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October President's Report

I'm just back from the Kimber Run – a trip on the Riverboat Postman from Brooklyn to towns on the Hawkesbury River. I won't go into any detail as I am sure you will read about it in a future *Opposite Lock* but suffice say, it was a very interesting and a fun outing.



Thank you Robert Smith for organising.

Talking about events, by all accounts the All British Day and the Gathering of the Faithful in Canberra were great events that our members enjoyed.

The All-British Day at the Hawkesbury Showground was huge this year with almost every brand of British cars being represented. And we had a good turn out from our own club. Thank you, John O'Neil for organising our club's participation and James & Leanne Mc Master for organising the truck with our tents and other items for the day and selling regalia.

And it is that time of the year again. This month is our premier event, our annual Concours & Display Day to be held on Sunday 25th October at Silverwater Park.

As most of you will know, we have 2 categories.

Concours Where originality & condition are judged.

Show & Shine :Where only condition & presentation are considered.

It really doesn't matter if you don't think you might win a prize in either of the Concours or Show & Shine, it's all about bringing your car along and having a great day. And if you don't want to enter your car to be judged, that's just fine, we would just like to see you and your car there anyway. So get your MG out of the garage, give it a bit of spit & polish and come along on Sunday 25th for some fun with other car enthusiasts.

We will need lots of help on the day to set up, pack up and assist with the judging. If you can help with set up for the Concours please get to the park from about 7:30 am. The model registrars will manage the judging for their cars but will also need some assistance. Even if you haven't judged before we would like your assistance and will team you up with someone who has. When we call for judges, please come along to the organiser's tent. I am sure you will find it an interesting activity to be involved in.

I would also like to remind you that we have our AGM coming up at our November Members Gathering. This is your opportunity to hear about the running of your club and ask questions of the Directors. If you can't make the AGM, it would be appreciated if you could complete the proxy form on page 10. If you don't want to give it to someone you know who is going to be attending the AGM, you can give your proxy to Secretary, Matt Crawford. At the AGM all Directors positions are open, so if you could help run your club, please put your nomination in. You will find nomination forms page 10.

I hope to see you all at the Concours & Display Day on the 25th October.

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!

Andrew Dodd	MGB
Robert Gibson	Midget & FWD
Matthew Hartcher	Non Maeque
Benjamin Hartcher	
Keith Auterson	MGGT V8



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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Monthly Club Gatherings are held the
second Tuesday of the month at

North Ryde RSL,

27-41 Magdala Road, North Ryde.



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October 2026 Cover:

Club member John Lackey in
his 1934 MG Q Type recently
racing at the 50th anniversary
of All Historic Racing meeting at
Pheasants Wood & on display at
the All British Day.

Photograph taken by Hilary Wren

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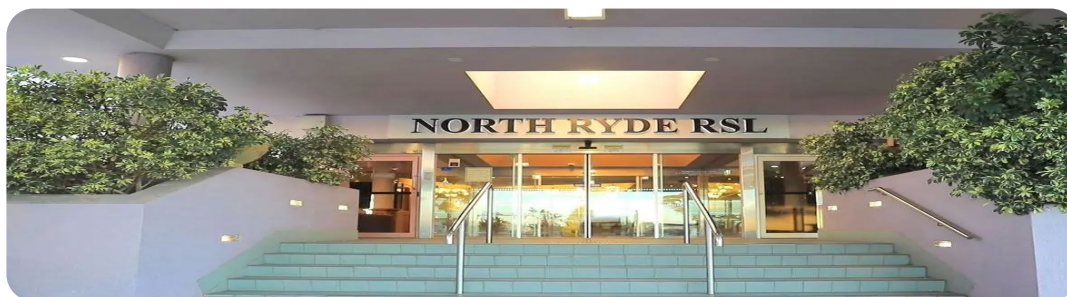
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Members Gatherings 2026 will be held at North Ryde RSL



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.

September Members Gathering



The Club welcomed Andrew Taurins who is the founder of Motorvotion, a professional care taking service for classic and collector vehicle owners across the Greater Sydney, Blue Mountains and Southern Highlands regions.



With a lifelong passion for automotive heritage, Andrew volunteers for the Australian Motor Heritage Foundation, regularly competes in classic vehicle navigational tours and is a member of several car clubs.

Through Motorvotion, Andrew helps enthusiasts with routine maintenance and presentation of their vehicles plus coordination of external works, ensuring their vehicles are ready to drive so the owner can spend more time enjoying their cars and less time managing upkeep.

John Clarke

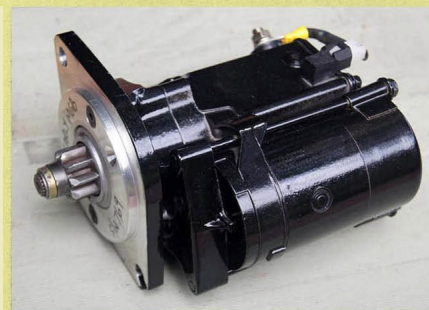
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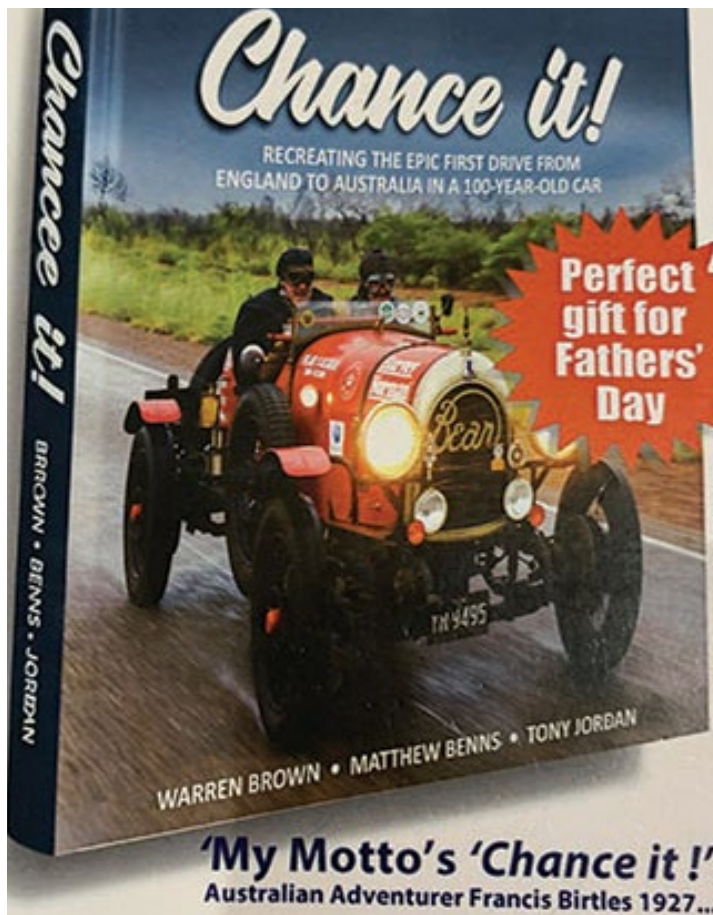
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October Members Gathering

In October we will welcome Warren Brown to our monthly meeting. Warren, Matthew Benns and Tony Jordan recently drove a century old Bean Fourteen speedster across the world in the footsteps of the Australian adventurer Francis Birtles' record breaking drive in 1927-1928 from London to Melbourne. His motto being "Chance it!"

An amazing journey which he will share with us and deliver in an entertaining fashion.

Hilary Wren



If you buy only one motoring book this year - this is it!

Join madcap adventurers and motoring die-hards, cartoonist **Warren Brown**, author **Matthew Benns** and bush mechanic **Tony Jordan** as they wrestle a century-old Bean Fourteen speedster across the world, recreating indefatigable Australian adventurer **Francis Birtles'** record breaking 1927-28 drive from London to Melbourne.

Officially released July 2026, you can now preorder **Chance it!**, a lavish, 225-page, full-colour, hardcover coffee table book - a rollicking tale championing high adventure, breath-taking stories, unexpected drama and - of course - irrepressible Aussie humour.



Packed with spectacular photographs (including 1920s expedition photos **never** seen before!) with maps, illustrations and Warren's irreverent cartoons, this book is a visual feast and is a must-have for any Australian motoring enthusiast!



Concours & Display Day Sunday 25 October, Silverwater Park



One of our premier events is on again this year and only happens with the help of the many volunteers who turn up soon after 7.30 to help with setting up and then again pack it all away.

So thanks to those that have already put their hand up to others who turn up early to help.

There will be cold drinks and BBQ food available from Granville Rotary and this year Madison Ave Coffee for coffee, hot chocolate, tea and cakes.

There is also a tent offering MG regalia, club apparel and Club information.

For each model of MG there is a Concours class and a Show & Shine class. The Concours class is judged on presentation and originality. The Show & Shine class is judged only on presentation.

For others, general admission is from 8.00am with all cars needing to be in position by 9.00am and stay in position until 2.30pm. Cars in the Concours Class are encouraged to face towards the MG Marquee and the remaining Cars should face the Parramatta River.

As a way of learning more about your model of car you are encouraged to volunteer to assist the judges.

Simply join the Judges briefing at 8.45am and introduce yourself to the Concours Captain.

We hope you and your families have a safe and enjoyable day.

Please do not leave your car expecting to be able to collect it later as once everything is all packed up the park gates will be locked and you will need to contact Parramatta Council Ranger and pay a fee to get your car out of the park.

Unfortunately, Lynn and I won't be there on the day as we will be overseas, so please contact one of the other club officials if you have a problem.

Jacques Calluad MGCC Sydney, Concours & Display Day Co-Ordinator



Above photo taken at Gathering of the Faithful in Canberra



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Notice of the AGM MG Car Club Limited



Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the Constitution, the Annual General Meeting of the MG Car Club Limited will be held at North Ryde RSL, 27-41 Magdala Road, North Ryde, 2113. on Tuesday 10th November 2026 at 7.30 pm.

Business

- To accept the minutes of the 2025 Annual General Meeting, Posted in Dec 2025 *Opposite Lock*
- To elect Directors for the year 10th November 2026 to 10th November 2027.
- To receive and consider the Balance Sheet, Statement of Profit and Loss and the Reports of the Directors and Auditors in respect of the twelve months ended 30th June 2026.
- To transact any other business which may be brought forward in accordance with the Constitution.

Please Note

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

Directors Nomination Form

I Membership Number..... ..Signature.....

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

.....

for the position of Director at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on 10th November 2026 and at any adjournment thereof.

Seconded

Signed Membership Number.....

Acceptance

I Membership Number hereby accept nomination as a Director.

Signature.....

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

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

MG Car Club Limited, Proxy Form

I, as a financial member of the MG Car Club Limited, hereby appoint

.....(Name)

of.....(Address)

As my proxy, to vote for me, on my behalf, at the Annual General Meeting of the MG Car Club Limited to be held on 11th November 2025 and at any adjournment thereof.

Signed this day of 2026

Member Name..... Member Number

NB. The completed form must be lodged with the Honorary Secretary at least 48 hours before the scheduled time for the Annual General Meeting. Email to secretary@mgcarclubsydney.com.au or hand to Secretary or President at the October Members Gathering.

MG Car Club Limited – Other Club Positions

In addition to the positions of Directors, at the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held on 10th November 2026 and at any adjournment thereof the following positions are to be filled.

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

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

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

Email secretary@mgcarclubsydney.com.au

Club Officials

Club Treasurer
Club Secretary
All British Day Coordinator
Breakfast Runs
CAMS Representative
Club Plates
CMC
Illawarra Register
Club Library

Club Concours
Touring
Member Liaison
Membership Secretary
National Meeting Coordinator
Rally
Regalia
Motor Sports Australia
Website

Model Registrars

Pre-war
TC
TD
TF
MGA
MGB

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



The following club members have nominated for Board positions in 2027.

Jacques Calluud
Lynn Calluud
John Clarke
Matthew Crawford
Margaret Crawford
James Lovett
David Milling
Hilary Wren

It is still not too late to nominate if you are interested in helping to run your club.

Please complete the nomination form on the page opposite and lodge with Matthew Crawford, Club Secretary by 9th October 2026.

ALL BRITISH DAY



Sunday 13th September 2026 Hawkesbury Showground, Clarendon.

Sunday morning started with fog covering the road leading to the Hawkesbury Showground for the All British Day on Sunday 13th September, but the day soon turned warm and sunny. Club members started arriving from about 7:00 onwards with an area at the front set aside for the merchandise tent with the shade tent directly behind allowing two columns of cars on either side of the tents and two rows behind the tents. The MG Restorers was next to the MG CC which made for a wonderful display of the marque.

All told, 37 cars were on display including John Lacky's 1934 MG Q, four MG TFs, seven MG As, one of Margaret and Matt's MG Y Tourer and three MG Magnettes. The bulk of cars was made of mostly MG Bs and MG R V8s. There were a number of newcomers this year, funnily enough mostly arriving in their MG As. Bill Hamade agreed to represent the Club at the Concourse with his lovely green MG A. There were nine cars in the Concourse, unfortunately Bill missed out on a gong which surprised a lot of us but mostly Bill.

Thanks Bill for putting Sly 059 in the Concourse parade which started about 1:20 pm

Leanne and James were pleased with the upfront location of the merchandise tent helped by the fact our display was closest to the entrance which generated plenty of interest and sales, for jackets and assorted memorabilia.

I would like to thank all those who attended with their washed, polished pride and joy, and trust all who attended enjoyed the day, fresh air and sunshine. I would like to extend my thanks to those who helped Leanne & James load the truck on Saturday morning, offload the truck on Sunday and reload later that afternoon

I am looking forward to next year's meet with the hope more members and their cars can attend.

Many thanks to Leanne and James for organising the van and manning the merchandise day for the day

John O'Neill





1934 MG Q Type. Production Racing Car
Chassis #QA 0257. 7th Car of only 8 built.



Gathering of the Faithful Canberra

Another year of GOF and a different venue Canberra. The event was held intentionally to coincide with Canberra's Floriade Festival with the program allowing free time to attend other attractions.

Friday evening was registration and Noggin 'N' Natter with nibbles and finger food at the Quality Hotel Dickson where many of us had previously booked for accommodation for the GOF.

Saturday morning was the Display Day at Exhibition Park in Canberra. There were 62 entrants this year attending with various models of MG's ranging from 1932 to 2026. Eight of these attendees were from MGCC Sydney which is a pretty small representation considering the membership of the club.

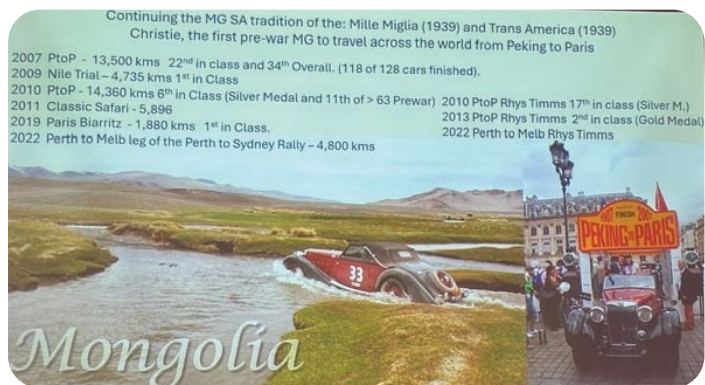
Judging of the cars was very methodical with boots and bonnets open, without any consideration of vehicle originality and was as follows:

Exterior paint, brightwork & accessories	30 Points
Engine bay clean & leak free	15 Points
Interior upholstery, seats & instruments	15 Points
Boot cleanliness	10 Points
Wheels & tyres, condition & cleanliness	5 Points
Total	75 Points

Not quite Concours but close except for originality.

Awards were handed out at the Saturday night dinner, which was held 5 mins away at the Ainslie Football Club in the Macarthur Room.

The guest speaker was well-known Australian MG enthusiast, restorer and author Harry Hinkling, who regaled us with tales and pictures extensively of the Peking To Paris and rallies across Africa in a 1937 SA MG.



The display awards for each class were announced
1st Place in Y Type was Matthew Crawford
1st Place in Magnette was Nigel Martin
3rd Place in Magnette was Peter Baldry
A good result from 8 MGCC Sydney members.



Sunday morning was the Discovery Run, starting from the Australian War Memorial. The drive was on sealed roads taking in some iconic sights before heading out of Canberra into the Murrumbidgee River Valley. There were picturesque farm lands and an internationally recognised fossil field, before climbing out of the Murrumbidgee corridor to descend into the Yass River Valley then into Yass for lunch, supplied by a team of volunteers from the Yass Hospital Auxiliary.

The weather for the event was amazing, not what I expected for Canberra.

Peter Baldry, Magnette Registrar







2027 MG NATIONAL MEETING – LAUNCESTON

Monday 12th April – Friday 16th April
Bulletin # 2 – September 2026

The MG Car Club of Tasmania extends a warm invitation to members to attend the 2027 MG National Meeting to be conducted in and around Launceston, Tasmania.

We have already had a great response with expressions of interest from a large number of members. If you would like to be added to the mailing list please email Tim Grant, Secretary2027natmeet@mgtas.org.au with your name, preferred email address and Club name. An expression of interest for the event means you will be kept up to date with the latest information and sent details of how to register. It does not mean you are registered for the event.

Our base will be the Tailrace Function Centre (TFC) at Riverside, approximately 10 minutes' drive from the Launceston CBD. This will be the centre for all the social events. The program for the meeting is as follows:

Monday 12 th April –	Registration & Scrutineering, Noggin & Natter/ Rocker Cover Racing at TFC
Tuesday 13 th April –	Concours at the Village Green, Longford
	Theme Night, 'Cecil Kimber's Birthday Party' at TFC
Wednesday 14 th April –	Motorkhana - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway
	Kimber Run, leaving from Longford
Thursday 15 th April –	Super Sprint - Buckby Motors Symmons Plains Raceway
	Discovery Run leaving from TFC
	Formal Dinner at TFC
Friday 16 th April -	Farewell Breakfast and Delegates Meeting at TFC

The concept for the Theme Night will be 'Cecil Kimber's Birthday Party', given that his birthday coincides with Day One of the Nat Meet. We ask that members come dressed for a party in fashion appropriate for the age of their MG.

The eagleeyed amongst you will note the new Spirit of Tasmania is illustrated above. The ships commence service in November 2026. We have spoken to the TT Line and they have confirmed that they still have plenty of space for cars and passengers on the Friday 9th, Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th April 2027 sailings into Devonport at the moment. We recommend that you book your shipping early, especially if you are towing a trailer. Group bookings can be organised by contacting the TT Line. www.spiritoftasmania.com.au

Launceston has a wide variety of accommodation options all within easy travelling distance of the Tailrace Centre. The following link will provide a complete listing of accommodation options. <https://visitnortherntasmania.com.au/accommodationlauncestonandsurroundstasmania>

If you are not familiar with Launceston and its surrounds, have a look at this link for some great touring ideas either before or after the Nat Meet. <https://visitnortherntasmania.com.au/theultimateguidefortravellingtoaneventinnortherntasmaniaandbeyond>

Registration will open in early January 2027 and close late February 2027.

Regalia:

To allow our regalia suppliers to source and produce the items, orders for regalia will close on the 1st FEBRUARY 2027. At this stage we anticipate offering shortsleeved polo tops in ladies' and men's styles, a unisex longsleeved polo shirt, a cap, a bucket hat, and a stubby holder.

Planning is now well advanced for the Nat Meet and we will keep you all informed as more details are finalised. Book your accommodation and travel details and watch out for registration details.

Please direct any general enquiries to Don Fraser at Director2027natmeet@mgtas.org.au.

The MG Car Club of Tasmania looks forward to your company in Tasmania in 2027.

Come Join Us in Tasmania

Air B&B. Booked by Ross & Nicci Freeman.

4 bedroom all Queen beds, No stairs 2 full size bathrooms, Ensuite, Open plan lounge, dining & kitchen, undercover deck overlooking the Tamar River. Garage up to 3 cars with large gated area. Washing machine & dryer, All linen included. Right now, it's just Ross and myself booked in. \$1502 for the entire 4 days, \$375.50 per night. 3 rooms filled: ~\$125.16 per room / night. 4 rooms filled: ~\$93.87 per room / night. I am happy for anyone to contact me.

Nicci 0416 239 118

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Please bring your Blue Nat Meet Shirts to October or November Club Meeting or Please start mailing your Blue Nat Meet Shirts to:

Ross Freeman
19 Curzon Road
Padstow Heights
NSW 2211



Ross needs to have the shirts printed during December / January and will have them available at Tuesday 9th February 2027 Club Meeting. Place your shirt in a bag with your name clearly marked and \$15 for each shirt.

Thank you and please contact me should you have any questions with regards to the Nat Meet.

Don David 0414 407 400

2026 MG European Event of the Year

The MG European Event of the Year, is an annual international gathering of classic car enthusiasts, historic vehicle owners, and official clubs affiliated with the MG Car Club. The EEOTY brings together hundreds of MGs ranging from pre-war models to classic roadsters to celebrate the brand's enduring motoring heritage. The first EEOTY was held in Luxembourg in 1997.

This year we are attending the MG European Event of the Year in Brive-la-Gaillarde, in the Perigord region of France. This is the third EEOTY John and I have attended: Switzerland – 2018, Italy – 2025 and France – 2026. We met up with English MG friends, John and Sue who we had met last year's EEOTY, and travelled with them to France.

This year there were approximately 350 MGs in attendance. As expected, MGBs were probably the most numerous but there were a significant number of MGAs also present. Due to the number of PreWar cars entered some of the runs during the event were specially designed for these cars.

A quick rundown of the MGs attending. I could have missed a few! There was never really an opportunity to get a picture of all 350+ MGs in one place!

Prewar: L1 x 2, NA x 3, F1, J2 x 8, SA, KN, TA x 2, K3, VA, PA, J4, M Type.

T Type (excluding TA) x 38; Y Type x 5; Midget x 9; Midgetette x 2; MGA x 42; x 138.

Post MGB: F x 14; TF x 22; RV8 x 5

Of course it was the Prewar and T Types which attracted the most attention!



Thursday was registration in the local events hall, a large barn like entertainment centre capable of holding the 600+ attendees for the sit down dinners. Normal registration chaos is evident (like Australian National Meetings etc) where everyone arrives at the nominated time and ends up chatting to new and old friends while proceeding from the registration table, to regalia to pick up event shirts etc, to events.

To receive your timetable of events including a bag of goodies. We are not sure about the fruit 'moutard'! However I guess we will sample it over the coming weeks as we travel around Eastern Europe.

Dinner that first night was interesting (to say the least)! A buffet for 600 people where you received a tray and then chose bread, entree, a main, then a desert and a cheese course. Not your usual buffet where you go back for each course, but certainly one way to deal with 600 diners. It did remind me a little of boarding school dinners. Someone commented that the last time they ate off a tray was in prison! However, great food: foie gras, duck or a casserole or pork dish for main course, three different entrees and three different desserts to choose from, and lots of cheese. The guy in front of me thought he might take two desserts, they looked so good, however was quickly told he could only have one!

There is always entertainment and tonight this consisted of a group of twenty traditional folk dancers; women and men, plus a young lad who danced over and around a bottle very skilfully. The dancers were entertaining and their routines interesting though I felt they did not get enough attention and applause. They were not on a stage but at ground level and so very difficult to see from the back of the room. We were quite close, luckily.

Friday morning and we arrived at the assembly point for our first run. This was an 8:45am start with a first stop at Carennac to visit a medieval cloister and church. Like so many old places in Europe it has undergone a number of iterations. It has was built first in 11th century but suffered damage at the end of 1300 during the 100 years war. It was then rebuilt in 1400, sacked in 1562 during the French Wars of Religion. After the revolution the buildings were sold but repurchased by the government in 1911 and partially restored. Guess we were lucky to see as much as we did after all that turmoil.

We stopped for lunch in the charming village of Loubressac, set on top of a hill with outstanding views over the surrounding valleys: a good defence location. It was interesting to see in the distance other valleys and more hills with castles on top of them also. I sat opposite a French lady with very little English, probably less than my French if that is possible, yet we had a great 'conversation' via Google about MGs and all the places to which we had travelled. She ha travelled to many of the places we had travelled to in Goldie, but not in an MG!



Most interesting was the visit to Saint Laurent Les Tours and its castle on top of a hill (400 steps up) which, besides being a castle, was the home of Jean Lurcat (1 July 1892 – 6 January 1966), a French artist noted for his role in the revival of contemporary tapestry. The castle has his works all through it, including paintings on each door, large bright paintings and very large hanging wall tapestries. We were tired, not just from the five stops and 150 kms, but also because of the unseasonal heat. The day starts beautifully cool (16°C at 8.00am) and gradually increases each hour until 31°C at 7.00pm. I guess we are inland and do not have the benefit of Sydney's sea breezes during the afternoon. The local news is calling it a 'heat event' across western Europe – and we see that Sydney is about to have a 'rain event'!

A great evening back in the barn. We found some English couples so that made it easier to have a conversation, plus we were near the Luxemburg table and they remembered us from last year. The entertainment was an artist who produced a 3 metre wide painting of 'Old No1'. John got his picture taken 'driving' the car! We had an even earlier start on Saturday, 8:15am.

This time we headed south east from Brive (yesterday was south west) to visit two villages and a garden. First the village of Terrasson Lavilledieu, beautifully set on a river with old medieval houses crawling up the hill side. It was then on to Saint Amand de Coly with its 12thC Romanesque church. All the churches we have visited are enormously tall: this one must have been five storeys high and, interestingly, the floor was on an angle as the church was built up the hill: the roof was level, so higher at the door and lower at the altar.

Today's main activity was a visit to Jardins du Manoir d'Eyrignac which have been in the same family for 500 years (22 generations). Nestled in the heart of the 'Périgord Noir' (Black Périgord), this verdant garden comes in every shade of green. Yews, box, hornbeam and cypress are the backbone of the garden. It is the proportions of the topiaries at Eyrignac which make it so notable; sculpted trees and shrubs, green rooms, the patterns of boxwood and French-style flowerbeds surround you at every turn.



The manor house, still lived in by the family, is a beautiful building of honey coloured stone surrounded by astonishingly sculptured and beautiful gardens.



The third night was a Gala dinner. Everyone was asked to come dressed in all white (a little easier than some National Meeting fancy dress themes and one I could recommend to future Nat Meet organisers!). The dinner was table service and an outstanding four course meal: little nibbles, terrines, steak cooked just so rare and an another very sweet dessert. On stage a string quartet played both classical and more modern music ('Dancing Queen' played by a string quartet!). On this final night it is traditional for the countries attending to make a gift to the organisers. For example, Switzerland presented an outsized box of Toblerone chocolate. As one of three Australian couples we had thought ahead and presented the French MG Car Club with a large 'Boxing Kangaroo' flag. That went down a treat!

Sunday is the final day with a display of cars in the centre of town followed by a farewell lunch. There were about 350 cars from early 1930s through to current fully electric cars parked in the town square and these attracted a great deal of attention, probably as a result of the three page spread, including the whole front page, in the local newspaper!

The following day we headed for Lyon enroute to Slovenia. We spent the next seven weeks travelling around Eastern Europe visiting Slovenia, Croatia, Bosnia Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania, Serbia, Hungary, Slovakia and Czech Republic. Just another few miles and another few countries in Goldie!

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2026 MG Car Club Christmas Party

WHEN - Tuesday 8th December

WHERE - Royal Automobile Club of Australia,
89 Macquarie St, Sydney

TIME - 6:30pm-9:30pm

COST - \$50 members
\$75 non-members & guests

DRESS - **Women;** Cocktail attire
Men; Jacket, trousers, collared shirt.

Celebrate the end of the year with us



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Saving Cracked Heads

I thought it may benefit other owners of B-series engine powered MG's to be made aware that cracked cylinder heads, to which these engines are somewhat prone, can be very successfully salvaged.

The heads in these engines get especially hot in their heart shaped combustion chambers at the tips of the peaks between the inlet and exhaust valves, on the side opposite the spark plugs, especially in the two middle chambers. I've read somewhere long ago that this is one of the reasons these engines can "run on" after switching off. Those tips get so hot they act as "glow plugs" causing ignition.

Over 30 years ago, a patient gave me a "big inlet valve" "O-series" head off an Austin 1800 Mk II. As with so many of these heads, it was quite badly cracked. This head was repaired by "stitching" and some flow work was done on the head at the same time. This repaired head has performed faultlessly on my 1965 MGB Mk I for the next 30 years and well over 100,000 miles. It remains in use and continues to perform extremely well.

Recently I decided to have the original head for my MGB Mk I refurbished in readiness for whenever I ultimately decide that a rebuild for my 250,000 mile engine next becomes due. It turned out that my original head was cracked too. So it also has now been stitched. The opportunity was again taken to have the head optimised by combustion chamber and port flow work.

You can make out the three stitched areas. They are the two T-shaped dotted areas opposite the two middle combustion chamber peaks and a third smaller repair in between, near a water passage.

The company who arranged the stitching and flow work is Rams Heads.

The business, Rams Heads, was started decades ago by Bernie Foley. Bernie is semi-retired now and the business is now ably run by his two sons and their staff. Bernie stills calls in to the business for a few hours each week.

They are a pretty big enterprise these days with many of the operations performed by computer programmed machines, based on results obtained through flow bench testing.

On my occasional visits, I've seen rows of XK cylinder heads sent from the Philippines by a company specialising in the complete restoration of US Jaguars for renovation, Ferrari Formula 1 cylinder heads and Harley Davidson factory racing cylinder heads for flow bench based porting work and brand new Porsche heads cast and milled from solid!

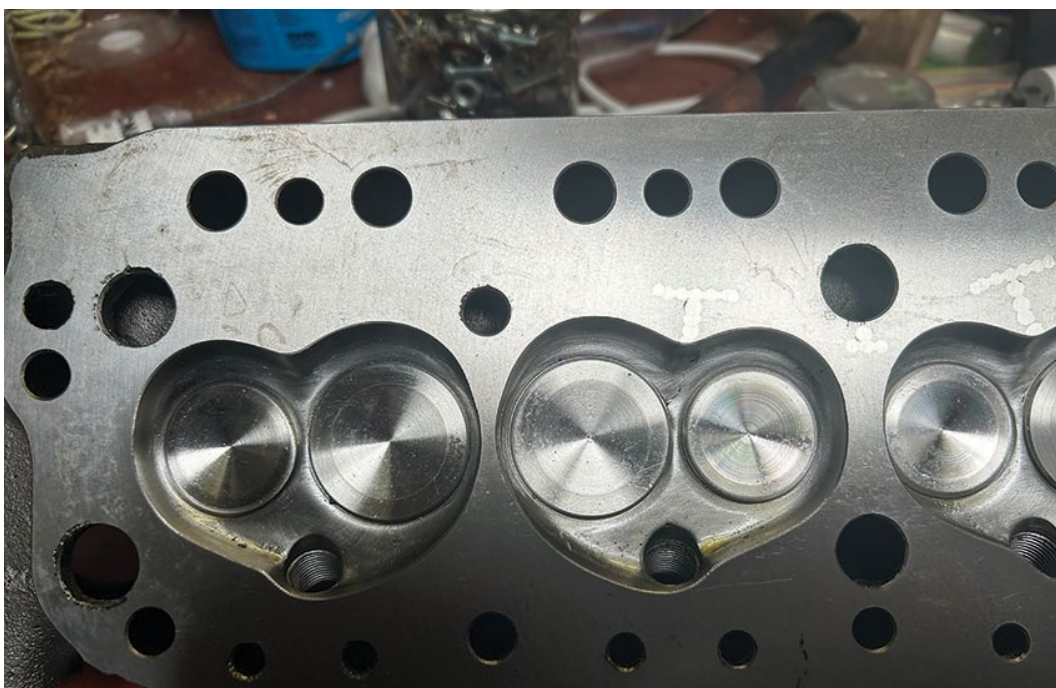
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I'll attach a couple of random photos from a few that I've taken over the years at Rams Heads.

As you can imagine, our MG cylinder heads in company like these are rather mundane and humble!

But the main thing is that people are made aware that, given the steady attrition in good used genuine parts, and the often poor quality of aftermarket items, it is not necessarily the case that old cracked cylinder heads need to be consigned to the metal recyclers.

Tom Aczel



Re running this article to include the above photograph, illustrating the three stitched areas.

Cars & Coffee St Ives -September.



Illawarra Register

Our MG Register combines 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.

Our Remaining events for 2026

Thursday 24th September:-

Run to Grevillea Park Bulli and Lunch at Bulli Beach Café

Unfortunately this event is just after the deadline for this edition of "*Opposite Lock*", so we aim to have a report in next month's edition

Sunday 25th October:-

Run to Jamberoo car Show or to the MG Car Club Concours and Display Day at Silverwater Park, Sydney

Thursday 26th November:-

Run to Fleet Air Arm Museum Nowra and Lunch.

I will be overseas visiting our son in Hawaii from Monday 21st Sep through to end of October, so I won't be attending the Grevillea Park or the Jamberoo Show event, and I hope to ask a friend to bring my MGBGT to the annual Concours Day at Silverwater Park.

However, I was able to persuade friend to take my Jag Mk 2 to the All-British Day event last week at the Hawkesbury Showground, and he reported an excellent day with high quality cars on display, along with excellent weather for the event.

Enjoy your classic motoring.

Michael Hough, Illawarra Register.

Below photos taken by Terry Hetherington of the MG's at the All-British Day , Hawkesbury Showground.



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Library Corner @ North Ryde RSL

We now have the MG Car Club reference books, manuals and DVDs at the North Ryde RSL Club storage lockup, along with our illuminated MG sign.

Books, repair manuals and DVDs are available from the Library at the MGCC monthly meeting – for a 1 month loan.

If we don't have it on the night, it can be available at the following meeting or contact our Librarian to make sure it's available at the meeting.

Alan Heritage: 0418 424 748

A listing of available Library items is displayed on the Sydney MGCC website under the "MG Club" tab.

We were fortunate recently to receive the donation of a number of new DVDs which will be added to the collection. We also received a collection of twelve MG VHS tapes which would be beneficial to be copied to DVD or other secure medium. Please let me know if you know of someone that can help?



Again I mention that the Library is missing one back issue of *Opposite Lock* in the archives: "December 1998". If you have a spare copy that you can donate to the collection, please let me know.

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



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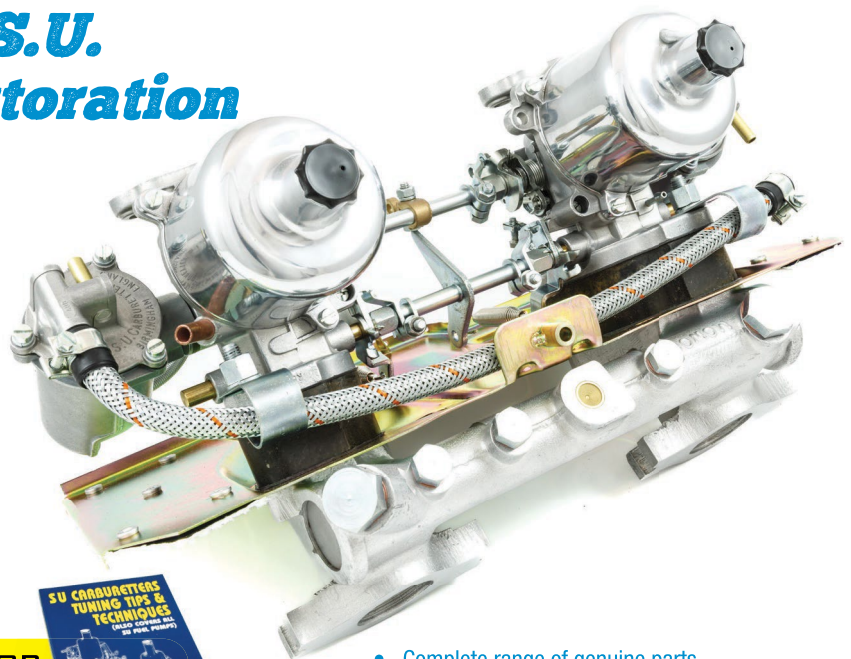
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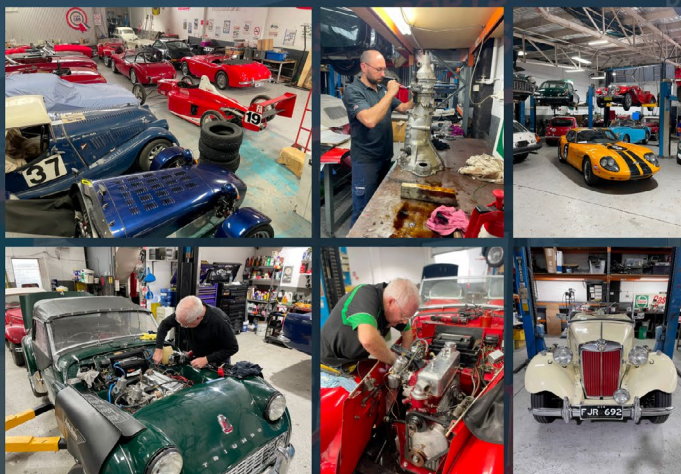
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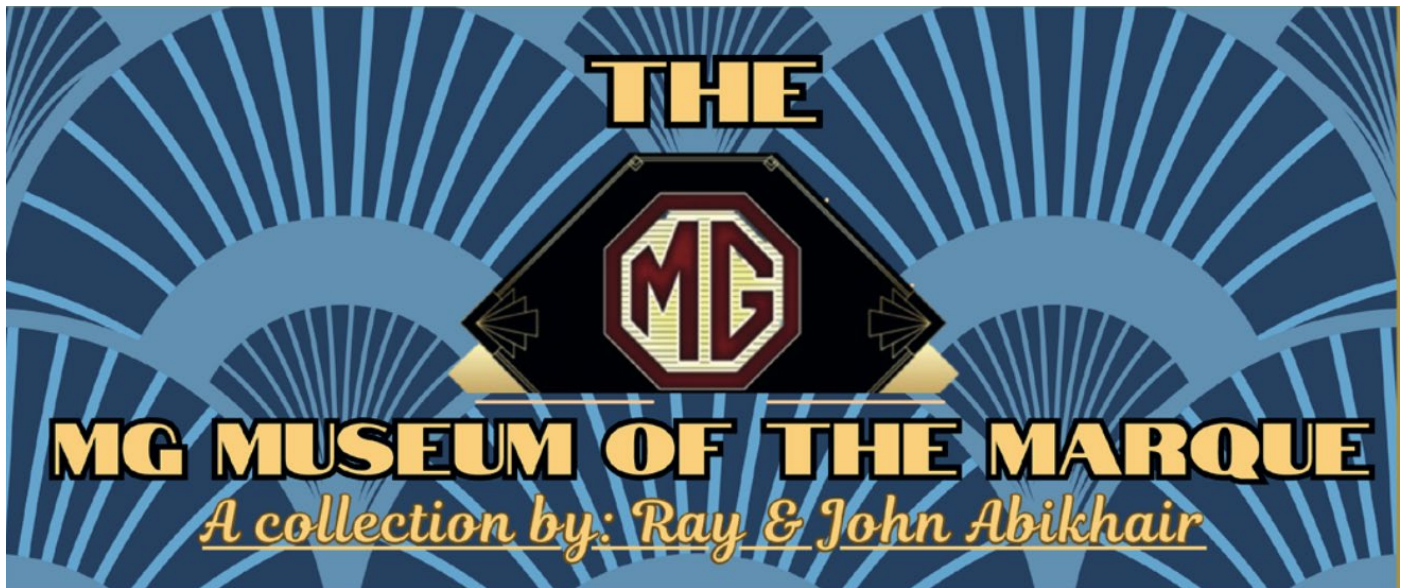


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Classifieds - Cars



1970 MGB Mark 2 Roadster.

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Contact: Sue Barrett

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MGF.

Selling my much loved and well looked after MGF.

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Price: \$11,500

Contact : Trevor

0412 486 454



MGB GT

This car was originally exported from the factory to Singapore (British Motor Industry Heritage Trust certificate available), and then somehow made its way to Australia.

Registered in NSW as 80624H, it was previously owned by two members of the Club – Albert Durst and Colin Baxter. Colin had the original three speed automatic transmission replaced by a five speed manual gearbox.

The car presents very well as shown by it being awarded a prize by the Canberra MG Club at the Battle of Waterloo Display in June. It is a delight to drive.

Recent service history is available. A new battery was fitted in July.

It is currently located in Canberra, where I am the Treasurer of the local Mini Club. Where I live, I am not able to garage both it and my newly acquired 1997 Rover Mini Cooper

Location: Canberra

Price: \$22,500

Contact : Brian. 0418 204 611



1970 MGB

With detachable hardtop and Bob Rowntree engine. The car rides on chrome wire wheels.

I have owned the car for approximately 35 years.

Service and repair history is available, including from when I purchased the car.

It benefits from a recent respray, as well as new leather seat covers and carpets, and I understand the body to be rust free including floors.

Price: \$23,000

Contact : Bruce 0417 586 576



1969 MGB Mk II Roadster

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1978 MGB Rubber Nose

Tahitian Blue – Club Award Winner
A beautifully presented 1978 MGB Rubber Nose finished in the striking and period-correct Tahitian Blue.

This is a particularly attractive example with only 15,000 miles showing and a history of winning club awards, reflecting the quality of its presentation and overall condition.

The paintwork is in excellent condition, with the Tahitian Blue showing beautifully, while the interior remains in very good condition.

The car has also benefited from some worthwhile improvements, including a recently replaced soft top and an electronic ignition upgrade, providing improved reliability while retaining the character of the classic MGB. Club award-winning car

- Paintwork in excellent condition
- Interior in very good condition
- Recently replaced soft top
- Upgraded electronic ignition

This is not simply an average driver-quality MGB. It is a very well-presented, award-winning example that would appeal equally to an enthusiast, club member or someone looking for a special classic weekend car.

Price: \$15,900

Contact: Jay 0417 209 848



MG RV8

A rare opportunity to purchase a beautiful MG RV8, finished in Nightfire red with a beige interior. This fine example of a powerful 3.9-litre V8 MG is luxurious and comfortable. The odometer reads 96,000 kilometres.

The car includes various manuals, two spare wheels, an emergency spare and a spare windscreen.

Always garaged, this RV8 is on full NSW registration until July 2027.

Location: Lake Macquarie

Price: \$43,500

Contact: Ian Ashton.

0429 592 823



1995 MG RV8 3.9L

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 vehicle.

The car 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: \$45,000

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MGB 1966

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Location: Orange

Price: \$20,000 ono

Contact: Kerry 0428 158 264

Classifieds - Parts

- Two thermostat housing for TD
- One thermostat housing for TC with hose
- One inlet manifold for MGA
- Two 11/2 " SU carburettors suit TF
- Two 11/2" SU carburettors suit MGB
- Chrome number plate light new condition
- New chrome tail light mounting for TF
- Bib under radiator piece for TF
- Rear apron (panel under the spare tyre) for TF
- Steering wheel for TD or TF with timber rim in new condition
- Crash rubber (along the top of dash) for TF
- Lucas 15AC alternator (refurbished) left hand mount
- New in box Auto 8 alternator Right hand mount

Contact: Ian Frost 0418 299 283

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Classifieds - Parts



NEW

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Price: \$375.

Location: Wollongong , pickup preferred. Can post at buyer's expense and in its solid original packaging.

Contact : Trevor 0419 229 956

Classifieds - Parts

Below is a small selection of interior parts that I have for sale. **NEW**

These parts (which are ex Stuart Ratcliff parts) are mostly out of brand new cars that were imported and then stripped of any unnecessary trim to convert them to race cars.

Complete centre console, black. \$150

Front & rear door rubbers. \$40 per set

MGF black floor carpets. \$100

Centre console side kick trims with light. \$20 pair

Round leather gearstick gatter/boot for manual with anodized base. \$50

Centre console fascia for switches- 1x black & 1x trophy blue. \$50 each

Dash clock for MGF. \$35

Oil temperature gauge. \$50

Under bonnet black plastic cover for manual car. \$20

Windscreen washer bottle assembly with pump. \$20

Rear bulkhead "T" bar trim with speaker holes. \$60

Wind deflector, black. \$50

Interior windscreen/finisher trims, off white. Set of 3 \$15

Interior door handle cover, black oval escutcheon. \$5 each

Interior door handle cover, black rectangle escutcheon. \$5 each

3 sets of door trims/cards for MGF 1x black, 1x trophy blue & 1x red. Ask for a price

1 x LHS door skin in box. \$150

There are more items, yet to be prepared for sale, if you are looking for anything in particular in regard to the interior parts, please reach out.

Contact: Ron rf1435@gmail.com



Four (front and rear) splined hubs & knock on spinners for sale.

Suit MGB. 8 TPI. Good condition.

Location: Northern NSW

Price: \$150.00 the lot.

Contact: Alex McGrory.

0421 196 765



MGB Project with Parts

We recently inherited this MGB from my uncle, who adored the car. Unfortunately, we do not have the resources or expertise to complete its restoration, and have made the difficult decision to sell the car and its accompanying collection of parts.

The lot is available as is for pick up from Aberdeen, NSW.

Price: \$11,000

Contact: Jane 0407 214 799

1970s MGBGT

I am looking for a 1970s MGB GT in British Racing Green or blue (I may also consider red). Seeking a car in roadworthy condition, preferably very neat and tidy but I'm not looking for Concours condition.

For options, I'd like a car with overdrive and a heater.

Budget is around \$20,000 to \$25,000, negotiable, for the right car.

Location: Eltham, Victoria

Contact: Pete 0413 112 453

Wanted



MGA steering Wheel Boss Kit

The one with the bottle neck back as pictured

To suit Mota Lita style wheel

Here is the wheel and boss kit

Contact: Bill

billy@yahoo.com.au

1962 MGA, series II.

I am looking for items normally in the boot and sold with a new car.

- A Shelley jack LJ 225 BMC Part Number AHH 5986
- A tommy bar for the jack, BMC part number AHH5987
- A spare tyre cover
- A small tool roll AC5247
- A large tool bag ACG 5283 (including the Thor hammer)

If anyone has any of these items, or knows where I may acquire them, I would be pleased to hear from you.

Contact: Andrew

0416 157 543

