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NOVEMBER

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- 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
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DECEMBER

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



April President's Report

By the time you read this the 2024 National Meeting in Tamworth over Easter will have come and gone.

(The requirements of getting you your *Opposite Lock* for April mean that I am writing this before the event and so is Hilary).



Our organising committee will doubtlessly be breathing a huge sigh of relief and I am sure, celebrating a very successful National Meeting to commemorate 100 years of MG.

The National Meeting is a huge commitment. With a speed event (Lap- Dash), Motorkhana, Concours d' Elegance, Discovery (observation) Run, Kimber Run as well as the Noggin Natter, a theme night and a Presentation Dinner. With over 260 participants to look after, there is so much to do to organise and then run an event of this magnitude successfully.

Our National Meeting Committee : Hilary Wren, Stuart Ratcliff, Sheila Trotman, Steve Perry, Matthew and Margaret Crawford, Granville Harris, Leone Johnson, Andy Leondiou, Max Wasson, David Milling and Ros Bastian have done an amazing job.

I will single out for a special thank you to Hilary Wren, our Chair of the committee who latterly led this effort. Steve Perry has had the mammoth job of putting together the sporting events and Stuart Ratcliff for running the Concours. However as a Club, we can't thank all of the organising committee enough for the vast amount of work that has gone into organising and running this event.

I am confident that all of the work they have done has meant that MG enthusiasts from around the country have all had a fabulous time and celebrated 100 years of our great marque MG.

Our March Members Gathering was particularly well attended to hear the presentation from Noel Phelan of the National Maritime Museum and Naval Historical Society on the Sinking and Salvage of the Costa Concordia. I plugged this in last month's column, and if you took my advice you were well rewarded with a very interesting story. I have had several members ask that we have Noel or one of his colleagues present on similar topics again, and this is certainly something we will look in to.

I will point out that we often make a contribution to the volunteer organisations that people like Noel represent when they generously give their time to come and present at our meetings. This is where the very minimal \$2 we charge to attend a Members Gathering goes, along with some of the other expenses of these activities.

It has been noticed that some people seem to be skipping payment. Jan McKenzie is at the front desk of every Members Gathering to take your \$2 and will give you a ticket in the lucky door prize. Please don't forget to pay.

Well that's it from me for another month. So get out your MGs and enjoy all of the wonderful runs and activities we have for you in the MG Car Club.

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!

Alp Dogramaci	MGB
Nick & Jane McKay	MGB
Mark Penno	MGB
Bill Hamade	MGB
Alexandra Woods	Non marque
Holly Roberts	Midget
Colin & Clive Stacey	Gilbern MGGT

Active MGCC Sydney Members 823



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@mgsydney.com.au





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April 2024 Cover:

Stuart Ratcliff's MGA practicing for the Motorkhana at The National Meeting in Tamworth .

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March Members Gathering. 12th March Strathfield Golf Club

THE SINKING AND SALVAGE OF THE COSTA CONCORDIA



Come along to our March Members Gathering on 12 March at the Strathfield Golf Club to hear the fascinating story of the sinking and Salvage of the Costa Concordia.

Noel Phelan from the Australian National Maritime Museum and Naval Historical Society will be our guest speaker for the night.

He will talk about what really happened, the chain of events that led to this disaster and the brilliant engineering to salvage the ship that took years to recover at a cost of 2 billion dollars.

The COSTA CONCORDIA sank on the 13th January 2012 one hundred years after the TITANIC sank and in similar circumstances.

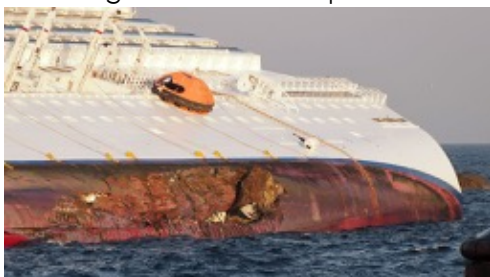
The ship had 3,229 passengers and a crew of 1,023. The captain of the ship was Francesco Schettino. He diverted the ship from its normal course to do a "salute" to a friend on Giglio Island.

Schettino had on the bridge the maitre d' and a woman he had dined with on the night. At around 9 pm he took control of the ship and it hit a rock which tore a 53 metre gash in the port side.

Communication with the Indonesian helmsman was difficult and a key order was misunderstood. All the vital compartments flooded resulting in the loss of power and electricity.

At this point everyone on the bridge knew the ship would sink. The ship continued on under its own momentum listing to port.

Cross flooding allowed the ship to right itself. The breeze and current blew the ship around and with a starboard list back to shore where it grounded and capsized.



NOEL PHELAN



Noel Phelan's first career was as a science and mathematics teacher. He then moved into IT with IBM as a systems engineer and spent 25 years in various technical and management positions.

He has been a volunteer guide at the Maritime Museum for over 15 years.

Noel was the team leader of the speakers for many years.

Noel is a Past President of the Northbridge Rotary club. He spent many years as sailing captain of his sailing club.

He also spent several years with Marine Rescue and the Rural Fire Service.

Noel is also a volunteer at the Naval Historical Society where he has developed three Navy harbour cruises.

He has also organised a speaker's program for the Navy Historical Society where the presentations are delivered by ZOOM to the 500 members around Australia.

He recently fulfilled a boyhood dream to fly a WW II fighter by flying a SPITFIRE at The Imperial War Museum at Duxford in the UK .



THE MG CAR CLUB



WE NEED YOU

POSITIONS VACANT

ALL BRITISH DAY II MIDGET II FWD REGISTRAR

We are a volunteer club and rely on our members to fill positions. Unless these positions are filled we may not be able to host certain events. Can you help please? Please contact any of the Directors.

The National Meeting Tamworth 2024



Congratulations go to Harry Hickling, who was awarded "Car of The Show" with his 1938 MG SA Tickford

Concours results for MG Car Club Sydney

	Place	Points			
			Alan Heritage	3rd	4
			Robert Smith	5th	2
Class C Pre War			Class T MG Midget		
Ros Bastian	1st	9	John Rose	2nd	6
Class D MGTC			Class U MGY Saloon		
Andy Leondiou	1st	9	James Mc Master	1st	9
Syd Reinhardt	2nd	6	Class V MG Magnette		
Class E MGTD			Ian Warby	2nd	6
Scott Bailey	2nd	6	Nigel Martin	3rd	4
Class G MGA Roadster			Peter Baldry	4th	3
Matt Sexton	6th	1	Class X MG Specials, Pre MGA		
Class H. A Twin Cam			Matthew Crawford	2nd	6
James Bennett	3rd	4	John Carter	3rd	4
Class K MGB Mk 1			Class Y MG Specials Post MGTF		
Frank Perry	2nd	6	Zig Bluzmanis	2nd	6
Peter rose	6th	1	Hilary Wren	4th	3
Class L MGB Mk 11			Class Z MG Super Specials		
Ross Bate	1st	9	Steve Perry	3rd	4
John Burns	3rd	4	Class ZA MGRV8		
Class O MGB GT Mk1			Suzanne Jonklass	3rd	4
Paul Harrison	1st	9	Max Wasson	4th	3
Class R MGBGT V8			Jacques Calluud	5th	2
Stuart Jonlkaas	1st	9	Ian Hazeldine	6th	1
Granville Harrison	2nd	6	Class ZC MGTF		
John Clarke	4th	3	Don Young	6th	1
Warwick Protheroe	5th	2	Class ZZ Deveolpement Category, Non MG motors		
James Jonklass	7th	1	Domonic David	2nd	6
Class MGC GT					
Alan Nolan	1st	9			

LAP DASH SPEED EVENT

	Place	Points
Class K MGB Mk 1		
Peter Rose	2nd	6
Class R MGB GT V8		
James Jonklass	2nd	6
Warwick Protheroe	3rd	4
Stuart Jonklass	4th	3
Class S MGC GT		
Alan Heritage	1st	9
Class Z MG Super Specials		
Steve Perry	4th	3
Class ZA MG RV8		
Suzanne Jonklass	2nd	6
Ian Hazeldine	3rd	4
Class D MGTC		
Syd Reinhardt	3rd	4

MOTORKHANA

DISCOVERY RUN

	Place	Points
Group 1 Pre MGA		
Syd Reinhardt	1st	9
Scott & Sue Bailey	4th	4
John Carter	6th	1
Ros & John Bastion	8th	1
Group 3 MGB/GT/V8		
Bob & Jan Grace	2nd	6
Granville Harris & Ivanna	6th	1
John Clarke & Rob Smith	11th	1
Frank & Sue Perry	12th	1
Group 6 MG Post TF		
Jim & Claudia Lovette	7th	1
Hilary Wren & Richard	8th	1
Jacques & Lynn Calluud	10th	1



I trust everybody had a fun time in Tamworth this last weekend. What a great Easter show with 280 MG enthusiasts enjoying themselves. NSW, did so well that we almost captured the elusive Wrattan Trophy, just pipped to the post by Victoria.

Listed are the winner from NSW and the points you earned for our club, thank you. Special congratulations go to Sydney Reinhart in his MG TC earning 19 points going solo and to the Jonklass family of Stuart, Suzanne and son James who between them earned 29 points for our club. Well done!

May & June *Opposite Lock* will have full features on the event, so send your reports in please. We have loads of photographs from Scott Bailey & Claudia Lovette, thank you. The full results from the meeting together with photographs will shortly be uploaded on the club website for your viewing pleasure.

Thanks again to all involved for pulling together this very special event.

Hilary

**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
8th May	Bishops Lodge, Hay	02 6993 3003

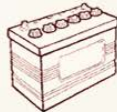
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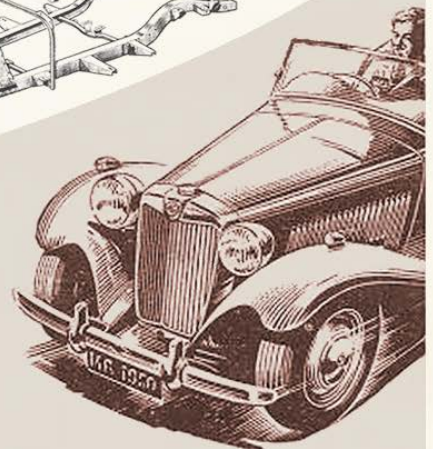
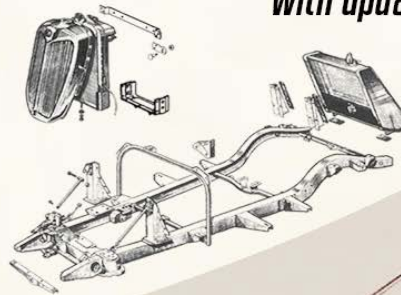
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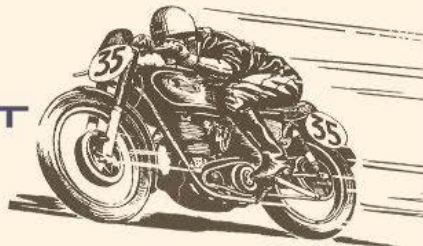
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The April 7th "play day" is a chance to check out your machine, the Pheasant Wood track and meet up with old friends in good time for the September 7th/8th event.

There are no paper entry forms for the April 7th play day, just give Scott Hill a call on 0428 743 847
scott@pheasantwood.com.au

Breakfast Run to Austinmer



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**Magnette Run to Wentworth Falls Lake
Sunday the 5th May**



Meet at the lake at 10am for morning tea followed by lunch around 12.30

Bring a chair in case the covered shelter has been taken
BBQ is available for those that wish to cook for lunch and bring a thermos for hot water
All models and marques welcome

Turn right off the main Hwy at the lights at Station Street Wentworth Falls (village centre)
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Gathering of the Faithful 13th-15th September

It is with much pleasure that I announce that the MG Gathering of the Faithful will be held once again in Wagga Wagga on the 13th, 14th and 15th September 2024.

Entry forms are available for download at our website: <https://www.mgccwagga.org.au>

As 2024 celebrates the 100th year of the MG marque,
it will be fantastic to see a great number of entrants attend
with supporters from the public attending the car display of our wonderful MG's looking
fabulous!

Looking forward to seeing you all at the Gathering of the Faithful in Wagga Wagga

Yours Octagonally
Darryl Ross
President MGCC Wagga Wagga



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13 APR
2024

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Naval Historical Society of Australia

Would you like to know more about Royal Australian Navy (RAN) activities and facilities in Sydney Harbour from 1788 to the present, especially during WW II? You will also learn a lot about the harbour and its history.

You are invited to join the Naval Historical Society of Australia for a three-hour cruise **East of the Harbour Bridge**. The Society is a non-profit organization run by volunteers to preserve and honour our naval history.

A comprehensive commentary is provided supported by information and photos on TVs to bring the commentary to life. A complementary booklet with information and photos is provided as a souvenir.



The sites you will see and learn about include:

Dawes Point. The story of the observatory built by Lt William Dawes and the construction of the gun battery.

Sydney Cove. The story of Fort Macquarie and the Navy activities to protect ships and the colony after the arrival of the first fleet.

Garden Island. The first use of Garden Island as a garden and its later development. The construction of the Captain Cook Graving Dock was second largest project after the Snowy Mountain Scheme and larger than the construction of the Harbour bridge. The story of the hammerhead crane and the role of HMAS KUTTABUL. The decision in 1987 to establish two Navy bases – Fleet Base East and Fleet Base West to cover both the Pacific and Indian oceans.

HMAS RUSHCUTTER. One of the oldest RAN shore bases, commissioned in 1920. A Naval Reserve training facility for anti-submarine warfare, diving, and radar.

Clark Island. The storage of gun barrels during WW II. The Japanese midget submarines were also brought here after they were salvaged.

Rose Bay. The story of HMAS TINGIRA that trained over 3,000 sailors from 1912 to 1927.

Watson's Bay. HMAS WATSON the training centre for maritime warfare. Watson's Bay was the home base for pilot boats and the lifeboat over the years.

Georges Head. The location of the western end of the anti-submarine boom net during WW II.

Chowder Bay. The base to protect the Harbour with mines during the 1880's. Now a fuel installation for the RAN.

Bradley's Head. Ships were degaussed here during WW II to protect them against magnetic mines. The story of our first battle and first victory involving HMAS SYDNEY I and the SMS EMDEN.

Neutral Bay - Sub Base Platypus. Home of the six OBERON class submarines for 30 years and the torpedo factory established during WW2. The current COLLINS class submarines are based at Garden Island off Rockingham in Western Australia.

Website: [Naval Historical Society of Australia](http://www.navyhistory.au)

Individual Bookings: [Book Here](#)

Group Bookings (10 or more): Contact the Cruise Coordinator

Email: - cruises@navyhistory.au or **Phone:** 0451 218 336

Cruise Dates: Refer to NHSA Cruises Schedule supplied separately.

2024 Sydney Harbour Concours d'Elegance

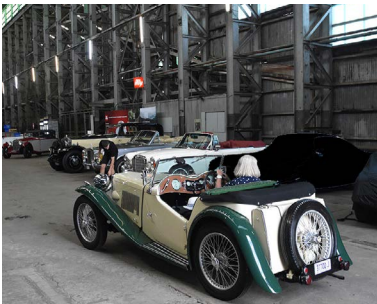


I was excited and somewhat amazed when, last year, I was invited to enter my 1937 TA in the 2024 Sydney Harbour

Concours d'Elegance. This is a Concours devoted to extraordinary cars, either because of their unique nature or their value, or both! Where did my beautiful TA fit in all this? Well, who was I to argue with James Nicholls when he invited me to enter my car. What an extraordinary privilege.

The Concours is the brain child of James Nicholls, the Event Founder and Curator, who is a judge at Concours d'Elegance all over the world. He believed that Sydney deserved an event of this kind, an event which showcases some magnificent cars each year and encourages the preservation of these historic and special cars.

The Concours celebrated its sixth year in 2024 and it was staged on that iconic Sydney destination, Cockatoo Island.

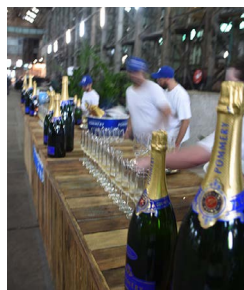


Driving into Turbine Hall

What an absolutely fantastic venue for this event. A harbour backdrop, a huge turbine hall, in itself a heritage site, so all the cars were undercover and massive spaces to expand the event to include electric cars, fabulous new super fast cars and other fascinating exhibits.

A ticket ensured champagne, rosé, coffee and excellent and delicious food were available for consumption all day! Can you get tired of this? Well, by Day 3 I was seriously hanging out for a cup of tea!

Cockatoo Island? Well you may ask! All the cars were barged across and did this make some of the owners nervous. However, all care was taken and all the cars arrived safely .



All day champagne!



Backing onto the barge for the trip across the harbour.

Forty cars were invited to enter the Concours itself.

Here are a few pictures of some of those I particularly loved.



1920 Ford Model T Coupe

This Model T is celebrating its 104th Birthday. It rolled off Henry Ford's famous production line on February 6, 1920. This is 'possibly the most original example in existence' according to Jakob Grierson, Vice President International Motoring, Bonhams, New York.

This car has never been restored, it is in completely original condition and is exceptionally well preserved. The interior, likewise, is completely original including the fringed rear blind and the crystal flower vases. The car has a 'Fat-Man' steering wheel, the wheel hinges away so that a fat man can get into the car before restoring the wheel to the driving position!

The car was brought to Australia in 2022, having spent most of its life in collections. It is now driven sparingly.



1930 Alfa Romeo 6C 1750 Gran Turismo

This Alfa's bodywork is sometimes called 'low frame' as, by wrapping the chassis and incorporating it into the bodywork, it makes the car look lower, sleeker and slender as does also the low ground clearance and the small windshield.

This car continues to be driven and used all around the world. In 2022 it took part in the Pebble Beach Tour d'Elegance and the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. In 2023 it won best preserved Alfa Romeo at the Lugano Elegance Concours as well as participating in the Mille Miglia for the third time. The car has never undergone a complete restoration.



1921 GN Cyclecar

The Cyclecar bridged the gap between the motorcycle and the car. The car was bought by its current owner in 2013 as essentially a rolling chassis. A new replica French 'skiff' style body was commissioned and a mechanical rebuild undertaken.

It has been raced at Winton, Wakefield Park and Pheasant Wood and can be seen pottering around the streets of Sydney. It has a top speed of 85 km/h.



1924 Bentley 3 Litre Blue Label

This amazing four seater tourer has a number of times been checked for originality by Bentley experts and some small modifications rectified. The coachwork is by Stanford and Grey of Regent Street London, at one time one of the bigger Bentley dealers.

Chassis 543, as the car is known, was purchased in England in 1977 by the current owner, who is also a MG Q Type owner. The car appears in *Bentley - The Vintage Years*, by Clare Hay and has a known history since being delivered to its original owner in the UK in 1924.



Visitors were entertained by the Army band



1956 MG Milano

Jim Jewitt built a number of single and two-seater sports car bodies in the 1950s and early 60s based on a MG chassis. The Milano, as it is known, was a small car with a shape based on the highly successful Ferrari Monza launched in 1953.

This car was built on the chassis of a MG TC by Franz Bird in Melbourne using a Jewitt fibreglass body, believed to be one of only six made. It was restored between 1993 and 1998 after being crashed at Symmons Plains. It returned to Symmons Plains in 2000 and has subsequently taken part in historic racing at many venues.



1933 Rolls Royce Phantom II

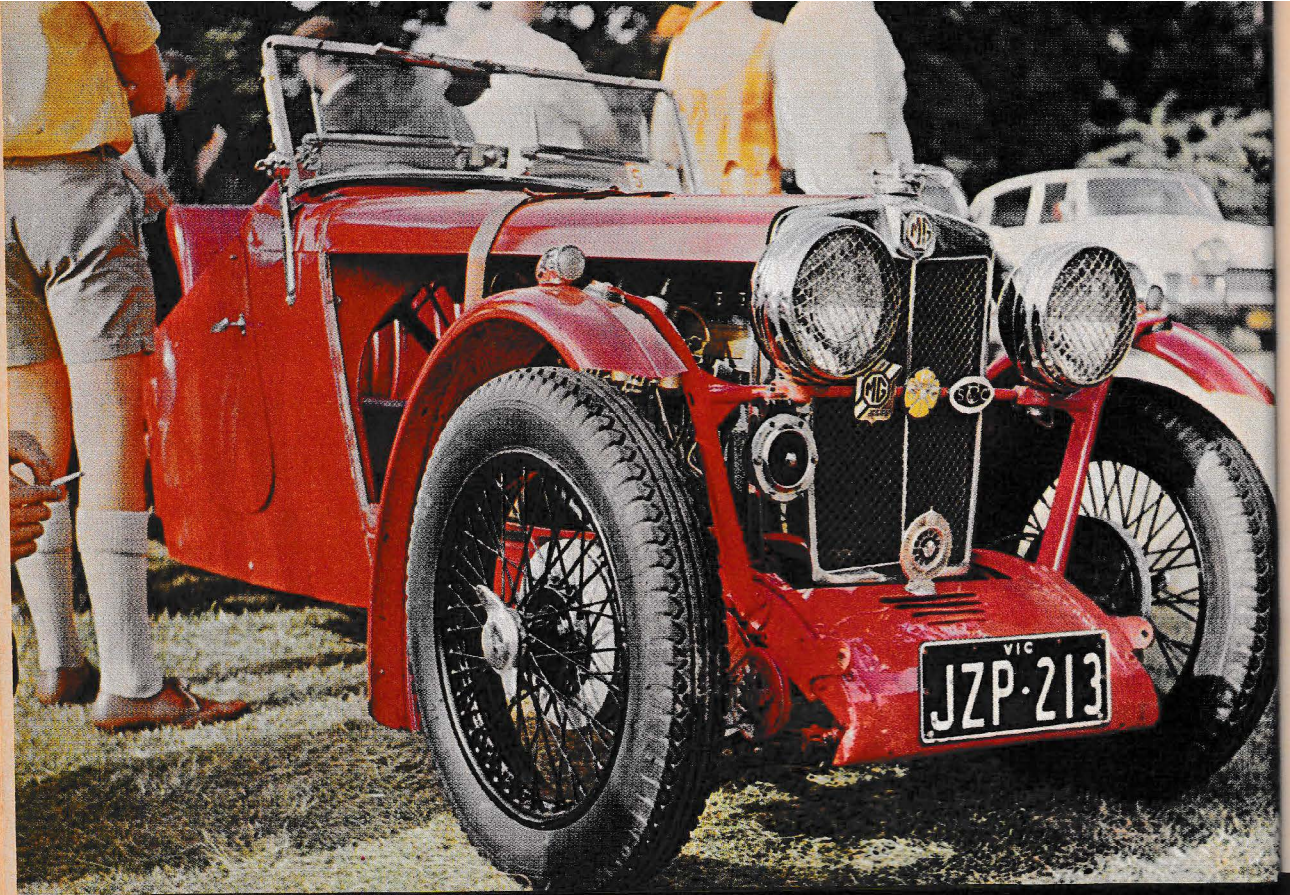
This superb Rolls Royce is fitted with its original engine number and its chassis fitted with a coach built body. It is a stunning example of the art of coachbuilders Thrupp & Maberly.

The chassis of the Phantom II is much lower than that of its predecessor and many think it is the best looking Rolls Royce ever made.

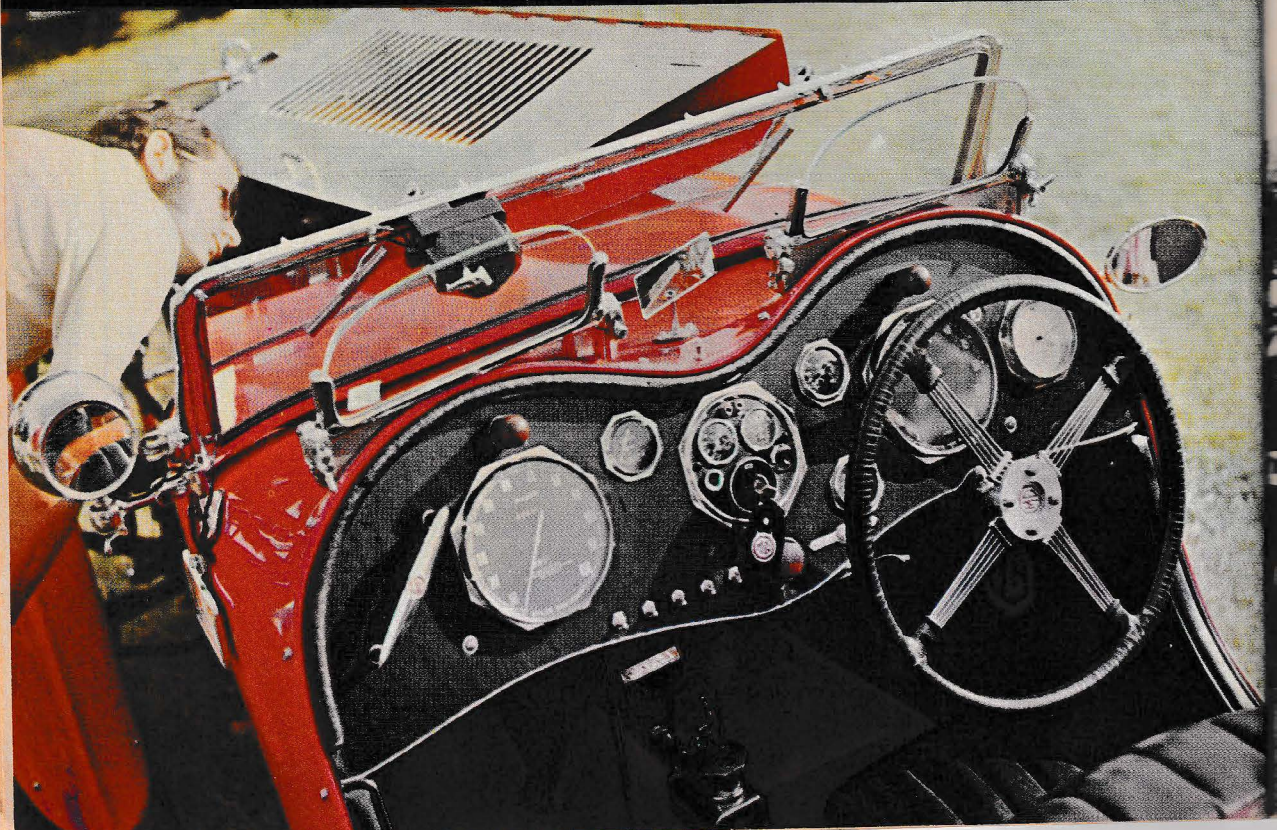


1964 Ferrari 250 LM - Outright Concours Winner

The Ferrari 250 LM made its debut at the 1963 Paris Auto Salon and first competed the following year. It has known many owners, race colours and numbers over its racing life. This very rare Ferrari was acquired by its current owner in 2023.



MGs, MGs and



They all converged on Sydney for the first national meeting of the MG Car Club.

YOU have never seen so many MGs, nearly 150 of them, all on the lawns of Sydney's Vacluse House. They ranged from an MG-C to T-types and even vintage members of the breed.

The occasion was the first national meeting of the MG Car Club. Members from Newcastle, Melbourne, Brisbane and as far away as Adelaide descended on Sydney for the weekend in January.

The get-together opened with a barbecue at one of the Sydney member's homes and was followed on the next day by a Concourse d'Elegance in the picturesque grounds of Vacluse House. About half of the 62 MGs came from the Sydney centre while the rest of the competitors were visitors. Six prewar cars were entered and these attracted a lot of interest.

First in this section and overall honors, as well — was a NA Magnette owned by Wally Magilton from Melbourne. Second place went to an M type entered by Errol Salyes of Sydney. Errol's car was the first to receive vintage number plates and boasts the letters MG00. Also in this section was a TA from Brisbane, a PA from Newcastle and a PA and J2 from Melbourne.

In the T series section Rod Cooper from Melbourne took the honors with his immaculate TF. Jeff Newey's TC from Newcastle was second and Sydney's Jim Andrew was third with a TF. Andrew's car was recently voted the "Best Car" at the Clubman Show. In all 12 T types competed in this section.

The third section was for modern MGs. It was won by Ron Matherson from Sydney with an MG-B. Second was an MG-B GT owned by Alan Simpson, also from Sydney, and third place went to Peter Ibbotson's MG-C GT from Brisbane.

Sydney's MG dealers, who supported the venture, were invited to enter a special section for new cars. This was won by Bill Yates of Neutral Bay.

The winners of the concourse were presented with their trophies at a special dinner dance organised that night.

Survivors from this night arrived the next morning at Amaroo Park to contest hill-climb and dirt circuit events. Sixty-two competitors first lined-up for the hill-climb and then went on to the dirt circuit and back to the 'climb.

Fastest time of the day went to Peter Ulbrich in the Lynx-Peugeot. He set an unofficial record of 23.3 sec. In the other classes, best T-type was Clive Bendon's TF with a time of 34.1 sec. John Blair created a new Series Sports record when he punted his MG-B up the hill in 29.3 sec, while Brian Reay took out the Improved Sports section in his MG-B with a best time of 29.8 sec. In the Series Touring class Russell Mansfield from Newcastle turned in a time of 29.6 sec in a Cooper S. Another Cooper S from Sydney driven by Lloyd Howlett took out the Improved Touring with a 31 sec run.

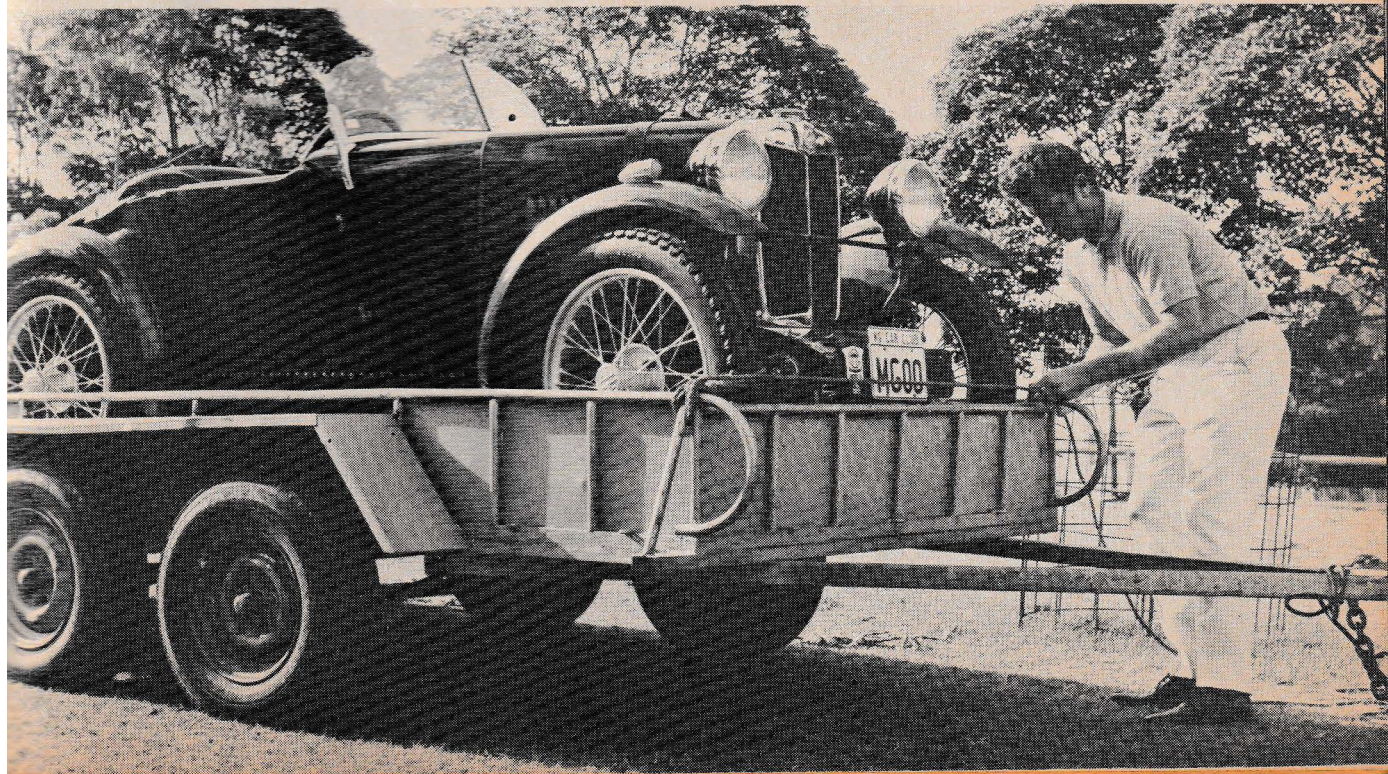
After the hill the cars went on to the dirt circuit. It was very slippery at first but as the day progressed the times came down. Fastest time and a new outright record was set by

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MORE MGs!

Wally Magilton brought his immaculate MG Magnette from Melbourne and took home the top honors of the Concours d'Elegance.

Errol Salyes loads his M-type on a trailer after coming second in the Vintage section of the Concours. Note the vintage number plate, MG00.



secret controls and "you're ten-minutes early" days. Helen wrestling with the map she'd bought that morning from the newsagents. Pencil breaking beneath hurried calculations and, "You should have turned left four miles back!" Hard braking, handbrake turn, dust rising up in front as a Riley thunders past in reverse with a Fiat barking at its badge-bar.

Into the night with eyes straining to somewhere ahead of the spotlight's pencil beam. Your navigator shouting "RIGHT!" and you stand the car on its nose, swinging the back around before cannoning off up a bush track. Suddenly it's snowing socks, underpants and singlets and a rooster is sitting, ruptured, astride the radiator. His beak weakly open, feathers flying as you heel-and-toe around the end of a chicken run, wheeling at the bottom of a clothesline and duck as an irate farmer hurls a well-aimed egg at the windscreen.

The farmer's curses, smothered in a rush of gravel, are muffled as your exhaust hits graded road again and you begin breathing a little easier, at the same time as you glance across at Helen, but she's gone. From somewhere under the dash a feminine giggle betrays your navigator's presence and by the soft glow of the map light you watch as she climbs back into her seat.

"What the bloody hell!" you shout, resigning yourself to the fact that she hates wearing her safety harness for more than two hours at a time.

Knowing how sublime are the workings of the female navigator's mind, you change to a different, but no less reasonable, tack. "How the devil did you get us down there?"

"The map," she answers, "it was upside-down. Better go back to the cross-road."

And so it went, on into the morning when civilised people were waking and wending their churchgoing way in civilised six-seater sedans.

Hours, minutes, miles and controls later you arrived at the finish, numb and tired, eyes gritty, hands calloused, and brimming with stories to swap with the other crews.

Sometime after midnight on Monday morning you crawled back into the bed you'd left two days ago. Monday was still "tomorrow", and "tomorrow" meant working and driving your mud-caked, rally-scratched car into the city — much to the disgust of the sensible motorists who'd spent their Sunday washing and polishing the family sedan.

That was the scene, remember, just two years back when motor club men had agreed that club racing on closed circuits was dead, and rightly so if motor racing was to serve the gate-paying fans.

Helen, returning from her reverie, snarled, "It will be the end of 'Sauerkrauts', too, soon!"

For the first time since she'd pointed to the scrawled word in the book, now discarded next to my half-eaten pie, I glimpsed the true meaning of Helen's word, "Sauerkraut".

Like her first love, Helen will never forget her first car. There she has a standard upon which all others that have followed and will follow are based. But how free are the Helens and all the club driving guys and birds these days.

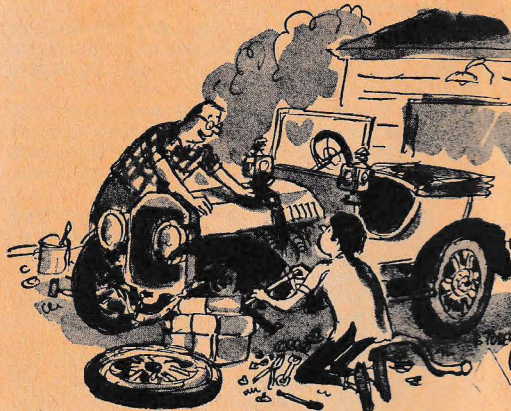
"I'm beginning to feel a little bit cheated," Helen said, calmer now, "ever since our opening rally was cancelled because of officialdom. Seems there's nothing but restrictions, applications, constricting rules and regulations, all cropping up to be heaped on us by some authoritarian killjoy or other. I reckon it won't be long before the only chance we'll have to do a bit of rallying will be a Southern Cross International or a London-to-Sydney. But they're not really for amateurs, are they?"

"Put it to the editor," I offered weakly.

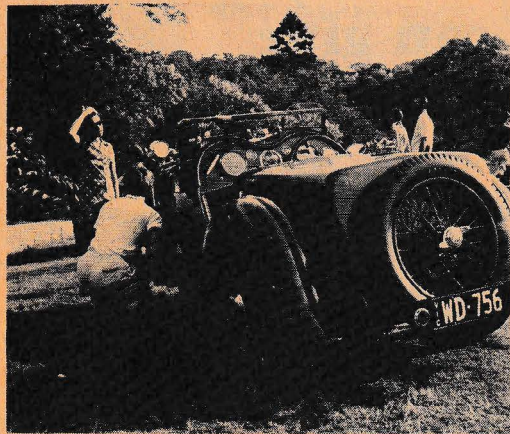
"Nope, but I tell you what — one day I'm going to write a story about the way red-tape's clogging our so-called 'free, open spaces'. There are a couple of politicians I can name, as well."

"Good girl!" I cried, as I pushed my chair back and led her from the table and out to the lift. But, somehow, I was having a hard time battling the depressing thought that Helen's story wouldn't have a hope in hell of saving the "Sauerkrauts" of this country.

The thought worried me all the way back to Editorial. Someday soon it could well be "never again, 'Sauerkrauts'", and we'll be doing all our rallying from the front stalls at the movies — watching the latest newsreel on the latest multi-million-dollar trans-world event. #



"By George, son, do you realise what we're doing? We are communicating."



80 SPORTS CAR WORLD, April, 1970

MGs, MGs, AND MORE MGs

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Murray Bingham from Newcastle in his home-built flyer. His time was 33.1 sec. John Davis in a TC won the T section with a 37.9 sec, Alan Wiseman from Melbourne took home the Series Sports prize with a 35.4 sec in his MG-B. This class was hard fought and added a lot of interest to the day. Just after lunch the rain came down and the track slowed up.

The weekend was rounded off by a barbecue. The get-together was so successful another is being organised for Melbourne at Easter next year.

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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, 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.

Here is a list of the planned events for 2024:-

- May Sunday 19 Motoring Heritage Day Berry
- July Sunday 21 Christmas in July Venue TBA
- September Thursday 26 Visit to Graham Lord's workshop, Mittagong
- November Thursday 28 Lunch run to Greenwell Point

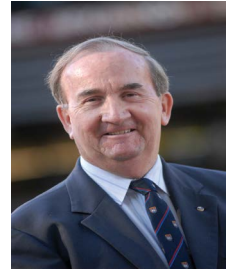
The Illawarra Register events are usually morning events, culminating in a lunch option, except for the Christmas in July lunch

The Mt Keira Scout camp is currently closed for major maintenance and upgrades on its water and sewerage systems. So we are investigating alternate options.

Michael Hough

Airshows Downunder Air Show 1-3 Mar 24

Unfortunately, due to a relatively late change of dates, when the new organizers acquired the rights to run what was previously called the Wings Over Illawarra Air show, Wendy and I had previously booked a 14-day ocean cruise, and consequently I was away and did not attend the actual event.



The new organizers are trying to create a very different focus Air Show, one which de-emphasizes the Defence Force current assets. The AMDA also run the two yearly major international air show, a major show which is focused on military aviation, run every 2 years at Shellharbour Airport. This Air Show will mainly showcasing historic and general aviation type events.

The new organizers also did not attempt to emphasize some previously strong displays and one of these low focus options was the lack of advertising and promotion of classic car attendance for displaying at the car show.

My friends who attended reported to me that numbers were very low on both days, and Arthur Pugh who attended on the Sunday program reported only 20 cars were on display!

Consequently, the photos attached are really about the Air Show rather than the car show, so enjoy those aspects.

Please put the above remaining Register dates into your diary, and I hope to see you soon.

Cheers and enjoy your classic motoring.

Michael Hough Illawarra Register



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- New exhaust system with wrapped stainless steel extractors.
- Brakes overhauled with booster
- Electrics checked over.
- Heater fan, engine electric cooling fan Expense on improvements over the past 4 years is approximately \$20,000.

I am selling because I am in my 80s and need a bit more comfort. This car is an absolute joy to own and drive. It's always garaged and seldom driven in the rain. Soft top, tonneau cover and side curtains are in excellent condition.

The body is in good condition with a few signs of patina with no rust. The had major restoration work done about 20 years ago.

Price: \$54,000



1969 MGC GT

NEW

Primrose yellow tourer. Manual with overdrive.

Full engine and mechanical rebuild in November 2021 by BMC Performance.

New leather seats, new tyres, new brakes, new exhaust and full suspension rebuild. New fuel tank and full pump. New electronic ignition.

Drives magnificently.

Air conditioned.

RWC. Fully registered with custom plates available. Full history & Heritage Trust Certificate.

Chassis GCDI/6595G

Engine 29 GRUH/4198

Price: \$60,000

Contact: Sam 0412 256 980

horgan@vicbar.com.au



Oxford Blue MG RV8.

3.9 L Rover with ~83600 km
SARRAWBMBMG001581

We have moved to Perth from Canada and I need a daily driver. I have had it since 2016. Service records go back to 2007.

One of only 258 Oxford Blue RV8's this originally shipped to Japan then imported to Australia and certified by the authorities in Sydney, Nov 1999. It went to Melbourne then to Perth.

Maintained in top notch form by me (I am the current North American MG Enthusiast of the Year), Co-chair of MG2010, 2015 and Chair of MG2022.

Driven only 3-4 months per year since 2016 when we visited Perth. Always garaged.

Custom tow bar for bicycle carrier. (Not certified for trailer towing).

Aftermarket Radio/CD player

Recent Service

complete head rebuild in 2018.

ceramic coated extractors 2018.

5 tyres 2018,

clutch master 2018,

rebuilt heads and head gaskets 2018,

new triple core radiator, coolant

reservoir tank 2018,

new clutch 2021

new gear shift lever bushings 2022

new front end poly bushings 2022

new electric fan, new pulley belts 2023,

new windscreen 2023

Dyno tuned to 160HP.

Price: \$49,500

Location: Perth

Contact: Peter Mittler

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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.

A pleasure to drive and nothing to spend, buyer may want to upgrade trim and paint work.

Location: Gwandalan, Lake Macquarie

Price: \$38,000 (Including GST)

Contact: Andrew Mackie
0407 770 205

agmackie47@gmail.com



1970 MGB Mark 11

Overdrive. Very good condition. Only 87,000 genuine miles. Chrome wheels and new tyres. On club plates.

Must be sold.

Price: All offers considered.

Contact: Geoff Pearson,
0413 536 930

geoffpearson@icloud.com

Toneau Cover & Rocker Cover Plate

Toneau cover, requires new zipper slide otherwise in good condition (hardly ever used).

Steering wheel: small blemish on one spoke but otherwise in fair condition.

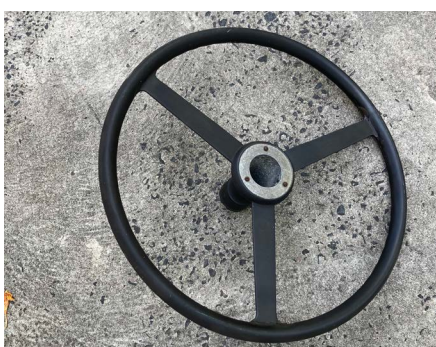
Rocker cover plate: good condition.

Price: All three items \$500 . Neg

Contact: Robert Fitzpatrick

Bateau Bay, Central Coast NSW
0405 781 608

patnbob88@gmail.com



MG Boot.

Ideal for a restoration. Has 2 very small dents, and a little bit of surface rust at one end. There is mechanism on the inside but no button and there is no Octagon.

Price: Make an offer, cash only

Location: Pick up from Bathurst

Contact: Bob Bell : 0408 793 955



Set of MG TF or early MGA wheels
Have been refurbished before new tyres were fitted.

I removed one tyre to inspect condition of wheel.

Fitted with Michelin tyres, about 70-80% tread, 7 years old.

One wheel has a slight difference in the hub profile.

Price: \$50 each or \$200 the lot.

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TF Radiator Shell False Nose
including Medallion and Dummy Cap for sale.

Picked up at a Local Swap meet is in very good condition however not appropriate for my TD.

Price: \$250.

Contact: David Suters
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Cost \$ 590

Black Mohair Side Screen Covers.
Need to fit to existing side screen frames & windows. Cost \$970

Black Interior Trim Kit – Vinyl TC. This includes all interior trim items in black including wheel arches, piping for door panels & around dashboard, doors & behind seats as well as sheet for side screen cover back panel behind seats. Kit Cost \$1440.



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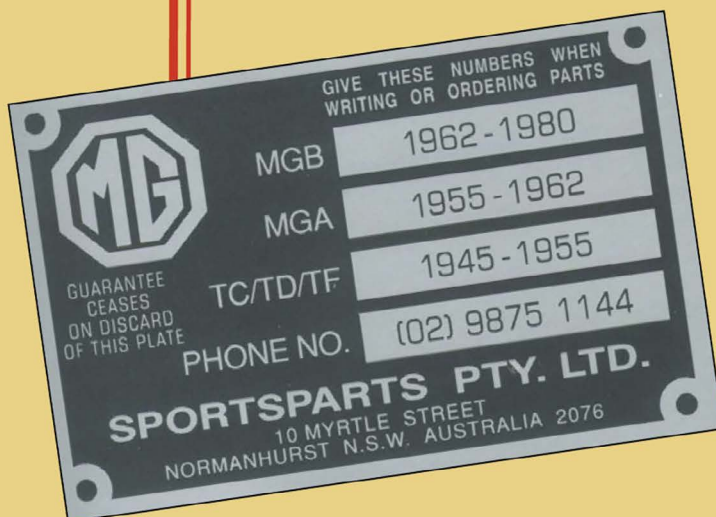
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