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OCTOBER

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- 6 Board Meeting (TBC), Greengate Hotel,
- 13 Members Gathering, North Ryde RSL
- 18 Breakfast Run, South Coast, Julie Porter – Stephens
- 25 MGCC Concours & Display Day, Silverwater Park, Jacques Calluud

NOVEMBER

- 1 Donington AutoBrunch, hosted by NS Sporting Car Club, St Ives Showgrounds, Alan Heritage
- 2 Board Meeting, Greengate Hotel
- 9 Club Run, TC Registrar, TBA
- 10 MGCC Annual General Meeting, North Ryde RSL
- 14 CSCA Supersprint, hosted by Triumph SOC, Sydney Motorsport Park, North Circuit, Steve Perry
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DECEMBER

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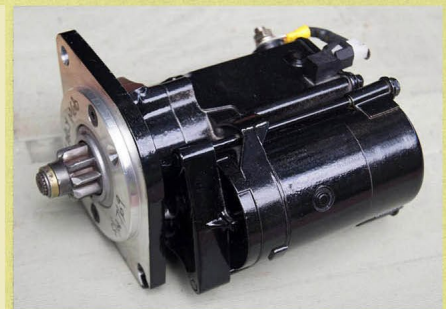
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May President's Report



As I write this many of our intrepid club members are about to set off or already making their way to Hahndorf in the Adelaide Hills for the 2026 National Meeting, hosted by the South Australian MG Car Club.

We wish them every success in the various competition events and hope they have great fun in the social ones in the company of MG enthusiasts from all around the country. Unfortunately, I won't be joining them this year.

At this stage no club has put up its hand to host next year's event. As we know from hosting the event in 2024 in Tamworth, hosting a Natmeet is a major undertaking and it is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive to find a location with the required facilities – a track for a speed event, a large tarmac surface for a motorkhana, a park for the Concours and venues that can take 300 plus people for the dinners.

Our Vice President, Hilary Wren will be attending the Delegates Meeting at the conclusion of this year's Natmeet and hopefully will be able to report that one of the clubs has put its hand up to carry on the tradition of a MG National Meeting.

On the good news front, before our last members gathering Alan Heritage, our Club Librarian, and I met with Rob Wilkinson one of the directors at the North Ryde RSL to see if we could find some space to store our library cage and MG illuminated sign so that these can be brought out for meetings. The RSL club has now set up a secure storage area in their multi-story car park for some of the various volunteer organisations that use the RSL club and has offered us some space in this area, which we have gratefully accepted. We will continue to retain our rented storage at Gladesville for all of the other items that we have, but which are not required for our monthly members gatherings.

Our library cage is basically a large metal book case on wheels with lockable doors in which we keep much of our extensive collection of books, videos and DVDs. These are a great resource for anyone interested in MGs, their history, maintenance and restoration. A catalogue of the items in our library is available on our website. In recent times if you wanted to borrow an item you had to ask Alan Heritage to retrieve it from the storage unit at Gladesville. Having the library available at meetings will mean this great resource is more accessible to our members. Please make use of it.

John Clarke

New Members

**Welcome all to the
MG Car Club Sydney**

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



Stephen & Tracey Paris MGB

Phil Kearney MGB

Jim Mather MGA & TF

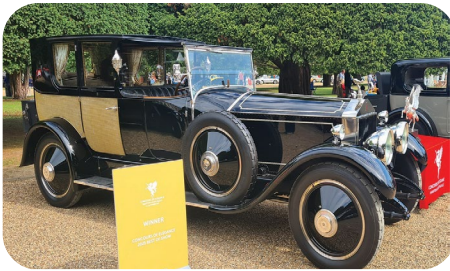
Current membership 825

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.

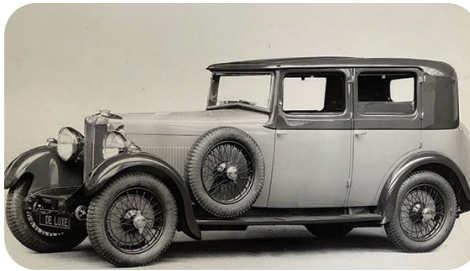
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Members Gatherings 2026 will be held at North Ryde RSL



All our club meeting in 2026 will be held at The North Ryde RSL .

NORTH RYDE RSL, 27-41 Magdala Road, North Ryde, just off Pittwater Road. They have a large dining facility and bar as well as plenty of car parking space.

As it is an RSL you will need proof of identity and you will need to sign in.

Our meetings will commence at 7 pm.

May Members Gathering

In May we will get a full report from the MG National Meeting in Hahndorf SA ,from our tour Captain Dom David and other club members who participated in the event.

Over 30 club members in 19 MG's are making

the mammoth task of crossing the Hay Plains and hopefully dodging kangaroos and emus.

Following these reports we invite back Jacques Calluad to fill us in on his & Lynn's trip recently to France.

Jacques talk will cover the following classic museums in France.

- Emily Fry Car Collection in Safinwil
- French National Car Museum, Schlumpf collection which has a very interesting back story
- French National Train Museum
- Peugeot Museum
- Musee Henri Malartre, first motor museum in France.
- Michelin Museum
- Car racing at Circuit des Ramparts in Angouleme, France.

Jacques Calluad



June Members Gathering

Come and hear the story of how Ross Freeman's & team restored James Lovett's beautiful RV 8.

- (1) is the car worth restoring, how many are there out there?
- (2) Initial investment?
- (3) can I do the repairs and cost or most of it any way, and who can do the rest.
- (4) Spare parts availability and cost
- (5) do I have the space in the "BAT CAVE"
- (6) will the Minister of WAR and Finance approve, or I won't tell her till it arrives, yeh that works better.
- (7) Is the final result worth it. Well I've been told, yes it is!

But the end of the Story is:-
Ross , Max and Richard did put Humpty back together again. *Ross Freeman*

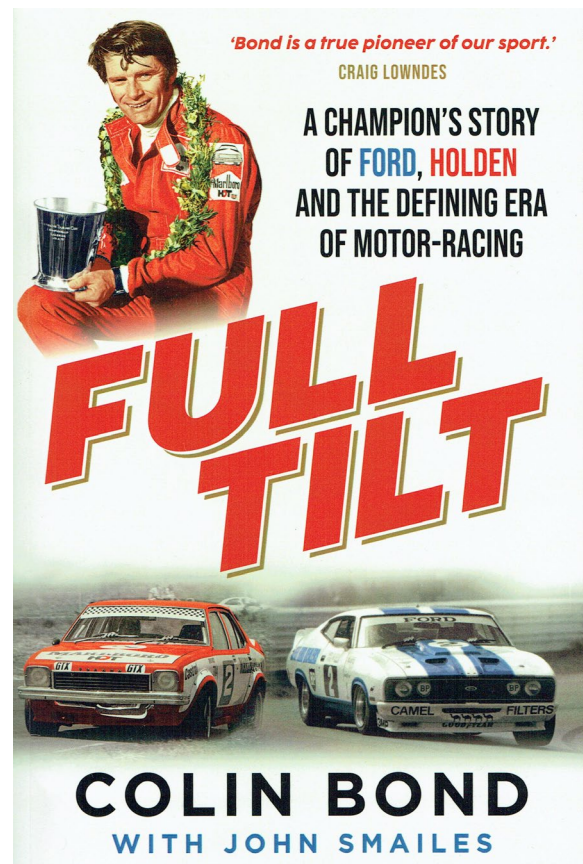


July Members Gathering

John Smailes, the well-known motoring journalist, and Colin Bond, famous for both his rally and touring car drives, will give a presentation on Colin Bond's recently released new book –**FULL TILT**

This book is not only about the career of Colin Bond but a history of his part in motor racing in the 50's through to the 80's, when rivalry between Ford and Holden was at its peak.

Greg Fereday



April Members Gathering

In April we invited two of our Board members, Jacques & Lynn Calluud to talk about a 2 week Classic Car Tour of England & France with plenty of photographs and videos. Main highlights included Land Rover drive day at their test facility, visit to Morgan Factory and a large Concours at Hampton Court Palace.

The talk included many car and factory museums as well as the historic racing at Goodwood Revival.

We ran out of time on the evening so Jacques will fill us in on the French leg of the tour in May.

Jacques & Lynn Calluud



**Morgan Factory
modern aluminium chassis meets
old wood and aluminium body**



**View of the Concours from inside
Hampton Court Palace**

**Goodwood Revival
Racing**

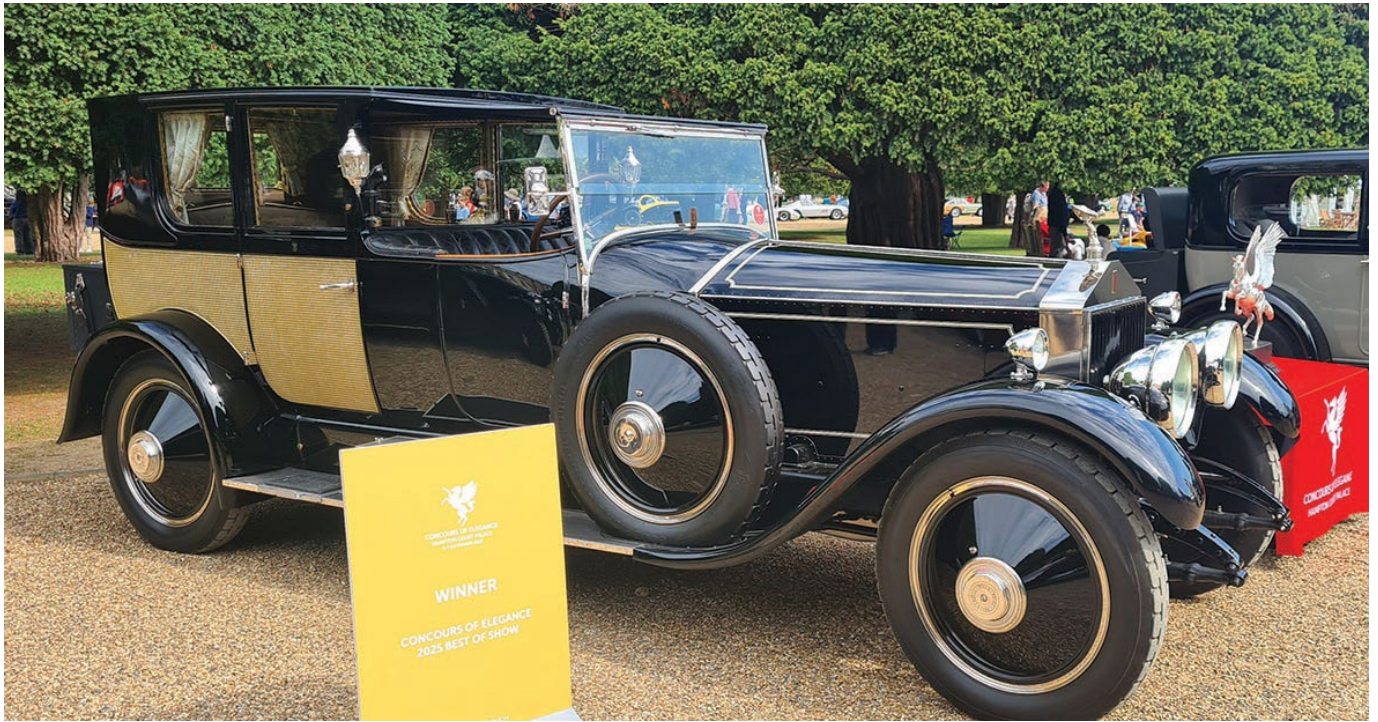


interesting cars in Goodwood car park



**Goodwood Revival
Fairground outside the track**





Classic Car drive day

- MGA and MGB
- AH 3000, Triumph Vitesse,
- Jaguar XK 150 and E type
- MB 190SL
- Porsche 356 and 911
- Old London Cab, old Land Rover and Morris Minor
- 2 Rolls Royce
- Aston Martin DB7
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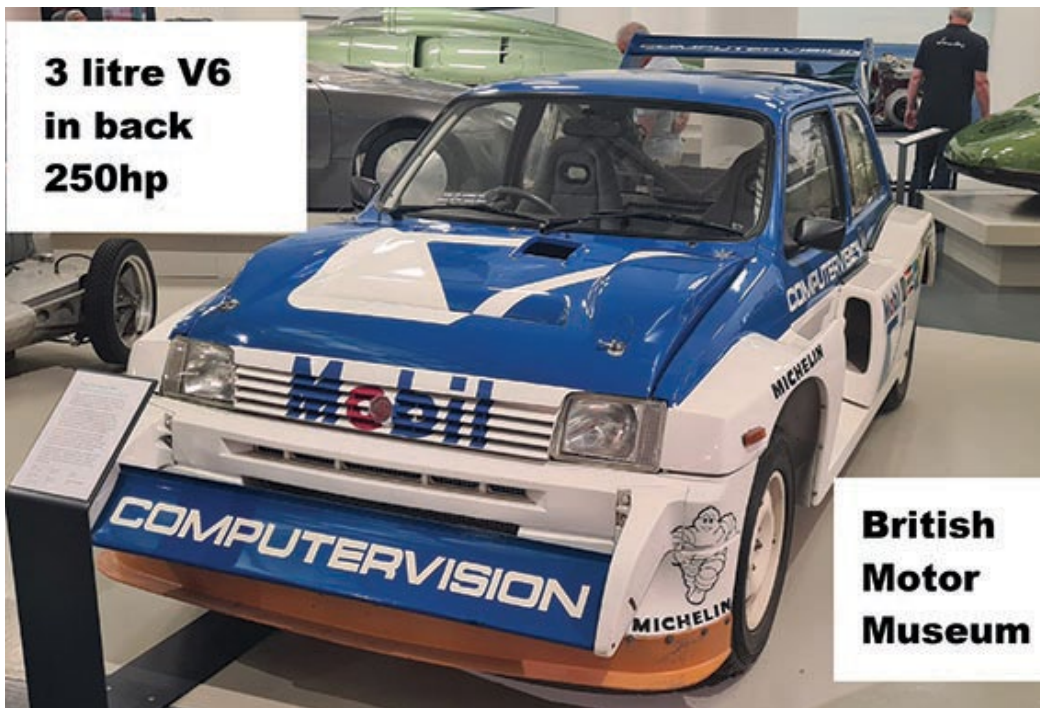
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2026 Northern NSW Pre War and pre 1956 MG Rally



From the beach to the mountains



Registration Form

This Rally is open to custodians of Pre War and Pre 1956 MGs to participate in their MGs. The Rally based out of Kingscliff, NSW, will run from the Welcome Meet & Greet on Monday 11 May and finish with a Celebration Dinner on Thursday 14 May 2026.

The Rally will include runs of between 100 and 150 km on Tuesday and Thursday and a longer run of around 200km on Wednesday when we travel up into the hinterland mountains.

A fee of \$125 per person attending is required to be paid prior to Registration acceptance. (Payment details are included in the email this form was attached to)

To complete the form on your PC, tablet, etc, you need to '**Enable Editing**' before entering information. To enter information click the start of each field and enter the information. Save it, using '**Pre56 Rally (your name)**'. (You cannot edit the form once saved.) Email the saved document back to me at lesley_stuart@bigpond.com.

Participant / Driver

Other participants (List all other participants)

Residential Address

Suburb, State & Post code

Phone number(s) whilst at Rally

Email Address

Emergency Contact name & Ph
(not at Rally)

MG Club you are a member of

MG you are participating the Rally in

| Model | Year built | Body colour | Rego # |
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If you have booked accommodation, where (for Celebration Dinner courtesy bus information)

Food Allergies or special dietary request(s)

I / we, the participants named above, agree to abide by all directions of the Rally Organisers and the Gold Coast MG Car Club Inc rules, as set out on the [Club's website](#).

I/we have paid \$125 per participant registration fee.

Accommodation

Kingscliff offers the following accommodation options:

Caravan park (cabins)

- Tweed Holiday Parks Kingscliff North, this park is adjacent to the beach and approx. 2km north of Kingscliff shopping area. Book on www.tweedholidayparks.com.au and select Kingscliff North as the park. They offer a weekday special of 'stay 4 nights for price of 3 nights'.
- Tweed Holiday Parks Kingscliff Beach, adjacent to the shopping area and Kingscliff Beach Bowls Club. This park is usually full all year round and more expensive than the Kingscliff North park. A quick check shows no cabins are available for the week of the Rally.
- Ingenia Holidays Kingscliff, on the western side of the Motorway, in Chinderah, 18 cabins. Book online on the usual websites.

All of these caravan parks offer various size cabins, although it is best to check the bed layout before booking. They require payment upon booking, but have a reasonable 3 or 2 days prior cancellation policy.

Rally organisers are staying in cabins at the Tweed Holiday Parks, Kingscliff North.

Motels & Resorts

- Blue Water Motel (3 Star) - near Kingscliff North Caravan Park, one street back from beach.
- Chinderah Motel (3 Star) - overlooking Tweed River
- Mantra on Salt Beach (4 ½ star) – in Kingscliff South
- Peppers Salt Resort & Spa (5 star) – in Kingscliff South
- Apartments, Air B&B etc

Check online as this is a popular holiday area, with many accommodation options.

Robert Smith

Classic TF Run

Come join us for our Club Run hosted by the Classic TF Register on 14 June 2026,

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79 / 78-88 Tench Ave, Jamisontown
on the beautiful Nepean River.

All club members & their guests are welcome.

Meet Bull & Bush Hotel Car Park, 9.30 for 10.00am

Entry & exit only from Windsor Rd traveling westward.

All of the above is dependent on the weather, petrol supplies & Donald Trump of course.

It is deliberately only a 50 mile run but has a few significant surprises on the way, ending at the M4 ramps.

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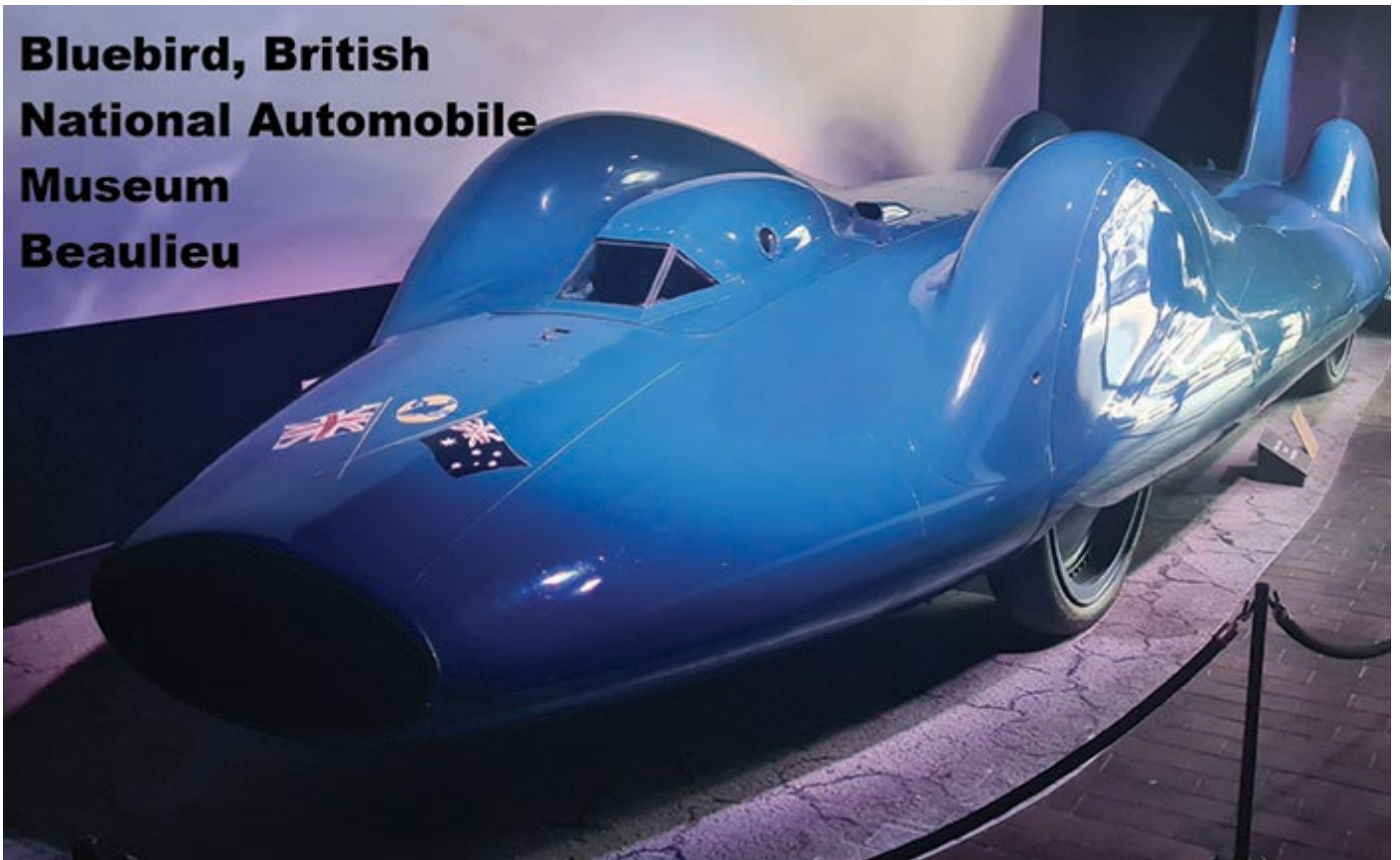


St Ives April



Due to soggy conditions this months meeting was held amongst the trees rather than on the playing field.

Bluebird, British National Automobile Museum Beaulieu



Taken by Jacques Calluud on his and Lynn's recent tour of the UK.



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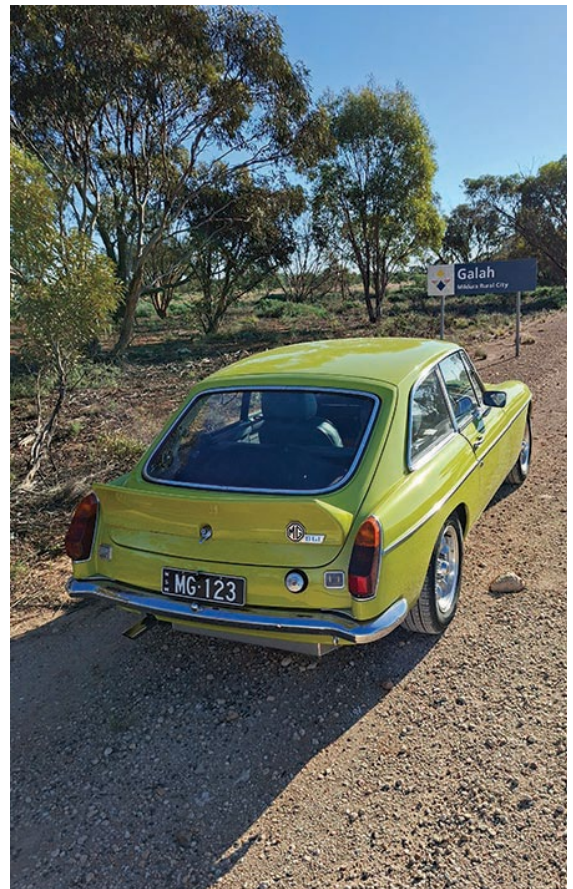


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Vintage Sports Car Club Australia Gymkhana





Dom David's on his way to the MG National Meeting in Hahndorf SA, which will occur 27th April to 1st May 2026.

A full update of the event will feature in June *Opposite Lock.*

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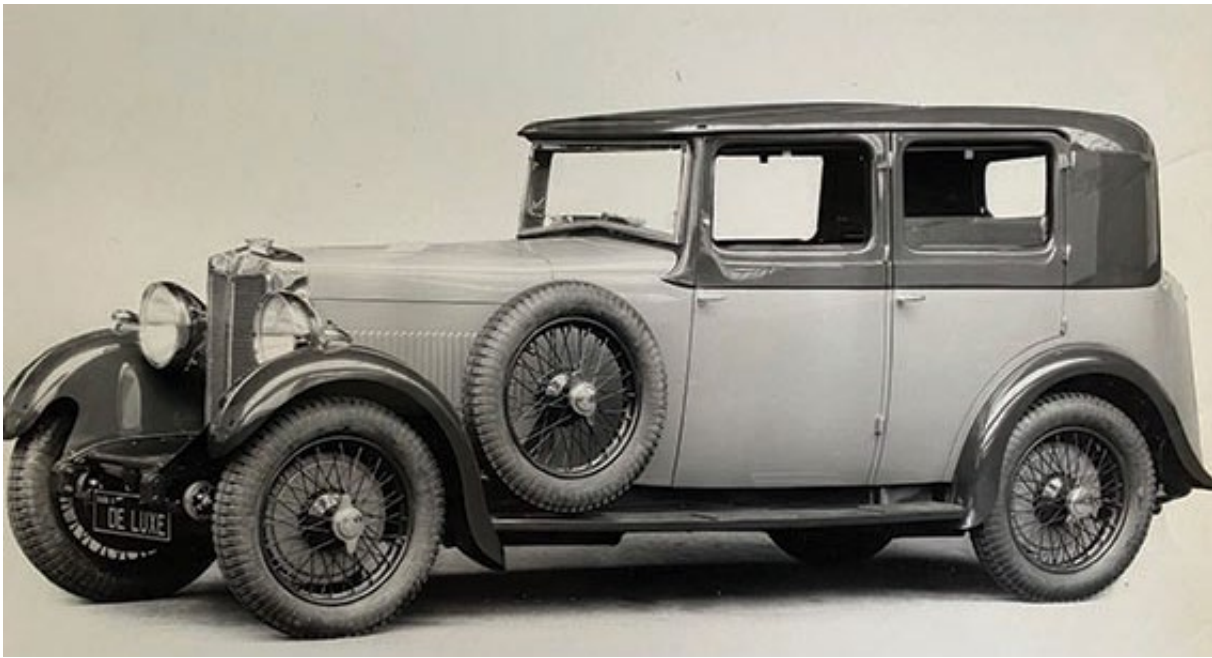
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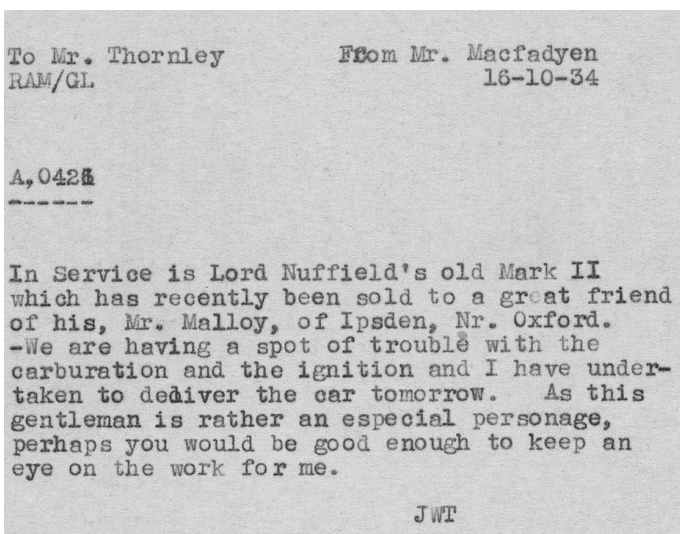
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One Car, Numerous Dilemmas.



In part I. Sir William Morris had just sold AO426, his MG 18/80 Mk.II I ,to a friend, a Mr Malloy, possibly in September 1934 . Mr Malloy did well out of his second - hand purchase as he obtained an almost new car at a second hand price, if he paid for it at all. About a month later ,on October 16 1934 , Mr Macfadyen wrote to John Thornley stating:

"In service is Lord Nuffield's old Mark II which has recently been sold to an old friend of his, Mr Malloy of Ipsden, Nr. Oxford. We are having a spot of trouble with the carburetion and the ignition and I have undertaken to deliver the car tomorrow. As this gentleman is rather an especial personage, perhaps you would be good enough to keep an eye on the work for me"



personage', the decision as to whether to charge him seems to have been ambiguous . For although it might seem a roundabout way of doing so, the accounts department returned to previous practice, perhaps just to let Mr Malloy know how fortunate he was in his acquaintances. A n invoice for £5 -2-6 was drawn up on October 17, however a credit note for the same amount was sent to Mr Malloy on November

13, the instruction being given by Mr Propert. The delay of nearly month in cancelling the invoice may have been to wait and see whether Mr Malloy would pay and, possibly, his failure to pay may have been taken as an indication at Abingdon that Mr Malloy had an understanding with the now Lord Nuffield which had not been shared with the factory.

It may have been also that factory accounts did not wish to escalate the matter with demands to pay. Whatever the reason, Lord Nuffield's friend continued to enjoy the advantages of now owning a good condition but otherwise unremarkable second hand MG ,for on October 26 and November 10 1934 the car was back at Abingdon for a variety of repairs , including cylinder head removal and decarbonising ,and draining the petrol tank, but the 'invoices' now stated 'free of charge'.

At some point in late 1934 Mr Malloy decided to sell JO 770 ,but before the new purchaser finalised the deal the vendor ,University Motors,wrote to Abingdon requesting a report on the car.

The response to Mr Kemball (later MGCC Chairman) on November 29 1934 from the factory stated: At some point in late 1934 Mr Malloy decided to sell JO 770 ,but before the new purchaser finalised the deal the vendor ,University Motors,wrote to Abingdon requesting a report on the car.

“At that time (August 1934) his Lordship contemplated parting with the car, and it was accordingly returned to the factory and completely stripped, subsequently being reassembled. Therefore, it is quite safe to say, with the exception possibly of the internal parts of the engine , that the whole car has been dismantled, and anything which showed signs of wear renewed.”

RAM/JD

Messrs. University Motors Ltd. . 29th
Stratton House, Nov.
Piccadilly, W.1. 1934.

For the attention of Mr. S. Kemball.

Dear Mr. Kemball, Car No. A. 0426.

Mr. Colegrove has instructed me to write to you, giving a resumé of the history of Lord Nuffield's car.

This was first placed in commission on the 15th December 1930. I do not propose to detail all the work that has been carried out on the car since that date, but from a survey of the Service Orders, the car has been scrupulously maintained, and I think it's present condition is ample evidence. I understand that just prior to the car's return to service during August of this year, it was completely resprayed; in addition to this fact, at that time his Lordship contemplated parting with the car, and it was accordingly returned to the factory and completely stripped, subsequently being reassembled. Therefore, it is quite safe to say, with the exception possibly of the internal parts of the engine, that the whole car has been dismantled, and anything that showed signs of wear renewed.

Of course, it is a little difficult for me to realise just exactly the information you require, but if the above remarks are not sufficient, and you wish them substantiated in

With the above reassurance JO 770 now passed to its third owner and it might be thought that going forward Abingdon would now be paid for labour and parts whenever the car came to Abingdon for work.

This was not to be, for the third owner was Mr F.L.M.(Mit) Harris of 12, Holborn, EC1– editor of The Sportscar and one of the founders of the MG Car Club at the Roebuck Inn in 1930, and then current General Secretary of the Club. By the end of January 1935 the 18/80 was back at Abingdon for repairs and

the invoice stated 'no charge'. In retrospect this was unwise, for by the end of February Mr Harris's car was back at Abingdon to remedy bent steering arm, engine pinking and misfiring, and to change all springs. When a customer collected their car they signed an undertaking that they were satisfied with the work done. Mit Harris was very satisfied, perhaps because he was again expecting not to pay.

He stated: "This car is really first rate and I am more than delighted with it.

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MR. J. H. HARRIS

367-11-1935

OFFICIAL PASS-OUT VOUCHER.

Date 4-3-34
Feb 7 244

I hereby acknowledge receipt of my AD 428 Car, Regd. No. JO 770 in grand condition.

Every opportunity has been given to me to try and test this and I am satisfied the repairs have been carried out in a proper manner.

Signature of Owner Mit Harris
Address 12 Colton EC 1

The car is really first-rate and I am more than delighted with it.

RECEIVED
MAY 2 1935
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“ Also, as can be seen on the document, he crossed out 'good condition' and inserted 'grand' condition. A second visit to the factory in April 1935 saw a new dynamo, regulator, and some bulbs fitted–again at the factory's expense.

On May 8 JO 770 returned to Abingdon to have a shock absorber plate fitted. The pass-out voucher is not present in the archive, but Mr Harris may have thought it was business as usual. However, a surprise was in the post, this time an invoice for 9 shillings and 9 pence .

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Patron: Lord Nuffield
President: Cecil Kimber

J.O. 770

Renew water pump packing & polish shaft if required. These packings are wearing very quickly.

Attend to half charge, which has been commhd across. There appears to be an open circuit in the half-charge wiring.

The dash & roof lamps do not work. Fit a new set of sparking plugs. Exhaust pipe was maladjusted when it entered the first expansion chamber.

A0426

To Mr. Kimber
JWF/GL

From Mr. Thornley
21-9-35

Car No: A.0426

You will recall that some time ago, actually in March, we changed the road springs on Mr. Harris's car from the special ones which Lord Nuffield had fitted to standard springs.

The costs on this job were £ 4. 6. 3d for the road springs and £1.14.0d labour; these figures being prime gave retail charges of £11.17.0d and £4.19.0d respectively and we invoiced this work at a special inclusive figure of £8.

Mr. Harris has written to me querying this charge and I would like to know if you consider that we should do anything about it. Perhaps you might care to write to Mr. Harris on the subject.

On June 23 1935 the car received a new water pump, various seals, repainting of road wheels, scuttle welding and other repairs to the tune of £8-17-8.

A separate bill for over £4 was for changing the springs from soft back to standard .

Mr Harris's response to receiving this invoice is not recorded in the archive;

fortunately though John Thornley's is for on July 4 1935 he wrote:

My dear Mit,

Very many thanks for your letter of the third instant. I am very much afraid though that on this particular occasion I cannot do very much as I have already cut the invoice about a bit.

The full retail for the job would have been over £11. I would like you to understand that I will always let you down as lightly as possible, but I must always clear my costs and overheads on a car of this age.

Yours sincerely,

Clearly some further correspondence took place for in September John Thorley felt the need to apprise Cecil Kimber of the situation.

Mr Harris has written to me querying this charge and I would like to know if you consider that we should do anything about it. Perhaps you might care to write to Mr Harris on the subject.

Although Mr Harris had been treated favourably, his expectation was that he should be treated even more so.

The error was made at the start of his ownership of JO 770 when the factory repaired his car for free.

Mr Harris was not simply the owner of Lord Nuffield's old car, he was Secretary of the MGCC and editor of its magazine, and at the same time the MG factory was trying to function as an efficient business.

John Thornley, finding himself in a delicate situation passed the matter to his superior, Cecil Kimber

To be continued:

Dr Peter Cooke MG Car Club UK.

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We will arrive at **9.30am** and have morning tea shortly after followed by some activities and friendly conversation prior to lunch.

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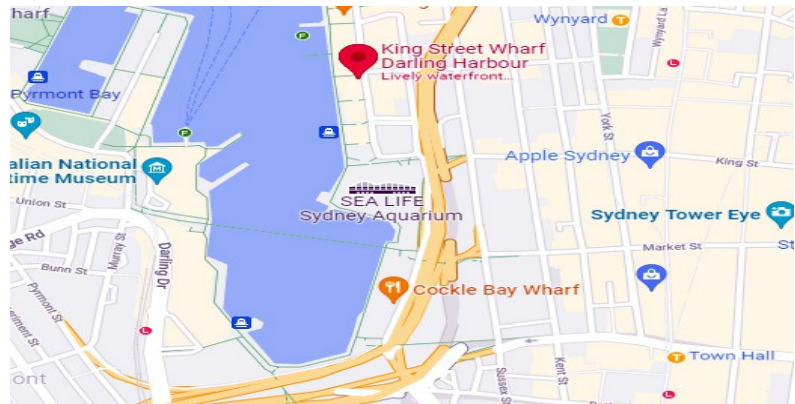


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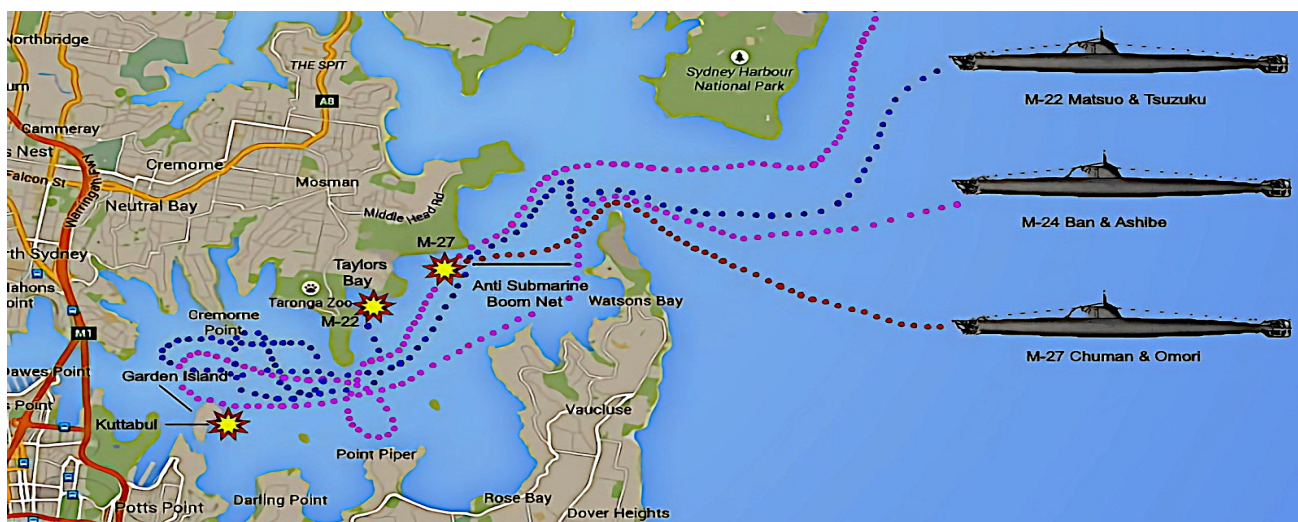
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Time: Check in is from 9:30 am. The cruise departs at 10:00 am and returns at 1:00 pm.

Location: King Street Wharf 3, Darling Harbour, Sydney.



Contact: John Clarke at parclose@optusnet.com.au



Wings Over Shellharbour

It's time to advise us, Ross Freeman & myself, if you plan to bring a historic MG car to either day of Wings Over Shellharbour, which is held on Sat 16th & Sunday 17th May, at the Shellharbour Regional Airport at Albion Park Rail.

Ross Freeman is the MG car Club nominated rep to liaise with Paul Bennet Airshows, on behalf of the MG Car Club Sydney, and I am fulfilling my promise to him that I would collate the Illawarra responses for him.

A reminder that on either of both days:-

- Cars will have to be in place inside the airfield by 0830 so it means an early start for us all. Ross will organise the RV and other details once you commit to coming
- Only the driver is admitted free with the car & if you want to bring passenger, they have to pre purchase tickets separately, as there are no ticket sales at the gate on the day.
- Display cars can officially leave the airshow after 2:30pm so you can get ahead of the big traffic jam, which occurs when the official air show ends later that afternoon
- You need to book individually for each day and can come on both days if you pre book through Ross. (Don't forget that unfortunately on Sunday 17th is also The National Heritage Day at Motorlife Museum, Darkes Forest Integral Energy Park.)

- My personal plans are below, as I help to run the air show, I coordinate the hosting of VIP's on both days.
- Sat 16th, I will attend and book through the Jaguar Car club and bring the Mk2 saloon, and on Sunday 17th I will request I attend through Ross and will bring the MGBGT

So:- Decision time please:

Please reply to myself & Ross:

mhough5@gmail.com

freemanross@hotmail.com

If you are attending on one or both days and reply using this format:

Sat 16th. MH Attending in JAG MK 2 Historic Rego :41269H

Sat 17th MH Attending in MGBGT Historic Rego: 90456H

Please come and support this great event.

Michael Hough



Illawarra Register

Welcome to another month of classic motoring, and now we are entering that lovely part of the year, Autumn and despite current fuel prices, I hope that you are enjoying taking a classic car for a run.

The Wings Over Shellharbour Air Show 16-17 May 2026

By the time that you read this report in *Opposite Lock*, the Wings Over Shellharbour Air show will be about to run, so I hope that we enjoy good weather for both days.

Thank you Ross for being the MG Car Club nominated organiser.

I confirm that I will be taking my MGBGT to the event on Sunday 17th May.

ILLAWARRA REGISTER PROGRAM FOR 2026

July 23rd Thursday. Run to "Lady Denman"
Maritime Museum followed by
Lunch at Huskisson Hotel

September 24th Thursday
Visit to Bulli Grevillea Park & lunch

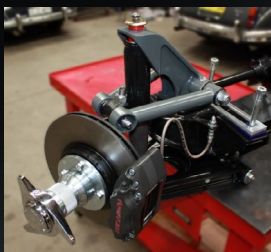
October 25th Sunday MG Car
Club Concours & Display
Day . Silverwater Park

November 26th Thursday
Run to Fleet air Arm Museum
Nowra & Lunch

Thanks again, and a reminder to all of *Opposite Lock* readers, is that our Illawarra register is a very informal, social run-oriented group, which combines whenever possible with the local Jaguar Drivers Club of Australia (Illawarra Register) to provide members of either club with the opportunity to take their classic car for an enjoyable run to an interesting location or activity.

We look forward to seeing you at an Illawarra register event during 2026

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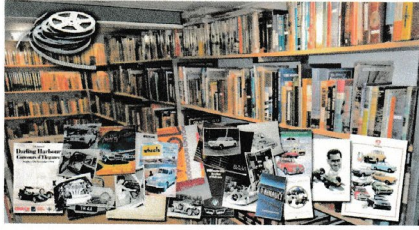
The collection currently includes more than 700 DVDs and VHS tapes, and more than 6 TB of digital media. This equates to over 6000 hours of viewing time.

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peter.tomlinson1796@outlook.com

Website: motorheritage.org.au



The AMHF's has a dedicated building within Sydney Motorsport Park which also houses a collection of almost 20,000 magazines and books, thousands of promotional releases, brochures, race programs, race results, images and media reviews.



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With thanks to our models Ashleigh Clarke & James C Lombardo.



A very nice MG TF 1954 spotted recently in Canberra. Submitted by John Renshaw

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Once again Euro Motorfest will be held at Newcastle Foreshore Park in Newcastle East with gates opening at 8:30am, and raising money for Variety The Children's Charity and Clown Doctors Australia. We would really appreciate your assistance with bringing this event to the attention of your Members.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions, and I'll release updates as they come to hand. You can also view this event on our Website at - <https://www.huntermg.com/event/euro-motorfest-2026/>.

Thank you for your support in previous years. Andrew Gowans Public Relations Officer MG Car Club Hunter Region
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Classifieds - Cars



MGTD 1951

This car has been in the extended family since 1964. Reluctant sale. It needs to be driven more than I drive it. Has had a lot of work done to it over the years. Good condition. Historic plates. Very nice straight body, good leather and carpets.

Location: ACT

Price: Reasonable offers considered.

Contact: Ken Brownrigg

0407 433 427

brownriggs@iinet.net.au



MGB 1966

A much loved, great little sports car. A dream to drive. The odometer reads 78,911 miles. Standard hood, no tonneau cover.

Regularly serviced & registration certificate issued by local mechanic. Full registration expires May 2026.

The MG 0066 plates will remain. Recently serviced for blue slip by auto electrician & qualified mechanic. Tyres are relatively new and the sale will include a full spare wire wheel.

Location: Orange

Price: \$20,000 ono

Contact: Kerry 0428 158 264



1959 MGA 1500 Roadster

This beautiful Billeroy Blue MGA is in recently restored condition with faultless paint, chrome and light grey leather interior. It includes a pristine near new soft top and all wet weather gear, and a tool kit. A new battery has just been installed.

Only recently brought up from Victoria, the car is only being sold due to the passing of its owner. The car is on NSW historic registration so will be sold unregistered.

Price: \$50,000 ono

Contact: Jacqueline 0458 888 249

funkijac@gmail.com

Classifieds - Cars



1995 MG RV8 3.9 L

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

The car has been professionally serviced and is registered to 22nd August, 2026. The car is finished in Woodcote Green with a black hood and beige leather interior.

The hood and leather seats were replaced just after I purchased the car.

The vehicle has travelled 23,500km. Tyres were replaced in 2019 with Supercat tyres through Bridgestone at 21,749 km and I was advised at the time that the old tyres were dated the year of the vehicle manufacture.

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

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

Location: Cronulla

Price: \$48,000

Contact: Barry 0419 403 487



1949 MGTD

We have an MG TD, "Molly", available as a project or parts package. The vehicle was dismantled in our workshop for assessment and, due to the extent of previous poor repairs, the restoration is not viable for us to continue with. We are simply looking to recoup some of our costs and would much prefer the car goes to an enthusiast rather than being scrapped.

The vehicle was running, registered and drivable before dismantling. Around \$13,000 recently spent on the braking system.

Complete car with all major components present.

Extensive photos available, including before teardown.

Condition & Findings

Upon stripping the car, we found that during a restoration attempt in the early 1980s, parts of the wooden frame and one door had been replaced with welded steel. The chassis requires straightening and the gearbox has a synchro issue. These factors make a full rebuild uneconomical for us, which is why the car is now being offered as a complete project or comprehensive parts package.

Fully dismantled MG TD

Engine, gearbox, panels, mechanicals, interior and all major components.

Recently rebuilt brakes.

Parts catalogued and packed. Before and dismantling photos.

Price: \$7500 ono

Contact: Graham 0437 819 237



1948 MG TC

Has been affectionately looked after having 43,300 km (27,000 miles) on the clock. With its 5-speed gearbox and 4.55 ratio diff, the car is a comfortable driving experience at 110km/hour on the freeway. For those seeking the vintage look coupled with upgraded mechanics, this is worth a serious inspection and priced to go.

It presents well, and all body work has been well maintained. Mechanically, the vehicle has been regularly serviced by Moxham Automotive Wyong. It is fully registered in NSW until August 2026 which makes for an easy transfer. The owner is selling the car for medical reasons.

- Black with Biscuit upholstery
- 1250 cc engine
- Aftermarket air intakes
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- Detailed history of the car can be provided upon request from Moxham Automotive Wyong

Extras included :

- Car cover
- Fire extinguisher
- Trolley jack

Location: Umina Beach

Price: \$40,000

Contact: Robert Douglas
0402 489 970

dougboblas@icloud.com



MGA Coupe Hardtop 1958-1961

1,500cc Colour – yellow

Manual Transmission, Unregistered.

The car had been in Mudgee for many years on a friend's farm. He had worked on lots of cars and bought the MGA as a project to do with his daughter.

He did quite a bit of work on the body of the car but as time went on, the project went onto the back burner.

My friend retired and was moving away from Mudgee. He wasn't taking the car with him and I offered to purchase it.

Since being purchased in December 2024, it has been on the Northern Beaches.

It has been covered and kept dry and away from the elements.

I started working on the car but as I work full time, the only weekend course I could find was a TAFE course for spray painting and body work which I thought was somewhere to start.

The course was fantastic and I learnt a lot and was able to do work on the bonnet and hood, front grill, petrol tank and quite a few other pieces.

A restorers delight:

- The engine has had no work done on it.
- The car body is together and in a reasonably good condition with little rust.
- Internally, the car needs full restoration
- I have a lot of the parts which will be sold with the car.

Location: Allambie Heights Northern Beaches

Price: Asking \$14,000 ono

Contact: Amanda Hansen
0418 448 357

mandyhansen_1@hotmail.com



1969 MGB Mark II.

The car is equipped with an 1,800cc engine paired with a 4-speed manual with overdrive. It's finished in Indigo Blue with both soft and hard top, and rides chrome wire wheels.

The odometer reads 74,335 miles and the car is registered until June 2026. It has been upgraded with an unleaded conversion.

The MGB has been regularly serviced including a recent new battery and reconditioned brakes.

Price: \$20,000

Contact: Colleen 0488 237 582
gandcevans@bigpond.com



MGY 1949

1st Place in Class, Show & Shine, 2024 Sydney Concours, Registration MGY949

Black with red interior this car is a superb example of the MG YA Class. Acquired by the current owner from a former Treasurer of the MG Car Club in 2005. The car was meticulously restored by the owner prior to that and comes with full service history and receipts. Mechanically sound and drives beautifully. Comes with 12 months rego.

Location: Sydney

Reduced Price: \$21,000 ono

Contact: Peter Sutherland
0419 314 295



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Contact : Mark 0411 771 706



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Contact: Gregory Burton
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1956 MGA

The car been in the care of its current owner for the past 14 years, over which time it has been fully restored.

It's finished in red and equipped with a 1600cc engine with upgraded cam, twin carburetors and extractors and disc brakes.

Car body and red paintwork are in very good condition, as are the upholstery and soft top.

The car has always been garaged, and has seen little use with the current owner. It holds current registration.

Price: \$45,000 ONO

Contact: Glenn 0413 802 810



1948 MG TC Special

Engine # 6967 TC # 6289. I have owned the car for 55 years.

The odometer reads 59,586 miles (95,586km).

The engine benefits from a total rebuild completed in 2019 and is supercharged with a original Shorrock (\$75) supercharger. It is mated to a Sierra 9 5-speed gearbox from UK.

The TC is finished in black over a red interior with beige hood and will be sold with both 16" and 19" wheels.

Location: Eastern Sydney

Price: \$60,000

Contact: John Carter 0416 292 929

johnmartincarter@gmail.com



1969 MGB MKII

This car won 5 1st place MGCC Concours trophies, 1991 to 1995, and is now offered for sale. The odometer reads 42,776.

The car has not been driven much and has just had registration, comprehensive insurance and green slip insurance renewed.

Price: \$30,000 ONO

Contact: Vivienne Burns 0408 601 249

vivburns@hotmail.com



MG TD

Road registered MG 814 until April 2026. Chassis Number TD/ 8070 EXR.

This car has been subject to an older restoration but is still in remarkably good condition. It is very tight and straight with excellent woodwork, no rust and good paint work except for a few scratches. Chrome work is also fine.

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

Interior trim, hood and side-curtains are also in good condition. Pleasure to drive this great little MG.

Location: Killcare Heights

Price: Reduced again from \$34,000 to \$31,000 (includes GST) due to current market conditions.

Contact: Andrew Mackie.

0407 770 205

agmackie47@gmail.com

Classifieds - Parts



Tyre Rims MG F TF 4 wheels

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Contact: Don Young 0412 600 415





**Brake Cylinders
Short Nose Water Pump.**

Price: Offers invited.
Contact: Jeanette Garrett
philip.jeanette@gmail.com

Classifieds - Parts



MG Badges

I am offering the following two badges for sale:

- 1954 MG TF series radiator badge
- Classic MG car club badge

Price: \$150 each ONO

Contact: Barry
0408 116 790



MG TC 1948 Parts

I have been helping a family member with an estate. Amongst the many items there is a lot of MG parts. They include:

- A short motor
- 2 diff centres
- A gear box
- Fuel tanks
- Front guards
- 6 wire wheels, and MUCH more!

I can give any possible buyer a full list or viewing.

Location: Inner Sydney.

Contact: Mark Walsh.
0416 933 664

Info Wanted

1954, Wattle Yellow MGTF 1250,

Carrying the MG factory identity of HDE23/4967, with a previous Victorian or NSW registration number – ANS 227, later changed to Victorian registration MG 321, I would be extremely grateful.

I am also searching for info as to the whereabouts, of the chassis from the above 1954 MGTF 1250, being chassis number TF4967, as the body and parts from that car, HDE23/4967, were used in a rebirthing activity, onto a written off chassis of a 1955, MGTF 1500.

If you have any item of information, no matter how minor, I would appreciate hearing from you.

Contact: Maurie Prior, in the strictest confidence.
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