar, Michael Hough
- 29 Club Run, RV8 Registrar, Alan Heritage

## OCTOBER

- 6 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 7 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 8 Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 12 Drive & Dinner, Como Hotel, Julie Porter Stephens
- 18 CSCA Supersprint, (TBC) hosted by Triumph Club -TSOA, Pheasants Wood, Marulan,
- 19-20 Classic Rally Club, Alpine Classic, Jim Richardson
- 20 MGCC Concours and Display Day, Silverwater Park, (A volunteer is needed to organise this event)

## NOVEMBER

- 3 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 3 Club Run (TC Registrar, John Carter)
- 4 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 12 MGCC Annual General Meeting and Members Gathering, Strathfield Golf Club
- 17 Breakfast Run, Julie Porter – Stephens
- 24 MGA/MGB Workshop Day, MGA Registrar, Greg Keenan
- 28 Illawarra Registrar's Run, lunch at Greenwell Point, Illawarra Registrar, Michael Hough
- 30 – 1/12HSRCA Summer Festival (race & regularity), Sydney Motorsport Park, Seth Reinhardt

## DECEMBER

- 1 Cars & Coffee, St Ives Showgrounds, Greg Fereday
- 2 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 8 Club Run, TD Registrar, Michael and Jacqui Gerondis
- 10 Members Christmas Party, Strathfield Golf Club, Hilary Wren
- 25 Santa comes - Get some MGCC regalia to put under

# Feburary President's Report

Welcome to another year of MG motoring with the MG Car Club. Again in 2024 we have a full calendar of club runs, breakfast runs, social drives and dinners, touring runs, workshop days, competition events with the CSCA, HSRCA and the Classic Rally Club, as well as car shows such as the Shannon's Sydney Classic and All-British Day and of course our Concours. Very importantly our club is hosting the MG National Meeting this year, which we are holding in Tamworth over Easter.



Our National Meeting Committee under the direction of its Chairman, Charlie Frew has been working very hard to put together a great event in Tamworth that we can all be proud of to celebrate the centenary of MG. As the first MG car club in Australia it is only fitting that we host the centenary event.

We are going to need plenty of volunteers to help run the National Meeting. And don't worry, if you volunteer to help out you will still be able to participate and enjoy what is a really fun occasion with lots of social and competition events and activities. If you have not been to a National Meeting before I would encourage you to attend. Details for the National Meeting are in this edition of *Opposite Lock* and on our website. Registration is now open for the National Meeting and if you can help out, you can also sign up to do this from the calendar on the website or by contacting Hilary Wren at editor@mgarclubsydney.com.au

You will also note in a recent Running Board and on the website that the Board has decided to reintroduce the option of a hard copy of the magazine at a cost to those members who want it. The lack of a hardcopy magazine has been a divisive issue in the Club. Unfortunately, with rising costs this is not something that has been able to be done within the current subscription and is also not wanted by many member. An electronic version of the magazine will, of course continue to be sent to all members.

We have a number of new faces on our Board of Directors this year. Board positions will be decided at the February Board meeting on 5 February and announced at the February Members Gathering. A brief CV of our Directors is in this edition of *Opposite Lock* on pages 12-14. Feel free to contact any of the Directors to offer any suggestions or raise any issues.

As most of you would know Charlie Frew did not seek re-election at the AGM so is no longer President, but has retained the role of Chairman of the National Meeting Committee. I would like to take the opportunity again of thanking Charlie for his leadership of the Club as our President over the last 5 years and for the sterling and difficult job he is doing leading the organisation for the National Meeting.

So, get your MG out of the garage and enjoy it with your friends and fellow enthusiasts in the MG Car Club in 2024.

John Clarke

## 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!

Abrahams Benson	MGA
Philip Parker	MG TF Y type
Marius & Emily Beullens	MGB
Eddy Lawrence	NM
Sam Kennedy	MGA roadster
Charles Sammut	HS & TD
Keith Mcilroy	MGA & MGB
Paul & Irene Harrison	MGB
Terry Sanders	MGB
Denis & Sonia Applegate	MGB
Richard Cetnic	MG Midget
Judy van Gelderen	MG-Y



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@mgarclubsydney.com.au

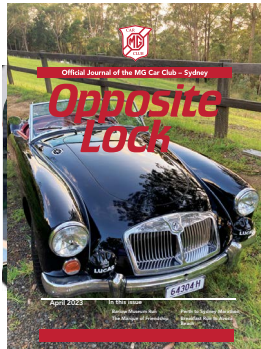




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Monthly Club Gatherings are held  
the second Tuesday of the month at  
Strathfield Golf Club,

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February 2024 Cover:

Robert Smith's and Matt Sexton's  
beautiful MGs.  
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February 2024

### Opposite Lock

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**Touring The Great Ocean Road & The Grampians**  
**1st -9th May 2024**



**1st May Meet:** 9 for 9.30 start , Ampol Foodary. Pheasants Nest, Hume Highway  
Book your accommodation and advise you are with the MG Car Club

**1st May** Heritage Motel, Cootamundra 1 300 130 172

**2nd May** Cadell on the Murray, Moama 03 5482 4500

**3rd 4th & 5th May** Sandpiper Motel, Apollo Bay 03 5237 6732

**6th & 7th May** Country Plaza, Halls Gap 03 5356 4344

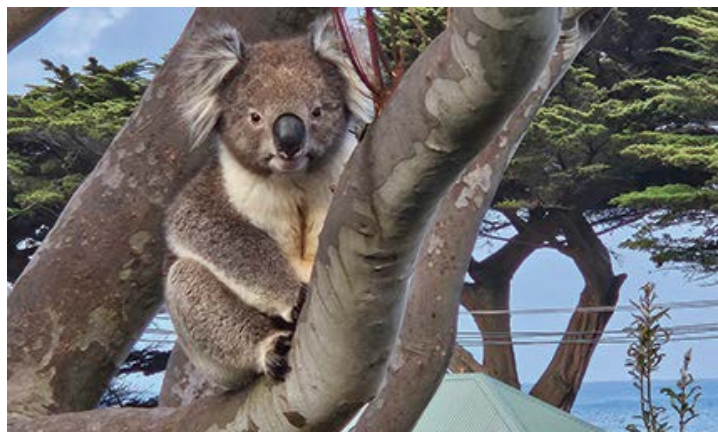
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# Annual General Meeting & Extraordinary Meeting AGM

Annual General Meeting of MG Car Club Sydney,  
Strathfield Golf Club 14/11/2023

Meeting Commenced @ 19:45 hrs

Welcome by President Charlie Frew.

Jim Hull declared Chairman of the evening.

Apologies from: Rod Reed Robert Smith

Nominations for 2024 Board: John Clarke, Hilary Wren, Granville Harris, Lynn Callauad, Jim Lovett, David Milling & Matthew Crawford, was only published 5 days prior to AGM in a Running Board notification to members & not 30 days required by the MGCC Sydney Constitution.

The strong financial position of MGCC Sydney for 2023 was explained with a modest profit of around \$4,000.

New Auditors appointed---- Ben Irvine from Audit Logic.

Multi Birthday Parties held over 2023 – see November Board meeting.

Other significant events for 2023:

Xmas Party on 12/12/2023.

MGB's 60th birthday celebrations.

Magnette 70th celebration.

Treasures Report: David Milling:

Prepared by Allen Gower and supported by Charlie Frew and John Bastion

Acceptance of Auditors Report from Audit Logic:

Proposed by James McMaster.

Seconded Charlie Frew & John Clarke.

Motion presented from the floor: Roslyn Bastian:

"That the Board of the MG Car Club Ltd (Sydney) reinstate a hard, printed copy of *Opposite Lock* available

## **MGCC Presidents Report November 2023**

Once again, another club year has come to an end. Returning a small profit of \$4,911.00 for the year. Moving forward, I am confident the club is in a strong financial position. I would like to thank David Milling for taking on the role of treasurer and for the work he has done in briefing the new auditors, updating the corporate and bank contact details and formalising, and streamlining the financial processes. Whilst some of this work fell outside the official financial year, it is worthy of note in this report.

As we moved on from the fallout of COVID-19 in July 2022, some of the official multi-club events were still on hold. Regretfully, All British Day was again one of these events, making it the third year this event has been cancelled. However, thanks to the All British Day Committee for working together to make the event happen in September 2023.

I am pleased to say the regular club events have returned to normal, and I would like to thank the past and present Registrars for the time they put into achieving a quick return to normal.

The board initiated several new "active member" events in response to the problematic social times. I refer to the annual Christmas party, the 60th birthday of the MGB and more recently, the 70th Birthday of the Magnette. Whilst the Magnette celebration was a relatively simple affair, the Christmas party attracted one hundred and fourteen members, and the Sixtieth Birthday of the MGB One hundred and eighty-five members. A modern

to all members.

That the Board appoint a small Committee to develop a mechanism for the production, delivery and costing of a printed hard, printed copy of *Opposite Lock* available to all members who wish to receive the magazine in this format."

John Clarke spoke against the motion.

To provide a magazine to each member of the club would cost approximately \$ 90 per member or about \$50,000 per year and as our profit for 2023 was only approximately \$4,000, this would require a significant increase in annual fees.

Jim Richardson (previously, a printer) spoke that our option would be to deliver a substantially poorer product to reduce costs, however his option was to produce the very high-quality magazine MG Car Club Ltd was currently delivering.

Voting on the motion:

23 members from the floor, voted for producing and delivering a lower cost magazine

37 members against, with 28 from the floor & eight proxy votes held by Charlie Frew and one by the secretary.

Motion defeated.

Since the Notification of members standing for election to the Board of Directors was less than the required 30 days prior to the AGM, it was agreed to hold an Extraordinary AGM prior to the Christmas Party on the 12/12/2023.

Meeting closed @ 21:45 hrs

*Matthew Crawford* [secretary@mgcarclubsydney.com.au](mailto:secretary@mgcarclubsydney.com.au)

record for a club event of this format. All the above events were financially subsidised by the club and are directed to support the active core of the membership. Approximately a core of 200 members. If you are not part of this core group, you are always welcome in person to club events, as are your suggestions that will help the board modernise its future. Communication is the key, and I encourage all members to communicate directly with the board rather than with a "self-appointed" expert on board matters and club direction. All members are welcome to stand for the board of the club.

As always, the board is grateful to the many members who lend a hand at club events and, most of all, the respective Registrars who take the time to organise them. The club would not exist without this support. So, the board was pleased to see several newer members come forward this year and take on club roles.

As is always the case, some board members and volunteers have decided to call it a day. Allen Gower has been our assistant treasurer for the past four years. The club has appreciated Allen's diligent work, and we thank him for his service. Shelia Trotman stepped down as Membership Secretary at the end of June. Shelia has been responsible for the implementation of Wild Apricot.





I am sure all members will agree that this new system is making the running of events seamless. We thank Shelia for her dedication to this task and the smooth running of the membership system, especially renewals. In thanking Shelia, we welcome Lynn Calluad to the role of Membership Secretary. The Board looks forward to working with Lynn in the years to come. Greg Fereday and Alan Heritage stepped down as directors in July after four years on the board. We thank them for their contribution as directors and are grateful for Alan accepting the Librarians role.

It is always a pleasure to welcome club members volunteering for duty and sometimes joining the board. I would especially like to thank Matthew Crawford for joining the board and taking on the Club Secretary Role. As you all know, Matthew has a wealth of MG knowledge, and his board-level participation is much appreciated.

I would also like to thank the rest of the board for their contribution this year, especially Hilary Wren, for her tireless work as editor.

During the last twelve to eighteen months, there has been a push by a small group of members to make available a printed copy of the club's monthly magazine, *Opposite Lock*. By having a cursory glance at the club's financials, members will see that this is impossible under the current membership fee structure. The board's current position regarding the magazine is as follows. The publication is formatted in A4 at no charge by the editor who compiles *Opposite Lock*, if this was to be outsourced it would cost the club about \$2000 per month. Currently it is sent out as a link for members to

download and read. Links to advertisers are embedded in the download, giving members instant access to the advertisers' business. A small number of magazines, approximately 75, are printed off and distributed to the following groups. Advertisers and MG Dealerships to promote the club. Official institutions such as libraries still require a hard copy. Members who either do not have a computer, can't read a computer screen, or find the text too difficult to read are supplied a copy free of charge. To this date, no member with a genuine request has been refused a printed copy. At the AGM, there will be a motion to make the magazine available to all members in hard copy. If this motion is successful, then members will have to pay a separate charge for the printed magazine. This will also mean that those currently receiving the hard copy will be required to pay for it. Currently, the estimate of this charge will be approx \$100 per annum, this is just to cover the costs of the publication. There will be a Running Board coming out leading up to the AGM, and I would like to ask members to weigh up the options and support the sensible approach taken by the board.

The club's AGM will be held on Tuesday 14th November at 7.00 PM.

As I will not be standing for the Board next year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the board and members of the club for their support and friendship over the last five years. I have enjoyed my time as your President and wish the club all the best for the future.

All the best.

*Charlie Frew.*



## ***Extraordinary Meeting AGM MG***

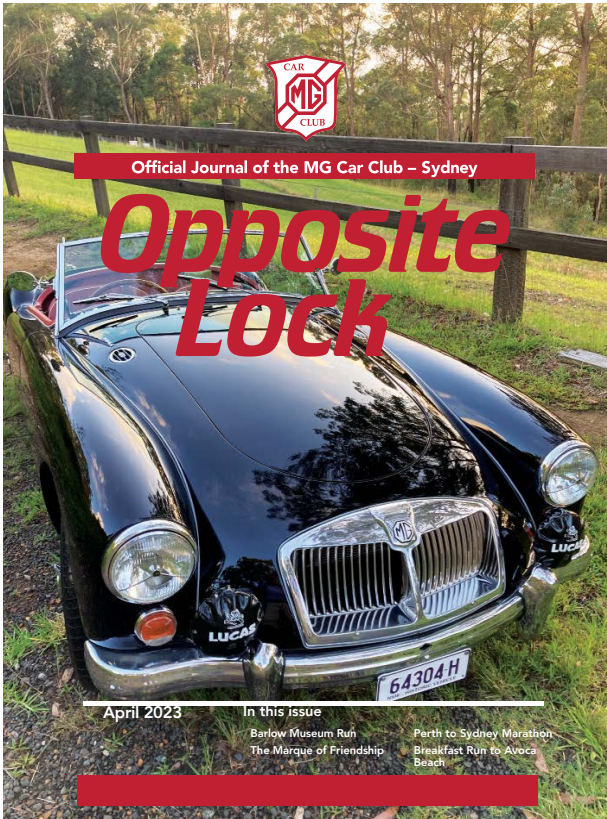
Since notification to the MG Car Club Sydney members had not been the required 30 days prior to the proposed election date of 14/11/2023, it was agreed to delay the election to the next members gathering, which was the Christmas Party on 12/12/2023. Although this was still less than the 30 days required, I asked Jim Hull (our chairman of the meeting on 14/11/2023) to contact ASIC to see if this was legally acceptable. ASIC's reply was that as long as 21 days had elapsed between the notification and time of election, that under the circumstances that was acceptable.

An Extraordinary General Meeting of the MG Car Club Sydney was held at the Strathfield Golf Club just prior to the Annual MGCC Sydney Christmas Party. A vote from the floor was taken, and the Board for 2024 was unanimously elected consisting of:

Lynn Calluad	John Clarke	Matthew Crawford
Granville Harris	Jim Lovett	David Milling
Max Wasson	Hilary Wren	

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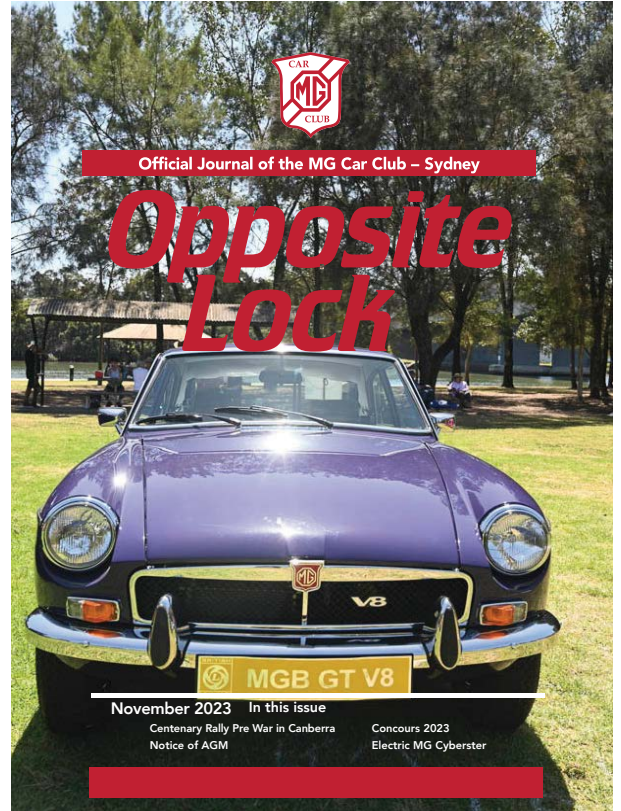
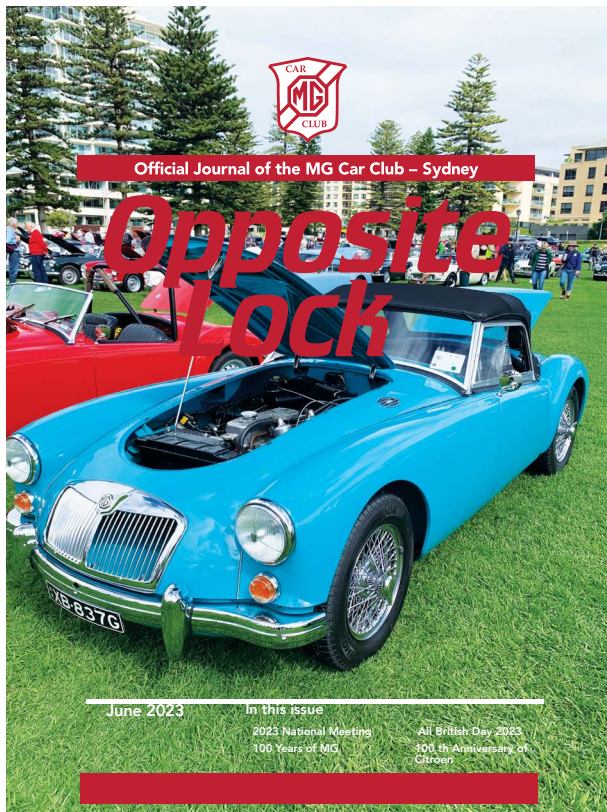
# 2023 Front Cover Competition



The winner of the *Opposite Lock* Front Cover competition for 2023 is a picture taken by Tom Aczel of his black MGA. Tom will receive free club membership for 2024-2025.

Second place goes to Scott Bailey of Leone Johnson's MG V8 taken at the Concours d' Elegance in October.

Third place photo goes to Hilary Wren of a sky blue



MGA taken at the National Meeting in Adelaide. Claudia Lovette took the fourth place position of a TD on a run in early December 2022.

The competition will run again in 2024, so please send in your portrait photos in high resolution to [editor@mgsydney.com.au](mailto:editor@mgsydney.com.au)

Thank you. *Hilary*





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## Introducing the 2024 Board of Directors

### John Clarke. 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 MGBGT V8. 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 2024 so that we can all enjoy these wonderful cars and the camaraderie of fellow MG enthusiasts.



### Hilary Wren. Vice President & Communications

I inherited my beautiful MGB GT, 1972, (The Blue Wren) with its unique "cross flow head" from my late partner Gerald Heasman. We joined the club ten years ago and enjoyed a rally and a Tour d' together.

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 anything 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 40 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 Surgical Division Manager, ANZ for a Surgical Company.

I have now been your editor for the past five years and my continued commitment to the club is to ensure that the key communication tool for our members is informative, constructive, educational, inspiring and motivational.

However to achieve that goal, I need your valuable input please. Thank you. Hilary



### 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. 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.

## 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 Stover B5, both of which are completely disassembled, two Minis, a Triumph Bonneville and a 1933 Matchless motorcycle.

Having now retired I can attend to some of these unfinished projects.

## Lynn Callaud. Membership Secretary



I became a member of the MG car club almost 2 years ago when my husband Jacques bought an MGB, an aspirational car from his youth as he neared retirement, and I tagged along for the rides.

This was only fair since I became a beekeeper when I retired and he tagged along for that journey. I've enjoyed the MG Club runs and meeting new people and it was on one of Don's north coast runs that Hilary twisted my arm to become the membership secretary, and what a journey that's been.

A dedicated Apple user as a former English and ESL teacher, learning the routes and shortcuts of a non-apple computer and new program has been challenging and frustrating in equal measure, so thank you to those of you who have been patient while I navigated my way through.

The MGB, was replaced with an RV8 to get a few more creature comforts and is currently a work in progress as the front end is overhauled before Tamworth.

If you think I have an accent, you're right. I was born in Gateshead in the north east of England and emigrated here with my ten-pound-pom parents in 1969 – you got my sister and I for free. We were only coming for 2 years but arriving in Freemantle my father said 'just look at the sun in that sky' and I knew then we were never going 'home'.

Since then, Sydney has been home albeit with stints in other states when Jacques worked for Shell and a year when we lived in London so I could work out if I was Australian or English – I now have the certificate to prove I'm a dinky-di Australian, even if it only took 50 years.

## Jim Lovette.



Unknown to me my life's program was set in place at age 6 when my father and brother walked me up to the main road to watch the modern day gladiators roar past on their journey in the Redex Trials of the time.

I was enthralled by the magic of it all, it took me more than 30 years to find the vehicle, money and time to finally compete in a similar type of event the Bourke to Broome Bash. I took a boring 1959 Vauxhall Cresta and turned it into a mean competitive rally car competing in the next 5 events before the car was retired to a Vauxhall Museum on the outskirts of Sydney. Not content with that achievement I did a similar job on a 1959 Austin Lancer competing in 2 Camp Quality Capers with Claudia on navigating duties.

I have always had an interest in vintage vehicles and living at Carlingford where we had garaging for 8 vehicles, I started collecting Whippet and Willys Knight relics. The standout was a 1929 Whippet 6 wheel equipped Roadster which we restored to concours condition winning a few along the way.

Also in the collection was my first MG a 1970 Midget which I bought damaged, restored back to near new and drove it for several years, then on sold it to my nephew who still has an MGB today.

My first MGB came by chance, Claudia and I had been on a 2 year Australian adventure in a Nissan Patrol and Jayco Camper. Upon our return we relocated to Coogee and in our apartment building a young couple were looking for a vehicle to do a trip like ours and they had an MGB to trade, so a deal was done. The 1967 MGB (Snowdrop) was ours and so another complete restoration began finished in time to compete in the 2006 Nat Meet to Launceston. Followed by a 2 week tour of Tasmania one of the best trips ever.

Claudia and I joined the MGCC Sydney in 2005, I was still in business and didn't have the time or energy to become fully involved with the club. However since retiring I have the time to contribute and hope that my tenure on the Board is a success. I would like to be an advocate for the members and perhaps be a conduit to the Board with any suggestions or concerns which may arise, I look forward to the challenge ahead and attending my first Board meeting. On a personal note I ran a successful plumbing business, was a project manager for a large building company and graduated with a Diploma in Education, I am also a step father to Claudia's four children Grandfather to 8.

## David Milling. Treasurer



Knowing my accounting qualifications, experience and background, I was approached by our past President, Charlie Frew, to become our Club Treasurer in February 2023, initially with the task of completing the 2023 Annual Financial Statements and liaising with the auditor in his audit review. Subsequently I was elected at the 2023 AGM as a Director, with the intention that I continue in the role of Treasurer.

I do not own a MG, but in my short time as a member I have learnt a lot about MGs and also about the workings and events of the Club.

My working life has been quite varied. I started work with AIS (BHP) in Wollongong, as a trainee Accountant and after university graduation I joined a firm of Chartered Accountants in Canberra. There I worked in general accounting, audit and taxation, and during this time I qualified as a Chartered Accountant.

After 4 years I moved to AIDC, a government owned financial organisation, rising to the position of Financial Accountant. I was involved in the public listing of a subsidiary, AIDC Ltd, and was responsible for the preparation of the financial statements for the group including the listed company, ASX reporting, taxation and other corporate requirements.

In 1993 I retired from corporate life and purchased an office supplies business in Pymble. This I sold in 2017 and moved into semi-retirement. During this time I maintained my accounting membership registration and completed some private accounting work.

My work life has included experience with many software programs, including MYOB, which we currently use, Xero, Excel, Readysell and Pronto for example. I have also had experience with financial institutions, the ATO, auditors and ASIC.

I believe this experience and acquired knowledge will be of benefit to the Club.

It is with regret that we announce the resignation from the Board of Granville Harris due to personal reasons.

Granville has been a dedicated contributor to the Board for the past five years and we thank him very much for his contribution over that period of time.

Granville will continue to serve our club as a Club official in the capacity of Regalia champion.

It has been an honour to work with you Granville on the Board for the past five years and we thank you for your contribution and friendship.

Hilary

## ***Cars & Coffee St Ives Show Ground. 4th January***



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*Photos from Alan Heritage*

# Alf Luckman Fish & Chips Run Saturday 20th January 2024



The Fish and Chips Run was held on the 20/01/2024 from The Bull & Bush Hotel at Baulkham Hills to the Berowra Waters Picnic Grounds. Thirty members of the MG Car Club Sydney assembled in 21 cars at the Bull and Bush Hotel parking area and following a briefing as to how to read the Tulip Diagram directions, we headed off to Berowra at 16:00 hours, zeroing the odometers at the exit of the parking area.

The route took us through picturesque, lush green wooded countryside, up Windsor Rd, on to Kenthurst, Middle Dural and up to Berowra Waters, taking just over 45 minutes to cover the 35 kilometres. The cars with navigators, had no difficulty following the instructions, as each change of direction was marked with a tulip

diagram and the distance from the start listed, both in Kilometres and Miles.

On arrival, many members remarked on the country feel of the run, despite being so close to highly built-up areas of Sydney. Members from the MG Car Club Sydney, who were members also of other clubs asked if we would mind, should they use the same run and instruction sheet for their up-coming runs.

We arrived at Berowra Waters around 17:00 hrs, to find most members had already arrived. All up we had a total of 69 members in 47 cars attend the run, being one of the larger runs in recent years. There were quite a few new members on their first outing with the club, who were keen to explore the other runs we have throughout the year. The Water Vista Cafe did a roaring trade in Fish and Chips as well as other offerings from their varied menu.

Most members departed between 18:30 hrs and 19:30hrs, before becoming too reliant upon the functionality of their old Lucas electrics.

MG Types attending the Fish & Chips Run:

MG TB 1, MG TC 3, MGY 3, MG TF 1, MGA 3, MGB 11, MGB GT 7, MG Midget 1, MG 1100 1, MGC GT 1, MGF 1, MG TF Modern 1, MG ZT 260 1, MG4 1, MG5 1.

*Matthew Crawford  
Registrar Post War Saloons*







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*Are you revved up and ready?*

From February 1 we are counting down the 57 days until Registration Day!  
The MG Car Club Sydney warmly welcomes you to Tamworth, for the  
2024 MG National Meeting, March 29 to April 2, 2024.

Plans are well in hand for this exciting celebration of the marque, including motorkhana and speed events, a concours d'elegance and tours around the scenic countryside to take in historic gold towns and local attractions. Plenty of social activities are planned as well, including the country ball and Rocker Cover racing.

## REGISTRATION

Registration is now open for the 2024 National Meeting.

All the details relating to registration and the registration form can be found here:

<https://mgnatmeet2024.com.au/registration/>

Registration closes: 17 March 2023

Late registrations please contact: Matthew Crawford: [matcrawford@bigpond.com.au](mailto:matcrawford@bigpond.com.au)  
or Leone Johnson: [leonej080@gmail.com](mailto:leonej080@gmail.com)

Please read all the instructions relating to Registration before completing the Registration form.

*See you all in Tamworth!*



## 2024 CENTENARY MG NATIONAL MEETING

### SPORTING EVENTS

#### OVERVIEW

The 2024 MG National Meeting (Nat Meet) to be held in Tamworth & Gunnedah NSW, over the Easter period (Friday 29th March – Tuesday 2nd April 2024).

National Meeting competitive events will require a Motorsport Australia Speed Licence. Both competitive and non – competitive events requiring a valid Driver's Licence.

Speed Licence Required: A competitive Lap Dash Event on tarmac at the Tamworth Oakburn Park Motor Sport facility, (adjacent to the Tamworth City Speedway)

Speed Licence Required: A competitive Motorkhana event consisting of three (3) Tests at the nearby Gunnedah Regional Airport tarmac airstrip. The Three Tests will be; MULTIPLE LOOP, STRAIGHT SLALOM & ARROWHEAD (Diagrams below).

State Driver Licence Required: A "Discovery" Run (replacing the Observation Run) - see details below.

State Driver Licence Required: A non – competitive social Kimber Run will also be held at legal road speeds on public roads.

All these events, along with the Concours, will be held under a Motorsport Australia Permit. Competitor Entry documentation will be processed as part of the Nat Meet entry system. Lap Dash and Motorkhana Entrants only: an Entry/Disclaimer Form, Statement of Compliance Form and Self-Scrutiny vehicle inspection & check sheet (based upon the Motorsport Australia document).

NOTE: Nat Meet Entry/Competition Numbers will be allocated via email. Please send request for Entry/Competition numbers to:

Social and Concourse entrants: Leone Johnson  
[leonej080@gmail.com](mailto:leonej080@gmail.com)

Sporting entrants: Steve Perry  
[windywoofer@bigpond.com](mailto:windywoofer@bigpond.com)



A visual vehicle & safety apparel scrutineering inspection will occur at the Nat Meet check-in facility at the Tamworth Regional Entertainment and Conference Centre (TRECC), in South Tamworth between 9am and 3pm on Friday 29th March 24.

Whilst to our knowledge no MG Electric or Hybrid Vehicles have ever entered or tried to enter a MG Nat Meet, it is to be noted that the NSW Centre advises that Electric & Hybrid Vehicles (EV and HEV) can ONLY enter Social and events OTHER than the Motorkhana or Lap Dash at this Nat Meet due to the additional MA training and equipment requirements and cost for track officials and the additional cost of special fire extinguishers as per MA Standing

# 2024 CENTENARY MG NATIONAL MEETING

## SPORTING EVENTS



Requirements. It is also an MA requirement that EV & HEV vehicles owners are required to have a Logbook for speed events, which will not suit most road going car owners!

Competitors (car owners) and competition drivers will need

their Driver Licence, Club Membership card and Motorsport Australia speed licence (if applicable – for Motorkhana and Lap Dash Competition Events) noting NO such MA Licences of any type are available at the Nat Meet. Single Event/Day Licences are no longer available from Motorsport Australia.

Junior Drivers: 12 years - 17 years of age  
Junior Drivers must hold the appropriate Motorsport Australia Speed licence and Driver Licence/Permit in order to compete.

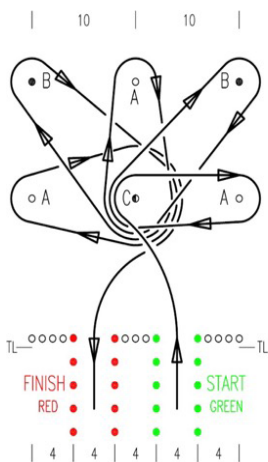
Speed Event: 14 - 16 years of age, or under 17 at the start of the Event, and minimum legal age for a NSW Driver Learner Permit, or equivalent interstate Driver Licence, if participating in the Discovery Run.

Note that MA junior licences will NOT be available at the Nat Meet .

It is envisaged that Two Competition groups consisting of a subset segregation of the Nat Meet Classes will apply with an "early Group - A" and a "later Group – B" to run at the Motorkhana, and the reverse "early Group - B" and a "later Group – A" to run at the Lap Dash to help reduce competitor waiting times. Please refer and read the Supplementary Regulations for each event on the Nat Meet website, and the Instructions for Sporting Forms!

The NSW Centre has requested assistance from two local active sporting clubs familiar with the running of local sporting events at both the nominated event facilities, including canteen facilities or food vendor preparation. It is to be noted that the MGCC of Victoria has also offered their experienced assistance with any additional officials as required, for which MGCC NSW is very grateful.

*Looking forward to your entry!*



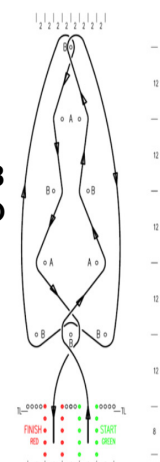
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STRAIGHT SLALOM**



**TEST NO. 3  
ARROWHEAD**



## 2024 CENTENARY MG NATIONAL MEETING

### ROCKER COVER RACING

In 2024 the Rocker Cover Racers will be judged not only on their speed, but also on their looks!

#### Best Dressed Rocker Cover Racer

One exciting new initiative will be the introduction of the 'Best Dressed' Rocker Cover Racer competition to the Noggin 'N' Natter evening.

Three prizes awarded for the Best Dressed Rocker Cover Racer:

- Best Dressed Old Number One
- Best Dressed any other MG model
- People's Choice Award

#### The Racers

- a) The racers shall have no power source. All motive force is provided by gravity.
- b) Racers shall be based on a rocker cover from any MG or a rocker/cam cover of the same

silhouette.

c) The racer shall be no more than 40mm longer than the rocker/cam cover excluding wheels.

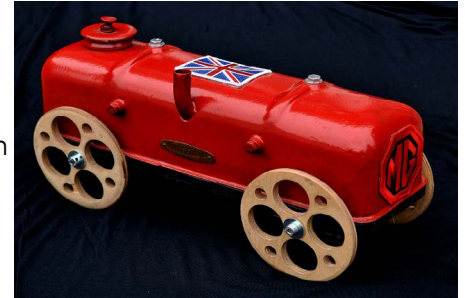
d) Wheel track shall be no more than 200mm.

e) Racers shall have four wheels, no more than 155 mm diameter.

f) The maximum racer weight to be no more than 3 kg.

So, all Rocker Cover Racer enthusiasts,

this is a heads up so you can get designing and 'dressing' your Racer as well as ensuring it is a speed demon. *Let the fun begin!*



### DISCOVERY RUN (previous Observation Run)

#### THE RUN

The Discovery Run is 82km in length and takes approximately one hour without stops. It will commence at 09:00hrs and leave from the Mercure Hotel, winding north east through Tamworth, before heading north west and subsequently south east to end at Tamworth Oakburn Park Raceway. There are a number of causeways along the route, some of which regularly have water running through them. It is advised that you slow down to 30 km/hour or 20 m/hour should you find significant water present. Officials will collect your answer sheets when you arrive at Oakburn Park, and you will be asked a tie breaker question, in case that situation arises. A food van will be present at the site.



#### Replacing the Observation Run

Motorsport Australia (MA) currently regards Touring Assembly or Observation Runs as high-risk events requiring the need for a Motorsport Australia Official License.

The Discovery Run has people driving to a destination, parking in a safe position, exiting the car and walking to seek answers to set questions. MA has accepted that a State Driver's Licence is sufficient for this event. Only people registered for the Discovery Run are eligible to receive the questions and be awarded points which could contribute to their club's Nat Meet total.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

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Photographs entered in this competition are judged in the following categories:

- Best Action Photograph
- Best Still Photograph
- Best Novelty Photograph
- Best Digital Photograph (added DM 2003) - This means "substantially digitally altered from the original" (DM 2008)

### NOTE

- Photographs entered in previous National Meetings are not eligible.
- Photographs must be the registrant's own work and taken within the last two years. The entrants name and details should be on the back of the entry.
- The maximum size of any photograph A4 with the maximum size of the mount 16 x 12 inches (400 x 300 mm) is to be emphasised in the Bulletin advising of the competition. (DM 1998) (Revised DM2003)

*Photographs should be submitted at Registration.*



## MAGAZINE AND WEBSITE COMPETITIONS

### MAGAZINE COMPETITION

This competition awards a perpetual trophy for the best presented MG Car Club Magazine.

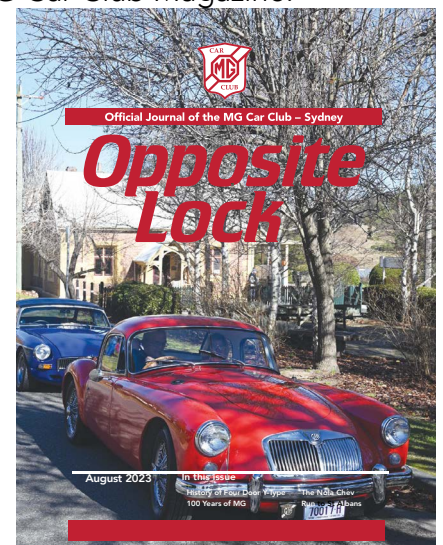
All MG Car club editors are invited to send soft copies of their Club magazines to: [editor@mgcarclubsydney.com.au](mailto:editor@mgcarclubsydney.com.au) and any club that continues to print a hard copy please could these be mailed to Hilary Wren, 7 Loquat Valley Road, Bayview 2104 NSW

*Closing date for receipt of entries: 29th February 2024.*

### WEB SITE COMPETITION

To be awarded to the club with the best judged website having some regard for the membership numbers as provided for the Magazine Competition. Please could each club send your website address to: [editor@mgcarclubsydney.com.au](mailto:editor@mgcarclubsydney.com.au)

*Closing date for receipt of entries: 29th February 2024.*



## Illawarra Register

Welcome to another year of MG Motoring and I hope that all the cars in your collection are going well- even the moderns!

For any new readers, I confirm that the aim of the Illawarra register is to combine with The Jaguar Drivers Club of Australia (Illawarra Register) to conduct a series of enjoyable social runs- broadly speaking within the Illawarra / Shoalhaven and, occasionally, the Southern Highlands region.

We encourage members to bring the classic car where possible, but if not to turn up anyway and enjoy the company of fellow enthusiasts.

### Planned events for 2024:-

**February** Saturday 17 Gerringong Lions Club Motorfest Gerringong

**March** Saturday 02 Air Show Downunder Shellharbour Airport (the old Wings Over Illawarra)

**March** Thursday 28 Berkelouw's Book Barn in Berrima

**May** Sunday 19 Motoring Heritage Day Berry

**July** Sunday 21 Christmas in July Mt. Keira Scout Camp

**September** Thursday 26 Visit to Graham Lord's workshop, Mittagong

**November** Thursday 28 Lunch run to Greenwell Point

Michael Hough



The Illawarra Register events are usually morning events- culminating in a lunch option, except for the Air Show car display-which is an ALL DAY commitment, and the Christmas in July lunch at the Mt Keira Scout camp.

The only difference between the two Illawarra Registers' program is for the Air Show weekend in early March. For that we are recommending the MG's focus on the Saturday event, March 2nd and the Jags focus on the Sunday, March 3rd.

You can go both days of course and you need to register as an individual car owner attending for either or both days. The Air Show is now called Airshows Downunder Shellharbour and will only run every two years as an alternative to the Avalon Air Show.

The organisers are now the AMDA Group who run major events such as Avalon the Seapower Conference and similar. The login ref is:- <https://airshowsdownundershellharbour.com.au/get-involved/classic-vehicle-display/>

Please put the attached dates into your diary, and I hope to see you at the Gerringong Lions Club Car Show in 17th Feb 2024.

Enjoy your classic motoring.

Michael Hough  
Illawarra Register

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## ***Abingdon to Australia via Brescia the story of the most original Magnette***



by the Magnette's capabilities and he bought one, thereby being responsible for its debut at Brooklands in 1933, in which he finished second in the JCC International Trophy. Later in the year, he stormed to victory in the Brooklands 500-Mile Race with a superb average speed of 106.53mph. These achievements did not go unnoticed by Earl Howe, who was assembling the MG team for the 1934 Mille Miglia.

Abingdon prepared three cars specially for the Mille Miglia, chassis 3015, 3016 and 3017, each bearing consecutive 'JB' number plates. Certain improvements were made over the 1933 Mille Miglia cars, including lower exhausts (the co-drivers in 1933 had been deafened by the noise), rerouted fuel lines with armoured wiring conduits and an additional fog light. Hall and his wife Joan were allocated chassis 3016 - the car you see before you, as it is today - while the others were driven by Howe and his mechanic Thomas, and Count Lurani and Penn Hughes. Sadly, things didn't go so smoothly this time round. Howe crashed, Hall retired around half-way when a loose core plug resulted in water contaminating his engine oil, and only Lurani finished.

MG experienced unprecedented racing success when the K3 Magnette appeared. A class-winner in the 1933 Mille Miglia, the works put together three improved cars to contend the famous road race in 1934. This is the story of one of those cars, chassis 3016, as driven by Eddie and Joan Hall.

If you were to take a walk around the paddocks of Brooklands in the 1920s and '30s, somewhere among the chatter of drivers, mechanics, officials and enthusiasts, you would have encountered all sorts of accents, both foreign and regional, and among them the bluff Yorkshire strains of E. R. 'Eddie' Hall. Hall, loaded with new money from a successful life in business, first raced at Brooklands in 1923 and enjoyed a very long career lasting into the post-war years. Some of his most notable drives, however, were in 1933 and 1934 and they involved a certain wunderkind from Abingdon.

The MG K3 Magnette, with its 120bhp, Marshall-supercharged, single overhead-cam 1,087cc straight-six and Wilson four-speed preselector gearbox, appeared early in 1933 with the first two prototypes being respectively used for the Monte Carlo Rally and testing on the Mille Miglia course ahead of the race itself. Three improved cars were then produced for the actual Mille Miglia, to be driven by Earl Howe and Hugh Hamilton, George Eyston and Count Lurani, and 'Tim' Birkin and Bernard Ruben. Eyston and Lurani won their class, with the Howe/Hamilton car behind them in second. Between them, the three cars put in the best performance as a team and were thus awarded the Gran Premio Brescia, the Magnette being the first British car to win such an honour.

On the strength of this victory, further K3s went into production. Whitney Straight bought a K3 privately and out-drove Maseratis on their native ground at the Coppa Acerbo, and Tazio Nuvolari ran away to outright victory in the 1933 Ulster TT. A blown and unblown pair was built for the 1934 Le Mans. The blown car retired in an accident with a backmarker, but the unblown car finished a very impressive fourth overall.

Eddie Hall was among those who were very taken



*Lyster Johnson in the 1938 Australain Grand Prix*

After the race, 3016 was placed on the market through well-known MG dealer University Motors, and sold in May, 1934, to G. W. J. H. Wright, a significant name in the story of the K3 as it was he who drove the prototype in the 1933 Monte Carlo Rally and set a class record at the Mont des Mules hill-climb. He seems to have kept 3016 just for road use, and sold it in 1935 to an Australian enthusiast, Lyster Jackson. He repainted it from its original green to the red it now wears, and enjoyed success in minor competitions, with a win and F.T.D. at the 1936 Victoria S.C.C. Hill Climb and an F.T.D. at the New South Wales Hill Climb later in the year being among his most notable results.





*At Rob Roy in 1948*

The Magnette was also driven in the 1937 and 1938 Australian Grands Prix, but the second of those is thought to have been its last drive with Jackson, as the engine failed and forced his retirement. Jackson still cared for it, however, and in 1940 fitted an unnumbered replacement cylinder block, which subsequently received a number from the Victoria Police Department, V40009P. Jackson sold it to one Bernie Hunt, who completely overhauled it mechanically, and then in 1947 it was bought by Otto Stone of the Day & Stone garage.

This was when 3016 really came into its own. At 13 years old, it was about to embark on the most active and successful phase of its life. Stone raced it continuously over a 26-year period, tuning and developing it along the way. He fitted a Laystall crankshaft with which 3016 recorded a 117mph top speed, hydraulic brakes and an L-type cylinder block. He would attend hill-climbs and race meetings most weekends during the season, often driving to them with a tank of petrol, swapping his carburettor needle, filling up with methanol for the race and then reverting to petrol to drive home.

Stone sold the car to Phil Vickery in 1974, and he to MG collector Rod Hiley in 1977. It was auctioned in London in 1999 and bought by the English K3 model authority Peter Green, who was impressed by its originality, and it changed hands again for the last time in 2003. Greatly impressed by its originality, the body appears never to have been removed or damaged and, most significantly, 3016 is the only one of the 1934 Mille Miglia cars to retain all its original special equipment - the low pipes, armoured fuel lines and auxiliary fog light. The Victoria Police-stamped K3 cylinder block still accompanied it, so the present owner went to work repairing, rebuilding and reinstalling it, and the result, as many marque authorities will tell you, is "the most correct and original" K3 Magnette still in existence.

*Stone Racing in the 1950 Australian Grand Prix 1947*



*Pre War Car.Com website. Submitted by Robert Smith & Jock Granger*



*G.W.J.H. Wright touring with 3016 in 1934*



*3016 Following its acquisition by Bernie hunt in 1947*

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# Blacktown City Show's 100th Anniversary

The Blacktown City Show Society is planning for the 2024 Blacktown City Show to be held at the Blacktown Showground, on the 9th - 10th March 2024.

The Show is not only one of the major attractions in the area each year but the longest running event in Blacktown history. Not many Cities get to celebrate an event which has continued to entertain the public for such a long period of time.

Consistent with the principles of the Royal Agriculture Society, the Blacktown Show brings agricultural and non-agricultural communities together to create partnerships to sustain agricultural development and understanding by education, competition, events and entertainment.

Apart from the advertising and promotion we have done in the past with a quality souvenir show programme, banners, signs, posters, leaflets, radio and local press we will be doing an extensive promotion in Social Media with a very successful company who have a proven track record. We expect to attract between 20,000 to 25,000 people to our 2024 Centenary Show.

As Blacktown LGA is one of the largest multicultural areas (and the largest growth area) in Australia, we will be extending our promotion through many of the Multicultural groups in Sydney West and inviting these groups to join us in celebrating this memorable occasion.

The Blacktown City Show is an excellent opportunity to remind young people of our Agricultural Heritage. Shows like this are necessary so the traditions and skills of the past can be maintained.

We are inviting the schools to participate in the show by inviting their students to enter the Junior Amateur Photography, Junior Art, Junior Cakes, Junior Craft, Junior Horticulture, Junior preserves, Jams, Jellies & Conserves and junior Textile & Design Competitions. We will also be holding a School Battle of the Bands Competition which is open to all schools to enter.

We believe it is paramount to stage entertainment that appeals to all ages and nationalities of residents living in the Blacktown LGA at the 2024 Centenary Show.

As this is a mini Royal Easter Show it will include all the things one would expect to see at an Agricultural/Horticultural Show such as Wood Chopping, Sheep Shearing and Blacksmithing, Working Dogs and Search

Dogs Demonstrations and the Antique Machinery Display, with exhibits and competition in the Arts, Crafts, Cooking, Poultry, Horticulture, Caged Birds etc.

The entertainment is equal to what one would expect to see at the Royal Easter Show. Children can look forward to the Animal Farm Nursery, Magic Shows, Super Hero's, Live Reptile Display, the Strongman Competition with families enjoying the entertainment on Saturday night on the main stage and in Centre ring with the International Freestyle Team performing the most death defying entertaining stunt show, culminating with the Blacktown City Councils Fireworks Spectacular.

We look forward to holding a spectacular Car Show as a highlight on the Sunday which will be included in all our advertising and promotion leading up to the show and would like to invite your Car Club to participate. Each Car Club will be presented with a Trophy with the engraving "In appreciation of your support of the Blacktown City Shows 100th Anniversary" There will also be additional trophies awarded to the following categories:

- \* Best Club Award
- \* Best Original Conditioning
- \* Best Interior
- \* Best Engine
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- \* Best Car at the Show
- \* Best Restored
- \* Best Paint Finish
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The Show Society is run by Volunteers and have been able to help many worthy organizations and charities over the years such as the Cancer Council of NSW, the Cure for Brain Foundation, the Struggling Farmers, the Bush Fire Appeal, Search Dogs Sydney Inc, and the Ross Hutchison Foundation, to name a few. We hold a Charity Auction which is held on the main Stage on the Sunday, following the presentation of trophies.

Your participation in this monumental event would be greatly appreciated.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions on 0418 256 049

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Yours faithfully, *Ugo Giometti*



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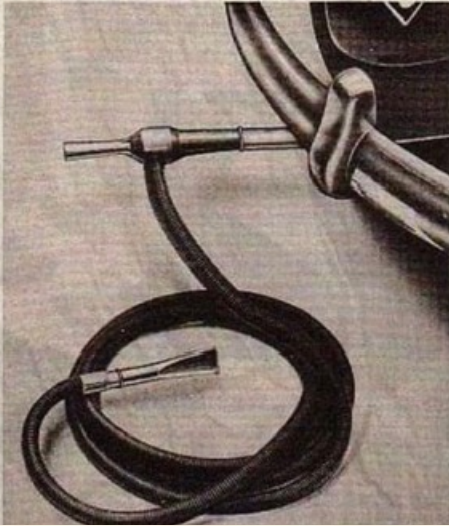
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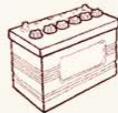


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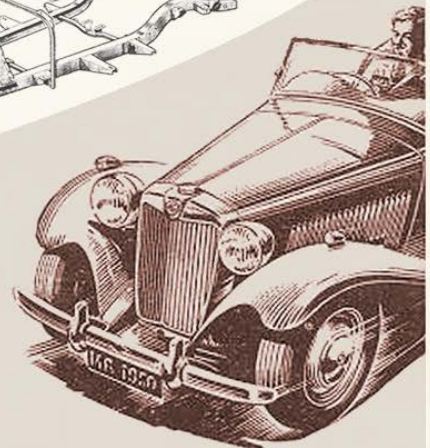
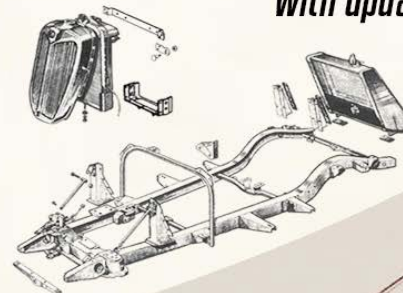
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Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club Inc

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### INVITATION

Date: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023

Dear President and Members,

The Committee and Members of the Tea Gardens Hawks Nest Motor Club are pleased to formally extend a warm invitation to your Club to participate in our annual Motorfest, which is now in its 20<sup>th</sup> year. The date is Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Myall Sports Park, Yamba Street Hawks Nest.

This event has proven to be very popular with Motor Clubs, local residents, our Business Community and visitors since its inception. Through Motorfest we have raised in excess of \$100,000 to assist many local community aid groups such as our Rural Fire, Red Cross, TGHN Surf Club and our free Clinic Bus.

At our 2024 Event we really want to focus on presenting a great display of Classic Cars, Hot Rods and Motorcycles, including such as those owned by the Members of your Club. We will be awarding a good selection of Trophies covering a wide range of Classic Cars, Hot Rods and Motorcycles and as usual, we will run our Monster raffle. Plenty of good food and drinks will be on offer.

Classic and unique cars and motorcycles are always a huge attraction and a display by your Club would very much assist us with making our Event very special.

Gates will open at 8.00AM and we will wrap up from 2.00PM. Display admission is \$10 per vehicle.

Should you wish to pre-enter for your group please contact us with your details/numbers.

Thank you in anticipation of your attendance.

Ross Anderson, President

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Green/Red	LH Turn signals
Green/Purple	Brake lights
Black	Ground
Brown	Most non fused +ve
Purple	Most fused constant +ve
White	Non fused, ign controlled
Green	Fused, ignition controlled
Light Green	Stabilized 5 /10v to gauges
Red	Gauge lights not on dimmer
Red/White	Gauge lights on dimmer
White/Slate	Electric tach (from coil)
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## Classifieds - Cars



### MG TC

**NEW**

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Extractors, "locker diff" bucket seats  
Very good condition

**Location:** South Coast NSW

**Price:** \$40,000

**Contact:** 0474 365 354



### 1955 TF 1500

Concours condition.  
Meticulous restoration

**Location:** South Coast NSW

**Price:** \$40,000

**Contact:** 0474 365 354

**NEW**



### 1949 MG TC

**NEW**

Excellent condition heaps of extras,

Aero screens, finned brake drums, 16-inch wheels, Quick release Radiator cap, 1500cc motor.

Many new parts, very low mileage since full restoration.

**Location:** South Coast NSW

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## Classifieds - Cars



### Oxford Blue MG RV8.

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Price: \$49,500

Location: Perth

Contact: Peter Mittler 0411 587 857

[pmittler@gmail.com](mailto:pmittler@gmail.com)



**NEW**

### MG, the 1948 MG TC 'Tillett' Special.

This very special car is heading to Donnington's summer classic car and number plate auction this February. The car won the 1951 Australian Grand Prix on handicap and is offered from a more than 38 year ownership with John Ellis

Location: Adelaide

Price: \$60,000



**NEW**

### 1948 MG TC 'Ellis' Special

This special MG is heading to Donnington's summer classic car and number plate auction this February. This car features a hand crafted aluminium body and is offered from the estate of the late John Ellis.

Location: Adelaide

Price: \$25,000



**NEW**

### 1945 MG TC 'Cobden'

This very special MG, is heading to Donnington's summer classic car and number plate auction this February. This car is understood to be the first MG TC in Australia and is offered from the estate of the late John Ellis following a 63-year ownership

Location: Adelaide

Price: \$45,000



### 1959 MGA 1500.

Great car, drives well.

Chrome wire wheels,  
Older restoration.

Hardtop, Tonneau cover & soft top

( needs new cloth)

On club plates. Must be sold.

Price: All offers considered.

Contact: Geoff Pearson,  
0413 536 930

[geoffjpearson@icloud.com](mailto:geoffjpearson@icloud.com)



### MGF 2001 Auto.

Needs attention but drives well  
Rego until end of February 2024.

There is a bearing noise coming from the gearbox and a slight weep from the head gasket onto the outside of the block.

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Contact: John O'Connell  
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## Classifieds - Parts



### MG TD 1951

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Car is very tight and straight with excellent woodwork, no rust and what could well be the original paint work which has a few chips but is otherwise good.

Chromework is also fine.

Mechanically sound with excellent engine, good gearbox & synchromesh, clutch, tight suspension, steering, new brakes all working instruments & gauges New tyres and battery.

Hood and side-curtains are also in good condition.

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### Toneau Cover & Rocker Cover Plate

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The Car and Motor show will be held at Hawkesbury Showground (venue already booked) from approximately 9:30am - 3pm. We are aiming to have (hopefully a minimum) of 100 cars, trucks, boats, bikes and engines on display, and looking to secure a draw card such as a top fueller dragster. There will also be market stalls, jumping castles for the kids and food trucks.

To assist with some of the costs on the day including advertising and venue hire, we are reaching out to local businesses and asking for support in the form of either sponsorship or donations, or donations of prizes to go towards the competitions being held on the day of the show.

Any business that contributes towards our fundraising event will be offered the opportunity to have a marquee to advertise their business, within the main thoroughfare of our event.

We would like to thank you in advance for taking the time to read through this, and it would be fantastic to work with you in making this event a great success for our dancers to have this opportunity to dance overseas.

Many thanks in advance,

Andrew McKeown  
0411 470 481



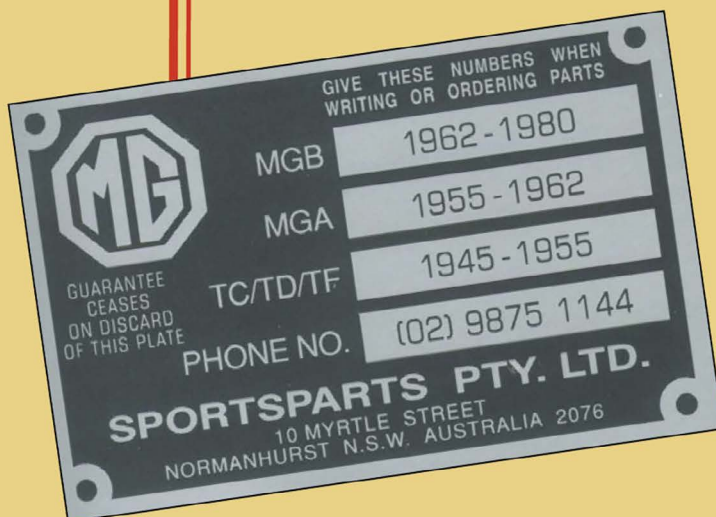
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